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

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

PRAYER

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

MOTION

SITE VISITATION TO VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY

BY

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(CHAIRPERSON, AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, before Honourable Eunice Alandoh moves the motion, I want to draw your attention to the notices in the Order Paper and the Limitation of Debate. The House resolved on Wednesday, 21st February 2024 that Pursuant to provision of Standing Order No. 95 (1) of the Standing Orders, this Assembly Orders that each speech in a

debate on a report of a committee, a sessional paper or any other report submitted to the County Assembly be limited as follows;

1. A maximum of three hours with not more than twenty minutes for the mover in moving and ten minutes in replying and
2. A maximum of five minutes for each member in speaking except the Leader of the Majority party who shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen minutes (and that the priority be accorded to the Leader of the Majority party in that order.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Eunice Alandoh, the Floor is yours.

Hon. Alandoh (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to move a motion on the adoption of the report of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation on their Site Visitation to various Agricultural Facilities within Kisumu county conducted during the months' of July and August, 2024.

Mr. Speaker Sir and Honorable Members, in accordance with Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, and County Assembly Standing Order No. 193 (5), the Departmental Committees are mandated to investigate, inquire into, and study the program and policy objectives of the line departments. This includes assessing the effectiveness of their implementation and examining their relative success compared with their budgetary provisions.

In fulfilling these responsibilities, the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development, and Irrigation convened on 2nd May 2024 and resolved to conduct comprehensive site visits to evaluate the current operational and administrative status of various County Agricultural Facilities. The visits were scheduled for the July-August Short Recess to ensure an in-depth assessment.

Mr. Speaker Sir and Honorable Members, the Committee sought and obtained the necessary authorization from the Speaker to proceed with these site visits. Subsequently, the Clerk was requested to facilitate and coordinate all committee operations, ensuring the seamless execution of this oversight mission. In addition, the Clerk issued a formal notification (See Annex I – Notification Letter) to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development, Irrigation, and Blue Economy requesting them to assign relevant officers to receive the Committee and provide comprehensive information on the management, administration, and operational status of these facilities.

Mr. Speaker Sir and Honorable Members, the Committee conducted these site visits to the following facilities: Mamboleo Slaughter House in Kajulu Ward; Maseno Agricultural Training Centre (ATC) in North West Kisumu; Vicin Aqua Fish Pilot Site in Nyalenda "A" Ward; Rabuor AMS Centre in Kobura Ward; Multi-Stage Rice Mill in Ombeyi Ward; Kisumu Dairy

Development Centre (KDDC) in Chemelil/Tamu Ward; and PAP – Konam Agricultural Training Centre (ATC) in West Seme Ward.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, during the tours, the Committee observed notable improvements at Maseno ATC, with majority of projects completed according to previous financial year budgetary allocations. That, Vicin Aqua Fish Pilot Project, a collaborative initiative by the European Union's Horizon 2020, demonstrates promising advancements in promoting sustainable water recirculation systems for the Lake Victoria Basin.

The Committee further noted that the Multi-Stage Rice Mill in Ahero has been fully installed and tested. However, it has since not been operationalized due to underlying technical and institutional agreements between the County Government and the National Irrigation Authority (NIA).

Additionally, the progress on the completion of PAP KONAM Agricultural Training Centre (ATC) is remarkable demonstrating prudent use of the funds allocated to the project.

Mr. Speaker Sir and Honorable Members, it was also observed that Mamboleo Slaughter House is facing operational inefficiencies due to outdated equipment's, micromanagement of the Slaughter House Board and poor implementation of projects. Kisumu Dairy Development Centre (KDDC) also exhibited significant underperformance and mismanagement, registering low milk production and high mortality rates of the dairy cows.

Mr. Speaker Sir and Honorable Members, the Committee is grateful to the office of the Speaker and Clerk for providing both logistical and technical support throughout this process. We also extend our gratitude to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development, Irrigation, and Blue Economy for coordinating with the facility officers and providing relevant information that has been instrumental in preparing this report. Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to the Members of the Committee for their valuable contributions and the Committee Secretariat for their meticulous coordination, preparing and producing this report.

On behalf of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development, and Irrigation, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 193 (5) (g), it is my honor and privilege to present to this House the Report on the current operational and administrative status of the various existing County Agricultural Facilities.

Establishment of the Committee

The Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation is established under County Assembly Standing Order No. 193 and is required to;

i. Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operation and estimates of the assigned departments;
ii. Study the Program and policy objectives of departments and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
iii. Study and review all the County legislation referred to it;
iv. Study, access and analyze the relative success of the departments as measures by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
v. Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;
vi. To vet and report all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order No. 187 (Committee on Appointments).
vii. Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

Mandate of the Committee

In accordance with the second schedule of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to consider;

All matters relating to agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry, livestock sale yards, County abattoirs, plant and animal disease control, veterinary services (excluding regulation of the profession) and fisheries; animal control and welfare, including licensing of dogs and facilities for their accommodation, care and burial of animals.

In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Blue Economy.

Committee Membership

The Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development & Irrigation is composed of the following Members:

1. Hon. Eunice Alando - Chairperson
2. Hon. Bill Oliver - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Samuel Dede - Member
4. Hon. Pamela Oyoo - Member
5. Hon. Vincent Jagongo - Member
6. Hon. Maurice Ngeta - Member
7. Hon. Gard Olima - Member
8. Hon. Tom Onditi - Member

Committee Secretariat

The Committee is facilitated by the following secretariat:

1. Omollo Isaac - Committee Clerk
2. Zablon Otiende - Senior Hansard Reporter/Secretariat
3. Kennedy Okise - Sergeant-at-Arms
4. Wycliffe Owade - Researcher

Terms of Reference

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members,

To achieve this oversight objective, the Committee focused on the following thematic areas;

a) Assessment of Operational Status: Investigated and evaluated the operational efficiency and effectiveness of the facilities.
b) Administrative Review: Examined the administrative practices and managerial structures in place.
c) Budgetary Analysis: Compared the implementation success of programs with their budgetary provisions.
d) Facility-Specific Evaluations: Conducted detailed site visits to the specific facilities to understand their unique challenges and achievements.

Methodology

a) Conducting Site Visits to the Facilities.
b) Holding Meetings with Facility Officers
c) Documentation Review: Analyzed relevant documents, including budgetary allocations
d) Stakeholder Consultations: Held discussions with relevant stakeholders, including the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development, Irrigation, and Blue Economy

Introduction

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Member, in accordance with Articles 185 (3) & (4) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, and Section 8 (1) (C) of the County Government Act, 2012, the County Assembly is mandated not only to appropriate funds for expenditure by the County Government and its executive organs but also to exercise oversight over County Revenue and its expenditure. Additionally, Standing Order No. 193 (5) (b) & (e) requires each Sectoral Committee to study the program and policy objectives of Departments, assess the effectiveness of their implementation, and investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned Departments as deemed necessary or referred to the County Assembly.

On this basis, the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development, and Irrigation resolved to conduct site visits to monitor the administrative and operational efficiency of the existing County Agricultural Facilities. This exercise was deemed essential, considering that the County Assembly had recently approved the County Agricultural Facilities Improvement Financing (FIF) Bill, 2023. The Bill aimed to enhance the operations and services of these facilities by ensuring adequate and timely access of funds to defray their expenses.

The objectives of this oversight function were as follows;

i. Evaluate the operational efficiency and effectiveness of the County Agricultural Facilities;
ii. Examine the administrative practices and management structures in place
iii. Compare the implementation success of programs with their budgetary allocations
iv. Measure the anticipated impact of the FIF Bill, 2023 on these Agricultural Facilities once the Act is operationalized.

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members,

The Committee conducted field visits to the following County Agricultural Facilities;

1. Mamboleo Slaughter House in Kajulu Ward.
2. Maseno Agricultural Training Centre (ATC) in North West Kisumu.
3. Vicin Aqua Fish Pilot Site in Nyalenda "A" Ward.
4. Rabuor AMS Centre in Kobura Ward.
5. Multi-Stage Rice Mill in Ombeyi Ward.
6. Kisumu Dairy Development Centre (KDDC) in Chemelil/Tamu Ward.
7. PAP – Konam Agricultural Training Centre (ATC) in West Seme Ward.

Committee Observations/Findings and Recommendations

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Member, this Section gives a comprehensive overview of the Observations, Findings and Recommendations made by members during the site visits conducted to the respective County Agricultural Facilities.

1. MASENO AGRICULTURAL TRAINING COLLEGE

The Committee was received by the ATC Principal, Mr. Harrison Okello. He briefed the Committee as follows;

Maseno Agricultural Training Center (ATC) was established in 1958 following the launch of the Swynnerton Plan, a colonial agricultural policy aimed at intensifying African agriculture. Since its inception, Maseno ATC has been pivotal in advancing livestock and crop production within Kisumu County, which constitutes its primary mandate area. The center's activities are broadly

categorized into two areas: Farm Demonstrations, which cover livestock and crop value chains, and TRAC (Training & Accommodation).

Committee Observations

a. Farm Demonstrations

i. There were established stands for African leafy vegetables and maize in collaboration with seed and chemical companies in preparation for the field days that were scheduled for August 2024. An irrigation system was being installed.
ii. Fodder (Banner Napier Variety) has been established on approximately 3 acres, intended for feeding dairy cows at the facility.
iii. The facility currently rears nine dairy cows and was expecting additional eight dairy cows, which were temporarily housed at Kisumu Dairy Development Center.

b. Training and Accommodation

i. The facility has two large conference halls with carrying capacity of 60 & 30 respectively and other three small ones of 20 capacity.
ii. The facility is open to host both residents and non-residents of the County by offering accommodation for their training services.
iii. The facility had resumed offering the TRAC services after the operations stopped. During the Committee's visit, a conference convened by the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) was being hosted.

c. Budget Utilization and Project Implementation Status

The matrix below presents the Implementation status of the facility-based projects for the previous FY 2023/2024 Budget;

S/NO	PROJECT NAME	LOCATION	PLANNED COST FY2023-24	PERFORMANCE /PROGRESS	COMMITTEE OBSERVATION
1	Construction of 10 cow capacity Modern Dairy Unit at Maseno ATC	Countywide	3,000,000	Complete	Works done as provisioned in the BQs.
2	Construction of a 200-bird capacity Modern Poultry Unit at Maseno ATC	Countywide	2,000,000	Complete	Two (2) poultry houses each of 1,000 bird capacity constructed
3	Rehabilitation of Demo Plots at Maseno ATC (Shade net installation, green house installation and open drip irrigation system set-up at Maseno ATC)	Countywide	2,500,000	Complete	Project complete with following works accomplished: - Borehole works: Flushing and installation of submersible pump -Installation of open drip irrigation system -Shade net unit works: Replacement of shade net cover; installation of drip kit -Greenhouse works: Replacement of greenhouse cover & Insect net and installation of drip kit -Extension of water supply lines to the field and hostels
4	Kitchen refurbishment, equipping and tiling at Maseno ATC	Countywide	3,000,000	Complete	Maseno ATC Kitchen painted, tiled, fitted with shelves and equipped with new cooking stoves

5	Supply and Delivery of Hay	Countywide (Maseno ATC, KDDC and dairy Cooperatives)	2,500,000	Delivered	Bales of dry rice straws were delivered at KDDC many days after the Dairy Cows were supplied.
6	Supply and delivery of 22 high genetic merit in-calf dairy cows for Maseno ATC and KDDC	Countywide	5,000,000	Complete	Complete with 20 in-calf dairy animals delivered and the number reduced due to change in specification Amongst the dairy cows supplied, 11 have died.
7	Purchase of Chick, Growers Mash and Layers Mash for ATC Maseno	Countywide	3,000,000	Complete	60 bags of chick mash, 82 bags of growers' mash and 320 bags of layers mash for the Maseno ATC poultry unit delivered.

Findings

a) There is significant infrastructural improvement at Maseno ATC evident by completion of most of the planned projects for the previous Financial Year; Demonstration farm established to promote transfer of best practices to the farming community in the County and offering accommodation for training service.
b) The facility operations greatly diminished since the facility was inherited by the County Government. The decline is attributed to withdrawal of the revolving fund which previously helped to manage commercial enterprises on the farm before devolution.
c) The facility has been generating an average of Kshs. 1000 per month from sale of milk.

Recommendation

a) The CECM. Agriculture in collaborate with the CECM. Finance and Economic Planning to incorporate the priority development projects for the ATC in the revised County Annual Development Plan (CADP) for FY 2025/2026, for consideration in the next financial year's budget estimates.
b) The County Executive should enhance revenue generation from ATC, by holding their local seminars and conferences at the facility, marketing and promoting ATC's TRAC services to attract external/non-resident clients.

2. MAMBOLEO SLAUGHTER HOUSE

At the facility, the Committee was received by the Slaughter House Manager, Ms. Beatrice Obadha, alongside the Board Members and facility staff.

The Committee, accompanied by the area MCA. Hon. Benson Adega, held a brief consultative meeting with the team, which provided comprehensive information on the administration and operations of the Slaughterhouse.

Committee Observations

a. That, the facility is inefficient and is operating below its capacity due to following;

i. The facility is relying on manual slaughtering since the slaughter gun was withdrawn, following non-renewal of its license.
ii. Understaffing; The facility is severely understaffed, having only three County Government-employed staff members. The rest are subordinate staff sponsored by stakeholders.
iii. The slaughterhouse's infrastructure, equipment, and machines are outdated and in a state of disrepair (See Annex II – List of Machines and Equipment for Replacement).
iv. The facility suffers from insufficient water supply, compromising hygiene and sanitation.

b. Administrative inefficiencies;

i. The Slaughterhouse Board is not actively engaged in the facility's administration and operations as mandated. The Board members accused City Manager of undertaking various operations including implementation of projects without informing the bard.
ii. The slaughterhouse land has been encroached by private developers. Consequently, the Slaughter House servant Quarters are rented by non-facility staff as was envisaged.

c. Budget Utilization and Project Implementation Status

S/NO	PROJECT NAME	PLANNED COST	FINANCIAL YEAR	PERFORMANCE /IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS
1.	Renovation of Slaughter House Phase II	10,000,000	2022/2023	Funds were used to paint the administration block and install a 30,000-liter tank to replace the original 120,000-liter tank, which had leaks.	- The Board and staff were not informed about project designs and Bills of Quantities (BQs) throughout the project life.
2.	Renovation of Mamboleo Slaughter House	10,000,000	2023/2024	- Funds were used to repair the slaughterhouse floor and paint the lairage area.	- Repairs were done using concrete instead of the recommended terrazzo.

Committee Findings

i. Despite the facility being a huge investment, it has been neglected and unable to provide affordable and safe slaughter services to County residents and the broader region as envisaged.
ii. The Slaughterhouse Board has continuously been sidelined in decision-making processes of the facility which has weakened its operational efficiency.
iii. The facility is critically understaffed, affecting its operations.
iv. That, the budgetary resources allocated to the facility were not prudently utilized.

Committee Recommendations

1. The CECM. Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries to propose adequate allocation for repair and replacement of the old outdated machines and equipment's in the Slaughter House in the next Budget for consideration by the House.
2. The Chief Officer for Agriculture to internally source and deploy adequate staff to the facility to provide the critical human resource needs in the facility.
3. That, PIC/PAC committee to conduct an urgent examination and inquiry into how budgetary allocations to the facility for the FY 2022/2023 and FY 2023/2024 were utilized and report back to the House.
4. The Department of Agriculture to cause for immediate renewal of the slaughter Gun to enhance efficiency of the slaughter operations.
5. The Department of Agriculture to empower the Slaughter House Board to discharge its mandate for proper management of the facility.
6. The County Executive Committee Members for Agriculture and Lands & Physical Planning to urgently conduct a survey and demarcation of the Slaughterhouse land within two months of the adoption of this report. Any individuals found in illegal possession of the land to face appropriate legal action.
7. The Department of Agriculture in Liaison with the County Revenue Board and the Department of Lands and Housing to ensure that the facility institutional Houses are reserved for the facility staff, only extra vacant houses may be rented to non-facility staff and others.

3. KISUMU COUNTY DAIRY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (KDDC)

The committee proceeded with the exercise to KDDC and was received by Mr. Arthur, the Facility Veterinary Officer who represented the Centre Manager, Mr. Benson Langat who was on official duty in Nakuru. He informed the Committee that the KDDC is an initiative of a collaborative effort between the County Government of Kisumu and the EU Ideas Project. The Centre was established with the aim of being a hub for the multiplication of quality dairy animals, providing breeding services, imparting practical dairy management skills to farmers, and supplying quality inputs for the dairy value chain.

The facility occupies 26 acres of land and was envisioned to generate revenue for the County through various avenues, including the sale of milk and value-added products, sale of in-calf heifers and bulls, farm mechanization services, sale of hay, operation of an agrovet, and provision of training and breeding services, including artificial insemination and sale of liquid nitrogen and semen.

Committee Observations

1. Mismanagement and Neglect

The facility, a significant investment for the County, however it is mismanaged and underutilized hence cannot achieve its intended purpose.

2. High Mortality Rate of the Dairy Cows

Out of the 36 dairy cows received by the facility, 14 have died, leaving only 22.

3. Low Milk Production

The facility is currently producing 5 liters of milk daily from the five milked cows which depict, mismanagement and poor breed quality and vigor.

5. Underutilized Land Resources

The facility has Large tracts of fallow land, which could be used to produce adequate fodder for both KDDC and Maseno ATC. Moreover, the facility possessed a tractor that could facilitate land preparation but was never deployed.

6. Infrastructure and Operational Challenges

The facility faces several challenges, including;

i. Lack of adequate sanitation facilities (no toilets).
ii. Poor access roads leading to the facility.
iii. Water shortage due to a non-functional borehole caused by a faulty water system control switch.
iv. Incomplete and dilapidated dairy unit structures.
v. A tractor that was out of service for four months as July, 2024.
vi. Disconnection from the power grid due to accumulated electricity bills totaling Kshs. 567,000.

7. Staffing Issues

The facility has three permanent staff and four casual staff. However, there is no structured terms of engagement of casuals, leading to complications in their remuneration. Additionally, the permanent staff are underutilized due to the facility's low operational capacity.

8. Revenue Generation

The facility is currently generating no revenue for the County.

9. Budget Utilization and Project Implementation Status.

S/NO	PROJECT NAME	PLANNED COST	FINANCIAL YEAR	PERFORMANCE /IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS
1.	Supply and Delivery of Hay to Maseno ATC, KDDC and Dairy Cooperative	2,500,000	2023/2024	Delivered at KDDC	The Committee found bales of hay (Dry Rice Straws) delivered 3 days prior to its visitation

2.	Purchase of 20 In-calf Pedigree Dairy Cows for Maseno ATC and KDDC	5,000,000	2023/2024	20 Dairy Cows Delivered (Maseno ATC (8) and KDDC (12)	- 9 out of the 12 dairy cows delivered at KDDC in April have died out of negligence and mismanagement

Recommendations

1. All the Dairy cows in the facility be immediately transferred to Maseno ATC for proper handling and management until such a time that the Department establishes adequate pastures/fodder at the facility and put necessary infrastructure for effective management of the facility.
2. Due to the low operations at the facility, the CECM. Agriculture to retain only the facility manager at the Centre, while the other technical staff should be redeployed to other critical sections where their skills and competencies can be optimally utilized.
3. The Tractor that was assigned to the facility be returned immediately and deployed to actively develop the fallow land at the facility for fodder production and establishment.
4. The CECM. Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Blue Economy to proposed adequate budgetary resource requirements for finishing various incomplete/dilapidated projects at the centre in the FY 2025/26 Budget for consideration by the House.
5. The Department of Agriculture in collaboration with the County Public Service Board to establish a structured, renewable three-year contract for casual staff at KDDC, ensuring a well-defined payment plan.
6. The County Executive Members for Agriculture in collaboration with CECM for Roads to organize for upgrading and improvement the dilapidated Road network leading to the facility through the Machine based program within the two months of approval of this report.
7. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Blue Economy to urgently defray the accumulated Electricity Pending Bills of Kshs. 567,000 and reconnect the facility to the power grid.
8. The Department of Agriculture to urgently repair the faulty water system control switch within one week of the adoption of this report to address the critical water shortage at the facility.
9. The County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development, and Irrigation to conduct a thorough investigation into the causes of the high mortality rate of dairy cows at the facility. Based on the findings, the CECM should take appropriate corrective action, including holding any implicated individuals

accountable. A comprehensive report detailing the investigation and actions taken be submitted to the County Assembly within two weeks of the adoption of this report.

4. RABUOR AGRICULTURAL MECHANISATION CENTRE (AMS)

The Committee progressed to Rabuor Agricultural Mechanization Centre (AMS) and was received by the Centre Clerical Officer, who represented the Centre Manager, who was away on official duty. The officer provided a comprehensive overview of the facility's operations and mandate. The Rabuor AMS Centre is responsible for disseminating agricultural mechanization services within the County, including land preparation, harvesting, and processing. The Centre aims to stabilize the cost of land preparation by offering services at subsidized rates while also generating revenue for the County.

Committee Observations

a. That, the AMS Centre is operating at a significantly low capacity. That, out of a total of 12 tractors; 3 are operational, 2 are grounded and unserviceable, 3 are serviceable, 4 in garage at CMC Motors. This has consequently led to underutilization of the available HR in the facility.
b. During the last FY 2023/2024, the Tractors ploughed a total of 399.752 acres and generated revenue of Kshs. 660,150.00 (See Annex III – Detailed report of the Tractors status, Acreage ploughed and distribution per sub-county, Beneficiaries, Revenue generated, cost of tractor services and procedure for hiring).
c. The AMS is supported by 14 staff comprising of 6 long serving staff and 8 newly recruited staff (Manager, One Agricultural Engineer, Two Agricultural Technicians, One Plant Mechanic, Two Cleaners, One Clerical Officer, Six Plant Operators).
d. The cost of maintaining the machines and equipment at the AMS Centre is disproportionately high compared to the revenue generated. Despite having engineers and mechanics recently deployed to the Centre, their ability to perform maintenance and repairs is limited due to the lack of an equipped workshop.
e. The main challenges affecting the facility include delays in funding and central procuring of fuel, as well as minor repairs and maintenance of the Machines and Equipment.
f. There is no efficient telematics device for tracking the Tractor operation to seal revenue leakages for increased revenue collection.

vii. Budget Utilization and Project Implementation Status.

S/NO	PROJECT NAME	PLANNED COST	FINANCIAL YEAR	PERFORMANCE /IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS
1.	Purchase of Specialized	2,900,000	2023/24	Delivered	Verified

	Agricultural Equipment's (Ploughs Disc and Moldboard)				
2.	Grants to KDDC and AC	3,000,000	2023/24	Not transferred	Delay in operationalization of FIF Act

Committee Recommendations

1. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development, Irrigation, and Blue Economy to expedite the repair of the four (4) tractors at CMC Motors to enhance agricultural mechanization services and provide reduced/subsidized costs to farmers. Additionally, the nine (3) unserviceable tractors be appropriately decommissioned and disposed in line with the prevailing legal frameworks.
2. The Chief Officer (C.O) for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development, Irrigation, and Blue Economy to conduct and complete staff rationalization at the facility by February, 2024. With the aim to ensure optimal use of available human resources, with surplus staff redeployed to other understaffed areas within the Department.
3. The CECM. Agriculture to propose an allocation for establishment and equipping a Workshop at the Center in FY 2025/2026 Budget Estimates for consideration by this House. This will cut cost of maintenance and repairs of machines and equipment.
4. That, all operational tractors be fitted with telematic devices to monitor and track their operations to reduce revenue leakages and enhance revenue collection from the Tractors' services.
5. That, by approval of this report which has adequately addressed the concerns/questions sought in the statement raised by Hon. Fredrick Odari regarding the status of the County AMS services. This House therefore, considers that an elaborate response to the statement is provided through this report.

5. VICIN AQUA FISH PILOT SITE

The Committee further visited Vicin Aqua Fish Pilot site and was received by the Director of Fisheries Development and Blue Economy, Madam Rosemary. She provided a detailed explanation of the facility's objectives and ongoing activities. The Vicin Aqua Fish Pilot site is a collaborative initiative between the County Government and the EU H2020 project. The primary objective of the Centre is to develop innovative self-cleaning water filtration solutions for the treatment of different wastewater streams from offloading into Victoria. These treated waters are then reused in recirculating aquaculture systems (RAS) and agricultural irrigation

Committee Observations

i. A well-designed innovative pilot recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) has been set up at the Centre and fully operational.
ii. The DALF is using the facility to create awareness and promote the aquaculture sector by offering free training and demonstrations to various farmer-based groups.
iii. That, PRACTICAL Action project has succeeded project after the parent EU H2020 funding elapsed.
iv. The Centre is actively coordinating with aquaculture farmers and linking them with fish markets and facilitating market access for their produce.

Committee Recommendations

1. The County should actively promote the adoption of the aquaculture technologies aimed at reducing pollution from industries discharging waste into the lake. This effort will mitigate pollution, enhance water quality, and boost fish production, thereby improving food security and income for the local population.
2. The DALF to Fast-track development of KASCOM Act, 2023 regulations to foster collaborations with many other development partners and stakeholders to secure more funding to support the growth of the aquaculture sector in the County.
3. The Department of Agriculture to develop a comprehensive training schedule for the facility, ensuring that at least one farmer-based group in each ward is trained every Financial Year. The Department to closely liaise with the offices of the respective MCAs, to assist in the identification and selection of active farmer-based organizations within various wards.

6. AHERO MULTI-STAGE RICE MILL

The Committee proceeded with the visits to National Irrigation Authority (NIA) offices in Ombeyi Ward, where the Multi-Stage Rice Mill has been installed. The committee members were briefed by NIA mill technicians, Mr. Boniface and Mr. Alex, who provided a detailed overview of the mill's components and the challenges delaying its operationalization.

Committee observations:

i. The Multi-Stage Rice Mill has been fully installed, tuned, and tested. However, it remains non-operational due to pending agreements between NIA and the County Executive.
ii. The new mill is equipped with advanced components, including a highly efficient color sorter, which is a significant upgrade compared to the older NIA Rice Mill. Once operational, the mill will have the capacity to process 2.5 tons of rice per hour.

iii. No County staff have been assigned to the facility.
iv. The County has entered signed an MOU with a private investor to be responsible for managing and operating the mill.
v. The budgetary allocation for purchase and installation of the machine used prudently. The machine was purchased for Kshs. 30 million in FY 2021/2022 and installed with an additional Kshs. 3 million allocated in the FY 2023/2024 budget.

Recommendations

1. The County Executive Committee and the National Irrigation Authority to expeditiously finalize the pending bilateral agreements/arrangements for immediate operationalization of the mill. This will provide rice farmers with a stable market for their produce and protect them from exploitation by middlemen.
2. The CECM. Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock to submit the MOU/Contract agreement entered into with the private investor who will manage and operate the Machine/Mill within one week of adoption of this report.

7. PAP KONAM AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTER

The Committee continued with the site visits to Pap Konam Agricultural Training Centre located in West Seme Ward. The Committee was received by the Site Engineer who elaborately explained to members various structures and ongoing civil works.

Committee Observations

a) The final phase of the project commenced in January 2024 and is nearing completion. This is evidenced by the completion of key structures, including classrooms, a dining hall, two staff houses, a conference hall, an administration block, and a workshop.
b) The contractor was found actively engaged in various civil works. According to the Bill of Quantities (BQ), only electrical wiring was pending and the contractor earmarked to finish the work by August 13, 2024.
c) While the project is largely completed, the committee noted some concerning issues. These include visible wall cracks and poor installation of ceiling boards, which suggest the use of substandard materials and inadequate workmanship.
d) That a classroom and the administration block were completed earlier by a different contractor.

Committee Recommendations

1. The Department of Agriculture and the M&E directorate to conduct proper scrutiny and evaluation of the project before authorizing full payment of the contract sum to ensure

that the project works meet the required standards and any defects are addressed before handing over.

2. The DALF to expedite completing and operationalizing the ATC to aid transfer of agricultural knowledge and skills to the farming community in the County.

General Recommendations

1. The Department of Agriculture to expeditiously develop the FIF Act, 2023 regulations and submit to the Assembly for approval by January 2024. This will operationalize the Act and enable County agricultural facilities to easily access their operational funds, for effective management and administration these agricultural facilities.
2. The County Assembly to enhance and strengthen its oversight mandate over the County Executive and its entities to promote prudent use of public resources, ensure value for money, and guarantee effective service delivery to the people of Kisumu County.
3. The Department of Agriculture to actively foster cooperation and collaboration with relevant development partners and stakeholders to secure more funding to the Sector.
4. The Governor of Kisumu County to intervene by ensuring that the budget ceiling for the Agriculture Sector is set in accordance with international and regional treaties that Kenya has ratified, such as the CAADP – Malabo/Maputo declaration mandating a minimum allocation of 10% of the total County revenue to the sector. Adequate funding, aligned with the sector's priorities as outlined in the Governor's Manifesto and the Kisumu County Integrated Development Plan (KCIDP) for 2023-2027, will enhance productivity, food security, and income for the County Residents.

Conclusion

Mr. Speaker Sir and Honourable Members, I implore this House to deliberate and consider adopting this report and ensure that the resolutions contained herein are communicated to the relevant Departments and promptly implemented. May I call upon Hon. Bill Oliver to second? Thank you.

(Hon. Bill seconded by bowing)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that Honourable Eunice Alandoh, the Committee Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock development and Irrigation has moved a motion, adoption of the Report of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock, Development and Education on Site Visitation to Various Agricultural Facilities Within the County and seconded, I want to propose a question and I propose that the report is open for debate. Yes, Bill.

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am privileged to be part of this House Committee and again I was also privileged to visit these sites that were earmarked for visitation by this House Committee. Mr. Speaker, it is my belief that many of us are Christians and if you read the Bible, the book of Luke 12.48, it is written, whenever much is given to you, much is also expected. Mr. Speaker, I'm saying this because I was in all the seven points that we visited as the House Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

Mr. Speaker, I want to first start by our visit to, Maseno Agricultural Training Centre (ATC). Mr. Speaker, clearly we could see as Agriculture Committee Members that this area has potential. So there's nothing to say much about the Maseno ATC because the contractors that were given work, at least in comparison with all the seven areas we visited, at least you could see something was done. In as much as they were still finishing, at least you can say Maseno ATC, we got value for our money.

Mr. Speaker, I was also privileged to be part of that team again in visiting Mamboleo Slaughter. If I use two words to describe what we saw there, that was a complete money heist. I'm saying it is a money heist because what we found there, really you wonder if this was the purpose of the devolution. This is because one, we discussed with the committee that was there, the committee that runs the Mamboleo Slaughterhouse, and they are very worried if that is what Kisumu County can do to the people of Kisumu County, the voters themselves. While we were there, we were informed first that, there was some Kshs 10 million that was allocated to do some activities there and clearly what we saw there, that is a money heist. We are not getting value for our money as Kisumu County. The Kshs 10 million, you are told, one tank of 30 liters, one 30 liters tank was delivered and again, painting, we are told that was done. Three buildings, painting worth Kshs 10 million. So it is a complete money heist. The second thing that we were informed is that a further Kshs 10 million was given and that Kshs 10 million, what we found to be down there was some around 3 meters by 5 meters, some cement was mixed with water, and then I don't think, I just think they poured it there. We are informed that, it is how the Kshs 10 million was spent. That is why I am saying the Mamboleo...

(Hon. Seth Okumu rises on a Point of Order)

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

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): I am rising while citing the provisions of Orders No. 89 on Statement of Fact. Honourable Speaker, is it right for the Honourable Member and the Vice Chairperson of the Agriculture Committee to inform this House that Kshs 10 million was used to smear cement and mortar somewhere very small without giving us the Bills of Quantities and proving to us that that money was paid, Honorable Speaker, because we don't want to turn this House into a House of spreading rumors.

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura Ward): Mr. Speaker, I'm worried. I don't know if the Honourable Member is part of that scheme. This is because what we saw there, clearly, Mr. Speaker is something to cry about and I'm very saddened if a Honourable Member, somebody I respect very much, can rise and say such when we are defending the county money. Mr. Speaker, it is my belief that, we need prayers.

Mr. Speaker, I started by quoting the Bible. I believe we'll consult and pray for this because this is what is happening on the ground. Mr. Speaker, that is something to be investigated because the words from the people of Mamboleo, and I'm happy I Honourable Adega who is the area MCA was part of the delegation when we paid that facility a visit. He can also tell us that, that the people sent a strong message that we should, as Kisumu County Assembly, voice the voice of the people from that area.
That is what we saw, and that is what we are clearly saying. That the Ksh. 20 million spent there, really, Kisumu County didn't get value for its money.

Mr. Speaker, we went to KDDC. Which is a European Union donor funded project that was handed over to Kisumu County. That area can employ very many people from Kisumu County. It covers 26 acres of land, and when that project was handed over to Kisumu County, it was something that was really running. From what we gathered there, 36 cows were purchased, and only 22 are alive. It's so unfortunate, when we were leaving that place, Mr. Speaker, one was about to die. So, that is the situation there. The interactions that we had, we were informed that even the hay that is supposed to be given to the cows is not there, the records that were there, the dairy cows are grazed within the village and we even have members from that village who informed us that, there is a time they chased the people who were grazing the cows. These are Dairy cows that are supposed to be giving us milk, being grazed locally. Mr. Speaker, and after that, they are also taken to the river to drink water. That is the situation on the ground.

Mr. Speaker, when we were there, we also saw that the medicine given to these animals, were all expired. To sum it up all, for the KDDC, the County Government is getting revenuers per month, of Ksh. 1,000. 26 acres of land, with all those cows, we are getting 1,000 shillings as money collected KDDC. So, it is unfortunate what is really happening in that facility. This is because, 26 acres, I believe, being that I'm somebody who loves agriculture, that is somewhere where at least we should have employed even 50 people. So it's so unfortunate, 26 acres, giving us Kshs 1,000 shillings monthly as Kisumu County.

Mr. Speaker, from there, we again paid Rabuor Agricultural Mechanization Center (AMS) a visit. This is a project of Kisumu County that is expected to at least improve on Agricultural Mechanization. Mr. Speaker, we have 12 tractors there and only three were operational. Then,

we even have very many staff to operate all these machines. Yet, they are underutilized, and Kisumu County is not getting value for its money.

Mr. Speaker, as a House Committee, we went to Visinakwa Fish Pilot Site. This is a site that, I believe, being that our main activity as people from this region is much concentrated on fishing, it's something that should be nurtured well, so that our people learn how to breed fish, so that we have more fish as Kisumu County. We found that to be a very good project of the European Union (EU), and it's something that we should pump a lot of money to, to at least educate our people and get more fish as Kisumu County.

Mr. Speaker, the other unfortunate scenario was the Ahero Multi-Stage Rice Mill. Purchased at Kshs 30 million, and then Kshs 3 million was given to that project again to complete it. Yet, until now, it is not operational. Meaning that Kshs 30 million allocated from Kisumu County that is going to waste, that is not being utilized, that is not giving Kisumu County any money. That was also very unfortunate, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, when this House Committee visited at Pap Konam, we found a project that is continuing well, and I believe it is going to, after completion, we are going to get value from it.

Mr. Speaker, as I conclude, I am very saddened with the things that we saw. Agriculture is completely down in Kisumu County and I believe that, during our deliberations as Honorable Members, we should come to a very good conclusion, so that at least the Agriculture Department can be put to task. This is because, really what we are seeing is that we have a dead agriculture system in Kisumu County, and that shows that even getting food in Kisumu County is going to be an issue in the coming years. Mr. Speaker, with those many remarks, I want to support the report. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Nereah Okombo, the Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Okombo (MCA, Manyatta "B") Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. I rise to air my voice on this report. I don't know whether to support this report Mr. Speaker, because this House Committee is giving us a report that depicts total inefficiency and lack of capacity of the person in charge of the department to run the department. Mr. Speaker, I expected recommendation number one, that the County Executive Committee Member in charge together with the Chief Officer be removed because it is apparent they cannot run this department.

Mr. Speaker, this is a department that has the entire necessary infrastructure to feed Kisumu County and even get surplus for export to other counties. Mr. Speaker, I want to take us through the general recommendations number four. Without this infrastructure in place, money is spent to feed the County, the monies are absorbed and yet we get no returns, no output, completely and this House Committee is still recommending that the Governor of Kisumu to intervene by

ensuring that the budget ceilings for the agricultural sector be set in accordance with the International and Regional Treaties: The Malabo and Maputo Declaration of giving this department, an allocation of at least 10% of the total County Revenue.

Mr. Speaker, I find this recommendation so much out of order. This is the same department that secures chicks without feeds and all of them die. It is department that secures incomes without food and they die. I do not know how to rate this report. Mr. Speaker, these recommendations have good observations and even as the Deputy, or the Vice Chairperson has stated that the conditions are pathetic.

Mr. Speaker, imagine 20-acre piece of land only hosting twenty-six cows and we have thirty-six delivered, fourteen dead, they have twenty-two remaining and we are getting Kshs 1,000 per month on a 26-acre piece of land. It is surprising that with a tractor assigned to that facility, cows do not have food and they are still grazed on the community land. Mr. Speaker, cows drinking water from the river and we expect the cows to survive. I think the only recommendation that should have been made was that all the allocations for the department be withdrawn.

(Hon. Lumumba Owade rises on a Point of Order)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Owade, what is your Point of Order!!

Hon Lumumba (MCA, South East Nyakach): Mr. Speaker, if the Deputy Speaker is proposing for additional recommendations to this report, then she should call for an amendment to the recommendation. Thank you.

Hon Okombo (MCA, Manyatta "B"): Mr. Speaker, I am still debating. I believe that the member is running ahead of me. I know the procedures that I ought to have done earlier. I am just debating. Mr. Speaker, the only recommendation that this House Committee ought to have made was the removal of the Chief Officer and withdrawal of all the allocations to this department. The County Executive Committee Member and the Chief Officer should have gone yesterday.

So, Mr. Speaker, this is a department that I urge this House not to allocate a single cent until such a time that the existing officers in that department shall have been either removed or reshuffled to other departments. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, the report is good, but the recommendations are weak. Maybe this House Committee needs to go back, review their reports, and make good recommendations that relate to the observations. You have heard the Vice Chairperson talk of Kshs. 10 million spent and just a little cement smeared on some things. Honourable Seth Okumu was correct by saying that they should have provided a copy of the Bills of Quantity and proof of payment to ascertain whether there was a BQ, what was supposed to be done, was it done, and if

according to the observation nothing was done according to the BQ, then that contractor ought not to have been paid. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, this House Committee needs to go back with this report, do good recommendations, then bring a comprehensive report that we can now deliberate on and refer to the Governor for necessary action, because both the Chief Officer and the County Executive Committee Member do not deserve to sit in those offices. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I reject the report.

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Honourable Seth Okumu.

Hon Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Allow me to rise and support the adoption of this report. Honourable Speaker, I will start with the end of the report, as much as I want it adopted. I want it adopted because of the observations they have made, but not on the recommendations that they have provided.
Mr. Speaker, in their general recommendation, they are saying the Department of Agriculture to expeditiously develop the FIF Act, 2023 Regulation. Hon Speaker, I know in Kisumu we only have one FIF Act, which is Facility Improvement Fund Act for our Health institutions, so I am not sure, and I want the Honourable Chairperson to listen to this very keenly. I am not sure if the Department of Agriculture is having an FIF Act, 2023. You might have to relook at the name of the Act that you are mentioning, because that is not what the Agriculture Department had proposed as an Act. So, that recommendation, and that is why I want to agree with my sister, Honourable Nereah Okombo that, your recommendations are very weak, given the observations, and that is why I was questioning your observations. If you go to a place and somebody informs you of something, and then you just become emotional, and then you start reporting without having the facts. Then that is how we generate rumours.

Honourable Bill, I want to remind you that, you cannot go to a place and somebody tells you that this floor, this place that has been smeared costed Kshs. 10 million, and you did not see the Bills of Quantity, you did not see proof of payment, then you want this House to believe that that is true, and if any member believes that without facts, then this will be a House of rumors and innuendos, and that is not what we want it to be. However, Hon Speaker, going back to the observations, which are very good, I want to agree, but disagree with their recommendations.

Mr. Speaker, this House Committee is stating that, they went to KDDC, and the cows are dying. In their report, they are saying the cows that were taken to Maseno ATC are also dying. But they are recommending that the cows that are in KDDC be taken to Maseno. It is from the report that is before the House. Just read your report. I know the committee went there, but we are only relying on the report that you gave us.

Mr. Speaker, in this report, you are saying that cows are dying in KDDC, and cows are also dying in Maseno, but you want the cows that are dying in KDDC to be taken to Maseno to

continue dying. I do not agree with you on that, Honourable Members, but I agree with the observations, and it is very painful that cows are dying, that we are buying cows worth millions of shillings. We take them to KDDC, or Maseno and there are still dying. Must we continue buying cows? What preparation should we have in place? I remember we wanted the KDDC to be a multiplication centre but if they were given 36 cows and 22 are remaining, is it a multiplication centre for livestock, really? And one died as you guys left, but you still agree that we need to continue operationalizing it, because it is a multiplication center.

(Hon. Dede rises on a Point of Order)

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): What is your point order Honourable Dede?

Hon Dede (MCA, North Kisumu): Mr. Speaker, I am rising while citing the provisions of Standing Order No. 89. The observation which you have read, can you now bring us a point where Maseno animals die, under the observation, if you can read the statement.

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Honourable Okumu

Hon Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Thank you Honourable Dede. I know you do not like reading. If you look at the budget resolution project implementation, Supply and Delivery of 22 high Genetic Merit in-Calf Dairy Cows from Maseno ATC and KDDC. And the last they are saying, complete with 20 in-calf dairy animals, and the number reduced to the specification amongst the dairy cows supplied, 11 have died. It is in the report. I know you do not like reading. I know you like relying on innuendos that Honourable Bill brings to you, and I know that is what you use to submit. And I think that is why we are here, to also help you.

(Hon. Bill rises on a Point of Order)

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): What is it Hon Bill?

Hon Bill (MCA, Kobura): Mr. Speaker, from our report, it is clearly stated that these cows died at the KDDC, and we are recommending that they are taken to ATC. We do not have any record showing that we had cows dying at ATC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Honourable Okumu.

Hon Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Honourable Speaker, I rely on the report that they have brought to this House. Mr. Speaker, this report, I think in the first table, you have talked about supply and delivery of high genetic merit in-calf dairy cows for Maseno ATC and KDDC. Again in the last column of the table, that is where you have indicated that, complete with 20 in-calf

dairy animals. There was that supposed to be supplied to KDDC and Maseno ATC. Complete with in-calf dairy animals delivered, and the number reduced due to change in specification. Whatever that means, you members know better. So, what has reduced? I do not know. But down there you are writing, amongst the dairy cows supplied to Maseno ATC and KDDC, 11 have died. So, you did not specify to me and that is why I am making my conclusions the way I am making them, from the table that the committee has provided. Even if you look at the recommendation that I was talking about on FIF Act, you have mentioned that it is supposed to be finished by January 2024. And we are in December 2024. I do not know if you are working reverse. Maybe you, you members have that. I do not know which calendar this House Committee was using to make some of these recommendations.

Your recommendations are very weak. That is what I am trying to emphasize. Because members of this House Committee were emotional, and when you are emotional, you are not factual. Take time, get the facts. With these very good observations, if you add into facts, then you can bring very good recommendations. That is why you are running around with recommendations, because you are not sure of what you are saying.

Again, I am looking at the issue of the mechanization and you have mentioned how many tractors are in the garage and how many cannot be serviced. I know from a report you brought in this Assembly, the number of operators we have in that place are almost twenty and the number of operational tractors from your report are three. So we are paying 17 people for doing nothing. You see, you are even making the Deputy Speaker fall down, because she is just amazed by what you members are bringing before the House. We are paying 17 people for doing nothing. Remember, we are paying how many people in KDDC, permanent and pensionable plus casual, just to raise Kshs 1,000 shillings in a month? Is it worth it? No recommendation on that.

Mr. Speaker, I once said in this House that we are turning Maseno ATC into a hotel. It is no longer becoming that Agricultural Training Centre that we want it to be, where people go and learn farming. If you want to do Poultry Keeping, you go to Maseno, you can stay there, but the main aim of staying there is to learn farming. If you want to Plant Maize, you go there, you are taught the kinds of Seeds suitable for your kind of soil, and you can stay there as long as you wish. So, the main aim of the ATC is to teach people how to do agriculture. But from the observations of this House Committee, we are turning the ATC into a hotel where people go, and they train even for business, and they eat and go home, and not focusing on the demonstration farms that we are having.

Honourable Members, these are some of my many concerns I am seeing that needs to be addressed as this report is brought before this House. It is an eye-opener for all of us where we need to be investing in our money. Is it worth it to keep buying cows if we are not prepared to keep them? Is it worth it buying chicks if we are not prepared to have them as demonstration

farms in our ATCs? Is it worth it to have thirty-six cows that are producing five litres of milk, if I got you right? That's like a cow producing, those who know mathematics like Honourable Okoyo will tell us, that we are having thirty-six cows, no, they are twenty-two, and those twenty-two cows are producing five litres of milk in a day. How many litres per cow is that? It is interesting. Hence, must we keep on keeping those cows? Can't we do other things in agriculture? Can't we spend all this money on buying for people seeds? Can't we spend this money for just fuelling all those tractors and farming people's lands and providing them with inputs? Must we stick to having these institutions if we are not prepared for their management? Honorable Speaker, I agree with the observations of this House Committee, but I doubt the recommendation that they have made. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Mildred Ajumbo.

Hon. Ajumbo (MCA, Central Seme): Thank you Mr. Speaker. When the Chairperson for Agriculture, Livestock Fisheries and Irrigation Committee was presenting the report, their observations are very interesting, very factual, on what they found on the ground, from all the facilities. I do not want to go through all the facilities because it has been read, but I just want to agree with their observations.

Mr. Speaker, indeed yes, they observed, because they went there, they saw with their own eyes, they have documented their own observations, and it is very interesting. Mr. Speaker, just to agree with the sentiments of Honourable Seth, is there value for money in all these facilities? That you find a facility with many cows. Just like he has said, I do not know how many of you have calculated, twenty-two cows divided by five litres of milk. I do not know whether it is even half a litre. One cow is not giving half a litre of milk. A cow is giving one, how many litres? Maybe zero point zero (0.0) something per cow. So, this House Committee did a good job by going around to every facility.

Mr. Speaker, you look at the money that was spent to buy some of these equipment, it is quite colossal. When you look at the one at the Ahero Multipurpose, the Ksh. 30 million used to purchase these machineries, there is also an additional Ksh. 3 million for completion of the facility. But the facility is not operational.

Mr. Speaker, you go to another facility here at Kisumu Dairy, where there is 26 hectares of land. However, when you look at the facility, they do not have power, there is no water, no milk production still, and the land is lying fallow. Mr. Speaker, you look at the number of cows that have died, it is no wonder that the cows have died, because there is no water and there is nothing to run the facility.

Mr. Speaker, I have also looked at the other facility in the Slaughterhouse facility, where the Vice-chairperson is claiming that there was some sand mixed with cement, at Ksh.10 million. I just want to agree that there must be some Bills of Quantities to support these claim. However, when you look at all these findings, and the observations, Mr. Speaker, this Assembly needs to strengthen its oversight role on the County Executive, because every year we are putting in money to run these facilities. Every year there is a budget that is done by the Department of Agriculture. When you look at what is coming out of the ground, there is no value for money. So, on the public resources, is there anything we can tell the public as an Assembly, in terms of service delivery to Kisumu County residents?

Mr. Speaker, if you read this report to the people on the ground, people would cry tears, because you cannot believe that a facility where we are supposed to be conducting training, where we are supposed to be taking our farmers, what are they going to learn, even at the Aquaculture fish pilot site? What are they supposed to learn? Because even up to now, you can see there is no work going on.

Mr. Speaker, similarly, quite a number of places where the tractors are stalled, and you look at the number of staff that are employed vis-a-vis the tractors that are working, only three tractors are in use. Yet, at the end of the year, the revenue generated from this Rabuor Agricultural Centre, is Ksh. 660,000. Even if you look at this revenue collected from the Rabuor, and any other facility, Mr. Speaker, this County is talking about Own-source-revenue. Some of the own source revenue streams are coming from the agricultural sector, and you can see we are not getting any revenue from these places. No wonder, when our revenue projection is Ksh. 3.8 billion, we end up collecting only Ksh. 1.4. This means that, from all these revenue streams, there is no work going on. So, the revenue collected would still be low, Mr. Speaker. So, I have looked at the observations, they are quite good, but when you look at the recommendations, I want to agree with Honourable Seth Okumu that, your recommendations are very weak, the Agriculture Committee, and you need to strengthen the recommendations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo-Kanyagwal): Thank you Mr. Speaker, the report given to us today by the Departmental Committee of Agriculture, Livestock, Irrigation, Fisheries, and Blue Economy, it gives a picture of what is happening in the department. Though, some members will be quick to condemn, taking them to task that their recommendations in the report, do not meet the required threshold. That would be okay, because it depends on how one wants to argue it, and the position one has taken. But it is a gloomy picture of our County.

Mr. Speaker, let me start with the Kisumu Dairy Development in Chemelil, the 26 acres of land that was bought by the County Government of Kisumu for this project, indicating the government was serious on this project, and this was a donor-funded project. Since its inception, no good work has been done. We have never seen value for money that has been invested there, Mr. Speaker. That is the plain truth. So, when this House Committee informs us that the animals that were taken there have died, that is true. They were being mishandled. Something that was supposed to be a pet project for the county is not viable. The County is not benefiting from it. The dairy animals do not have their stable food. They drink from the river. They are being herded in the villages. That is the real picture.

Someone can come up to condemn, to challenge, that is okay. But what we need to condemn, when this House Committee went there physically and is telling us the situation on the ground, we need to ask what is happening at the department. At the department, some people have echoed here that, the Minister including the Chief Officer should go. When we are passing the budget for this department, let us reflect, what budget did we pass for this department in relation to how many areas the committee visited? Are they five or six? About seven that they visited. What budget do we pass for the department in relation to these projects that they undertake? If there is no proper allocation for them, and when the budget is being done, we are not serious, this House Committee does not know, so we are the first to be condemned. Are we keen on our budget? And what answer is the department giving on their budget? Because this budget, when it was being done, at one time I met the Minister for Agriculture, and he was telling me he had only been left with Ksh. 40 million. I believe that you are all aware that, Operations and Maintenance, is a big issue in this County Government. So, we just do not condemn. We go to the budget line, what does the budget contain? so that we condemn the department. Then again, we go to the Personnel Emolument. These are personnel were supposed to look after this. This is because a minister, anyone can be appointed, provided you have a first degree. The Chief Officer also has qualifications for its position. But there is one person whose qualification, experience, and skills matter. That is the Director. We know in this government; Directors are being appointed after every three years on contract. The senior people in the department are ignored. You cannot leave your permanent job; you go for contract for three years. We know what happens. So, it is the system that is bringing problems in some departments.

Mr. Speaker, if I look at the dairy animals, we are being informed here that, there is no food for them. Casuals are employed who are earning Ksh. 5,000. Someone is earning Ksh. 5,000, and you want him to work for one month, he will do zero work. A number of reasons have been given. So, unless Mr. Speaker, I remember this. During the open day here, the Governor came, and when the Governor reached the exhibition stand of Agriculture Committee, the chairperson and the Vice-chairperson talked to the Governor and they requested a meeting with the Governor. I do not know whether the meeting took place. I do not know what was discussed. Do you see? There is something wrong, and correcting it, it may be hell.

Mr. Speaker, then I go to the Rice mill. They were talking of the rice mill at Ahero. And it was bought at Ksh. 30 million. And we are not seeing the value. Kisumu County will not see the value. Because by the time it was being bought, which brain brought it? And what was the focus? And then what happened later? This agreement you are talking between the county, the National Irrigation Authority, and the National Treasury. Were you given a copy of that agreement? You were not given a copy of that. The private investor, who is supposed to do this work, the agreement, you said here, after two weeks, the department should bring that here. Has it been signed? Has that agreement been signed? Let me tell you one thing, because I am privy to some of the information. This agreement will be signed, the land where the machine is installed is owned by the National Irrigation Authority. So, the premises of the National Irrigation Authority is where the business is going to be done. The building is also owned by the National Irrigation Authority. They will want some charges.

The County will also want some charges for the machine. From the private investor. These are the technicalities. When the original brain was telling them, to let this thing be installed on the County government land, some of the people who are in that office now who have failed, they were not seeing that. They were seeing there that they were the people who are better at managing it well and yet they are not technical on this area. So, we are now faced with the technical matters where people who have no good knowledge skill on this will not make a breakthrough. So, this has failed and that is why there was an effort to bring a private investor in Kisumu County. This private investor is also being frustrated by the very people in that line. So, it was the hope of Professor Nyong'o to improve rice farming in Kisumu so that it is milled, sold in the market as Kisumu rice, Ahero rice, Kano rice. We are not seeing the success of that in the near future and this is because of the people who are in that line to execute this. It is a tall order, my friend. So, some of these things we say, if the Professor was around who will tell him? This is because, I believe the kind of information he is being fed with is not the truth. So, when you people went to Ahero, you are just given the bare information. Let the County Government of Kisumu go to Treasury to follow up that letter and this is because, the National Irrigation Authority is not interested in following up that letter. That is the truth.

Mr. Speaker, the other matter is the Mamboleo Slaughterhouse. In this county, the major food apart from vegetables is meat, because fish is expensive for our people. Unless we go for fingerlings locally known as *omena*, *fulu*, or *wiu*. Professor Nyong'o will tell you by 8:00 or 9:00 p.m., the son of so and so, has come from his contract and has got some little money, will give his spouse to go buy some *wiu* so that, they battle with it. By 09:00 p.m. they start the job. Mamboleo has become a cash-cow. As much as Honorable Seth Okumu was condemning it, because some of us will come up to condemn because we feel guilty. Mamboleo is a cash-cow. I hope that Honourable Adega was here to give also his little contribution. Because it has appeared in the budget from the Second Assembly, and every time no good work is being done. So, that is the truth. I agree with this House Committee on their condemnation that the Agriculture Department is not doing well to help this county. That is what this report is, and it is true.

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to the Maseno Agricultural Training Center and the Pap Konam Agricultural Training Center, this House Committee should have informed this House the one which is ideal for agricultural training considering the climatic conditions. That is what I am keen on. This is because, I have not travelled well to those sides of Maseno but, when I hear of another Agricultural Training Center coming up in another place and leaving Maseno. As a child of this County, I just feel offended. Reason being, when I recall when I was young, my father used to be trained at Maseno Agricultural Training Center yet he is a man who never saw the inside of a classroom but he was a good farmer. Then, what he used to tell me; one time, the successful farmers in the then Kisumu district were invited to go to Nakuru to visit the late President Jomo Kenyatta. He was given some Cassava Agricultural Seeds and he had to remove some to take as exhibits in Nakuru. So, I have a lot of respect for Maseno Agricultural Training Center however, it was a decision of the County Executive to build one in Pap Konam. Now therefore, what I want to know is; the climatic conditions and, will Maseno Agricultural Training Center continue to do the original work it was doing for the people of Kisumu County? That is very crucial to me.

Mr. Speaker, Rabuor AMS, when I was young, the tractors at Rabuor used to plough for us and it was classic. Farmers would go and pay in advance and within a week or two or even some few days, the tractors would be on the ground ploughing for them. However, with the advent of devolution, that faded away and people are now asking, what is happening? What is this devolution? What is this thing called County? Where have the tractors gone to, yet, we approved Facility Improvement Fund here? When that was being done, the two institutions that were being helped were Rabuor AMS, the Agricultural Mechanization Services and Maseno Agricultural Training Center.

Mr. Speaker I am reading in this report that they have not been operationalized because the regulations have not been developed but on the other hand our people are suffering. As per this report, the number of tractors in the garage at one level is four and on another level they are three. Allow me take that as a clerical error but, I know that there are some tractors which have been taken for repair as well as servicing. However, the minister is saying as per this report that they are still in the garage due to lack of payment. When a County Government takes its tractors to Cooper Motors Corporation (CMC) from November last year and we are now in December. A whole one year, the tractors have not been repaired or serviced and money has not been paid. What picture are we getting? Were they budgeted for? And was it necessary for them to be taken to the garage? Our people see the state of things in Kisumu County. It is very horrible. Therefore, let the House support this report and then, we inform the Governor that things are not okay in this government. Mr. Speaker, I so contribute.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Adonija.

Hon. Adonijah (MCA, Chemelil/Tamu): Thank you Mr. Speaker. A lot has been said but, I want to say that the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Development and Irrigation is messing us or the people of Kisumu County. Before I continue, let me appreciate the good work done by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Development and Irrigation led by my sister (Honourable Alando) and the Deputy Chairperson Honourable Billy. When we went Chemelil/Tamu Ward, I was part of the delegation that paid that place a visit. What we saw there was not good at all and this is because during that time, or maybe if you go there today or any other day, there are very good machines which were brought by the European Union which were donated to the Kisumu County but, nothing is going on there.

Number two concerning the issue of cows, we were informed that, when the donors came during handing over, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Development requested the people from for Maseno Agricultural Training Center to assist them with around twenty or thirty cows so that they present during handing over. But today, I am seeing in number two the Budget Utilization and Project Implementation Status the response from the Department which states; the purchase of twenty in-calf pedigree dairy cows from Maseno ATC and KDDC for Kshs 55 Million. Meaning, one calf procured at roughly Kshs 250,000. So, from the report and what we found from the ground is totally different.

Mr. Speaker, the other issue which i wish to raise is; sometimes back, I believe early this year between the months of February and March, Chemelil Sugar Factory and Simba Transporters were willing to provide fuel so that the feeder roads within Chemelil/Tamu Ward starting from the Nyangore to this other part of Chemelil were supposed to be repaired, graded and murramed. When the report was done, the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works refused to give us these machines. They informed us that, those areas especially Nyangore is in Rift Valley Region and today we are discussing Nyangore KDDC as part of Kisumu County. It is true that the road from the tarmac to where this facility is very pathetic.

Mr. Speaker, another concern that we found there is that there is no toilet. Those people are just jumping from the facility fence to the sugarcane farms across the road to relieve themselves. In addition to that, there was also shortage of water. Reason being that there was a very huge unsettled bill totaling to Kshs 560,000 which was needed and had not been paid to date for electricity.

Mr. Speaker, it is also true that there was low milk production. It was like each and every day they were getting between 5 to 10 Litres and 1 litre goes for Kshs 30. Furthermore, the mortality rate of the cows was also very high. Even that day when we went there, we got some cows that were not even able to stand by themselves. Where those cows were sleeping was also very filthy.

So, Mr. Speaker, what I can say is that the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Development and Irrigation (the CECM and the team) is not helping us. That is because when each and every time the workers or the managers want something, they must communicate with

the department. If they do not get the response, nothing is done. In case they want anything, they will not be given until such and such a date when the other team visit Nyangore from Kisumu.

Mr. Speaker, on the issue of employment; we found that there were some workers who started working there around the year 2022 and to date they have not been confirmed into permanent and pensionable terms. Likewise, on the salary issue for those who are employed in that facility, sometimes they go without pay for more than 3 months.

Mr. Speaker, the last part of it and that is my last point is that I want to say that the visit to this site was done around the month of April. Mr. Speaker, I must state that, sometimes we are not doing good to the people of Kisumu County and this is because, this is a very good report which ought to have been discussed a long time ago. I have seen somewhere written in the House Committee recommendation that; by approval of this report which has adequately addressed the concerns to questions set in the Statement by Honourable Fredrick Odari regarding the Status of the County Agricultural Mechanization Services (AMS), this House therefore considered that an elaborate response to the Statement is provided through this report. Mr. Speaker, I have struggled since I came in here in the morning and I have not seen my Statement. Similarly, I do not know whether the report which is being discussed here was part of it. So, I am urging the Chairperson and her Deputy to go and prepare another report concerning my questions which I raised on the 13th of this month that they can be discussed.

Mr. Speaker, there is an area whereby this House Committee is showing us Kshs 5 million and they have not attached the receipt to prove that those cows were really procured. Honourable Bill also mentioned Kshs10 million used somewhere for smearing and I have not seen the Bill of Quantity (BQ). So, to Honourable Bill, you are a true defender but, you know there will reach a time when a frog will only know the importance of water when the river dries up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Kennedy Ouko.

Hon. Ouko (MCA, West Kisumu Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I take this opportunity to thank the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Development for this commendable job done. Actually, you have exposed a lot and I beg to support the adoption of this report. We are soon turning to a House of lamentations and surely if we cannot take our role seriously as the oversight authority in the County, we will fail to deliver on some issues.

Mr. Speaker, when we prepare these reports, we have the guiding principles and the Law which is very clear. This is a House of Law. Mr. Speaker, may I urge this House Committees that while discharging their mandate not to fear from implicating people who have messed our economy because you will not be doing it at your personal level but as a House. However, if you may require guidance on these issues, we have a Law Practitioner in the name of Herman in the House who can help us so that we come up with far-reaching recommendations which will

compel somebody to act on issues. Actually, we are not degrading your recommendations but, it is like most of them are not backed properly that can make these people act. They are more of advice than static recommendations.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite unfortunate that agriculture is regarded as the backbone of our economy; not only at the County level, but also at the National level. We are messing up with the same agriculture in a way that it is not supportive to what we believe in. For a project to be initiated there should be a feasibility study conducted to confirm whether it is viable and it has value for the money invested. I fail to understand why we cannot deal with the basics. The basic ATC stations, one is Ahero, another one is in Maseno. Why don't we put more effort on these ones first, we develop them to a level where they can produce and be sustainable, then now we can move to the others. I would like to concur with the Member who was talking about Agricultural Training College being put up in Seme. Surely, if we can't uplift Maseno or Ahero, then why do we have to waste money on some places which are not viable? They should have done it probably in Nyabondo, where the climate is favourable. But now, this is a wastage of resources. And a case where the County Executive comes up with a project without coming to the Assembly, and now they insist that that project must be done. And we also allow such projects to go on. I believe that we are to blame. We should stand up to be counted.

Mr. Speaker, if we don't do that, Members of the Assembly through the Speaker, we shall be failing on our duty. I believe that, there are some issues that need to be properly looked into. Like the one in Chemelil, where we have 26 acres. That's a whole world where we can do a lot in terms of agriculture. But, the little which is given there, the twenty-two cows doesn't produce anything. Is there value for money, really? You know, we should come up with recommendations that will make some people answerable and held to account. And how, if you have an expert in such kind of institutions, really, how can we lose almost sixteen cows at a go? Somebody should be taking responsibility. This is why we should come up with the recommendations that will make some people take responsibility on their negligence. That is a public fund, not the Governor's or the County Executive Committee Member's.

Mr. Speaker, at times you find some people gearing towards syphoning money from the county government. Some very senior officers. They also take up tenders. When we appropriate money here, you find that somebody very senior in the government is now also doing some other things there. They are struggling for get tenders. And this is how we compromise on quality of services we are expecting.

Mr. Speaker, I urge members of the county assembly, kindly, let us rise up and defend public money and ensure that it is used for its intended objective. That is our function. But if and every time we will be lamenting, we only worry about what is happening, reports and all those things, and we keep them. It is quite unfortunate.

Mr. Speaker, I support the report, but I'm so much disappointed how the Department of Agriculture is being mismanaged. It is quite unfortunate. Is it really the backbone of our country and county? It is not. If it is, then we should act on it as Members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Warindu.

Hon. Warindu (MCA, Miwani): Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. Let me also lend my voice on the report that has been generated by the Departmental Committee on Agriculture. Indeed, they did an elaborate work and gave us the true picture of what is happening in our county, especially the in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Mr. Speaker, the main purpose why devolution was fought for was to bring services closer to the people. Again, it was a way of dealing with the cases of unemployment that we are having in our country. If we ask ourselves, we are beyond 10 years since the inception of devolution in this county. Have we really achieved what it was intended for?

Mr. Speaker, if you look at all the seven agricultural sites that we are having, I believe that if they were well managed and used, the issue of unemployment would be a thing of the past. But we cannot achieve that, Mr. Speaker, if we still have this African mentality of leadership, where those who have been given the powers and authority to be in charge of our institutions are just sitting in their offices while neglecting their places of work.

Mr. Speaker, a true leader must always be outside monitoring and supervising what is happening in his or her institutions. But since we are Africans, we are just interested in being in the offices and being called bosses and forgetting what we are supposed to be achieving. It's like, Mr. Speaker, that we are putting foundation for the future generation to revitalize these facilities and use them productively. Where we are sitting right now, Mr. Speaker, we've become a county where we are dealing too much with consumption and not producing.

If we are to follow and to go with the spirit of devolution, it is my opinion and thinking that, has always been, Maseno ATC was intended to be like the Kabetes that we are having in Nairobi. And is it really doing the functions that it was intended for? Always, when you want to know the performance and the effectiveness of a leader, of an African leader, just take your time to go and site visit.

Mr. Speaker, this report gives us a true picture of how some of us understand devolution. And if you go through the report, it's all about consuming and we are neglecting to produce what we are supposed to consume. And indeed, if we go through this line of thinking, then we will have no

county to manage and operate. How I wish that those who are put in the positions can use this opportunity to produce more and consume less.

Mr. Speaker, history will judge us so harshly since we were given the opportunity in running some of these institutions and we've not taken the good care of these services. And right now, most of them are in their deathbeds. Actually, if you look at the dairy institution at Chemelil-Tamu, what is happening there is so pathetic and some of us, even the report is recommending that some of the dairy cows that are in KDDC should be transferred to Maseno ATC. The main question will be what will happen to the machines, the capital investment that was done there? Are we just going to neglect them and close that facility?

Mr. Speaker, we need to rise up to the occasion and ensure that we utilize the capital investments that have been put in some of these facilities. Most of the speakers who have contributed before me, I've been urging the Vice-chairperson of the Departmental Committee of Agriculture to ensure that this House is furnished with the Bills of Quantities. If you look at what they were given, even the management of the Mamboleo Slaughterhouse was not provided with the BQs. And for the two years running, that is in the fiscal years 2022/2023, and 2023/2024, there is a total of Kshs 20 million that has been spent there. Actually, if you look at something that Kshs 20 million can do, it's not worth more than what is happening in Mamboleo Slaughterhouse.

Mr. Speaker, even the local breed of cows that we are rearing at home cannot give us a thousand shillings per month. We really need to do something and how I wish that those who have been given and tasked and the responsibilities of running our institutions can take their work seriously, including us, so that the Kisumu County people can get the value for their money. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I submit.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Dede.

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North): Thank you Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity. Let me also air my sentiment concerning the report being read. Mr. Speaker, as part of the team that visited the sites, I stand here to echo the findings on the ground. At the KDDC, we observed significant gaps that need to be addressed by the responsible institutions. A major concern is the low milk production, which can be attributed to the use of low-quality animal breeds.

Mr. Speaker, If the department is supposed to guide us in acquiring productive animals, yet they provide low-quality breeds that yield less milk, it indicates a failure in their research. Moreover, out of the twelve dairy animals provided, nine have died due to negligence. If the animals can't be properly taken care of under these conditions, how can we expect ordinary citizens to manage them?

Mr. Speaker, with regards to the Mamboleo Slaughterhouse, much has already been said, but we also visited the site. One of the main issues was the insufficient water supply. When a 30,000-litre water tank was installed, it replaced a much larger 120,000-litre tank. This indicates a lack of seriousness from those responsible for the project.

Mr. Speaker, during our visit we noticed that, there is significant encroachment on the land surrounding the Mamboleo Slaughterhouse, with private investors taking up space that should have been used for the facility. Money was allocated for the Mamboleo slaughterhouse from the 2022 to 2024 financial years, but it was not properly utilized. While the community provided cement for the floors, the Bill of Quantities (BQ) for the project was never provided. As a House Committee, we have requested the BQs from the department multiple times, but they have not responded. Despite being given ample time, we have yet to summon the department to explain their failure to produce the required documentation.
Mr. Speaker, concerning the Procurement of Animal Feeds at the KDDC, the department failed to procure feed before bringing in the animals. Any competent team would have secured the necessary feed first, not after the animals were already introduced.

Mr. Speaker, I refer you to page 13 of the report, a recommendation was made by this House Committee that, the Select Committee on Public Investment and Public Accounts should inquire into the utilization of funds appropriated to the Mamboleo slaughterhouse from the fiscal years 2022 to 2024. We believe this investigation will shed more light on how the funds were used and will provide further information for this House.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, while the report includes several recommendations, I propose an additional one: that an amendment be made to recommend the removal of those responsible for the department's failures. If the department has consistently failed to serve the public, we must replace those in charge with individuals who can lead this department effectively and take it to new heights. I call on Honourable Billy to second this amendment.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Dede**,** if you are proposing an amendment, please make it clear. What are you proposing?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you Mr. Speaker. My proposal is that, being that the people who are in the department have failed the progress in the department, I am proposing that let those who have failed, like the CECM, the Chief Officer, be removed from the office, Mr. Speaker, to serve as a deterrence because there was a time when we went for the site visits for the water, and we saw the fruits were bad in that. So if I propose that, let those who have mismanaged the department that includes the CECM and the Chief Officer and the procurement team be removed from the office. And that's my proposal, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I do not believe that's a good recommendation owing to the fact that there's a recommendation by the Select Committee on Public Investment and Public Accounts to look into this matter. So, probably we wait for the report of the Select Committee on Public Investment and Public Accounts. The recommendation is not well packaged.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Odari, you are on your feet.

Hon. Odari (MCA, Chemelil Tamu): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I intended to speak before your ruling, but now that you have made it, I appreciate the clarity. I have concerns about the amendment being proposed. While you were away, other speakers raised similar points, and I was keenly awaiting your decision on this matter.

Mr. Speaker, I must point out that, there was a previous occasion when Honourable Dede stood on a Point of Order to challenge Honourable Nyaoke for proposing an amendment, yet now he is bringing one himself. Honourable Dede, this is not the appropriate time to introduce such an amendment—it should have been submitted at least an hour earlier.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Odari, I already made a ruling on that, so we proceed. Honourable Jennifer.

The Deputy Majority Whip (Hon. Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I wish to call the mover to reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Eunice Alandoh.

Hon. Alandoh (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Foremost, I want to express my gratitude to this House for the deliberations on the report I presented. I wish to assure the House that, as the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, and Irrigation, we carried out our oversight role diligently. We presented an accurate and comprehensive picture of the state of our county in these sectors.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, during our site visits, we highlighted the irregularities within the department and noted the lack of value for the funds allocated. When you visit these facilities, it is evident that what was supposed to be accomplished does not reflect the resources provided.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the points and concerns raised by Members. However, I suspect that some Members may have missed critical details as I presented the report. To clarify, I specifically mentioned in my report that at Maseno ATC, the allocated funds were utilized effectively, and we witnessed tangible value for the money invested. In other words, the work

done at Maseno ATC was executed to perfection, which is why we recommended in our report that the dairy cattle currently kept at KDDC be transferred to Maseno. This is due to the negligence observed at KDDC, which previously resulted in the death of eleven cattle. Such incidents have not occurred at Maseno ATC, further demonstrating the institution's superior management and care.

Additionally, I must clarify a slip of the tongue in my earlier reading of the report. I mistakenly referred to our FIF Act as being for 2023-2024 when I meant to say it is for 2024. I also noted that the department needs to provide us with a copy of that Act by January 2025.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, as for KDDC, even Members who visited the institution have confirmed the dire state of affairs there. It is in complete disarray. To illustrate, KDDC generates only Kshs. 1,000 monthly for the county government, which translates to a mere Kshs 33 per day. Furthermore, during our assessment, we reviewed the situation of the casual workers employed there, shedding light on the inefficiencies and challenges within the institution. There are currently five casual workers employed at KDDC, which spans a total of 26 acres. Unfortunately, nothing meaningful is being done on this land. The lack of activity has contributed to a dire situation where cattle are dying due to insufficient food. This issue arose because the contractor responsible for supplying feed failed to deliver on time, resulting in the unfortunate loss of livestock. The land remains underutilized, with no tangible efforts to make it productive.

Furthermore, the institution is grappling with a lack of basic amenities, including water and power. Given these numerous challenges, it is not viable to continue keeping cattle at KDDC. The remaining livestock are also at risk of dying if these issues are not addressed urgently.

Additionally, we encountered another significant challenge at the Mamboleo Slaughterhouse in Kajulu, where there was no Bill of Quantities (BQ) available to guide operations. This further highlights the systemic inefficiencies and poor management within the department.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, as a House Committee, we had requested the Bill of Quantities (BQ) from the department, but to date, it has not been provided. This report had been long overdue, and we felt it was essential to present it to the House so that Members are fully aware of the situation in that department. Given the absence of the BQ, our report recommends that the relevant authorities, including the PIC/PAC committee, step in to investigate and clarify what transpired during the development of the slaughterhouse.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Oiko Pete also raised an important point, asking this House Committee to clarify whether Maseno or Pap-Konam is performing better in agriculture. At this stage, it is difficult to provide a definitive answer. Pap-Konam has already received funds, which has been utilized for development, and the facility is now ready to admit students for agricultural training.

Meanwhile, Maseno also functions as a training and demonstration institution for agricultural practices.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Oiko Pete further expressed concerns about the irregularities in the department, suggesting they might stem from insufficient funding. Indeed, we recognize that the department faces significant challenges due to inadequate operational and maintenance (O&M) funding, which hampers its ability to function effectively. Mr. Speaker, it is my belief that, I have addressed most of the concerns raised. Some were already tackled by committee Members. However, I acknowledge that some Members feel the committee's recommendations are not strong enough. We welcome further input to ensure we collectively address these critical issues.

I cannot fully agree with that perspective, especially since even a Member of this House Committee proposed an amendment addressing the irregularities. The amendment suggested that the officers within this department that are responsible for these discrepancies should face disciplinary action. This could include redeployment to other departments or other appropriate measures to be determined by the head of the county government. It is unacceptable that we could purchase twenty dairy cattle, only for eleven of them to die due to sheer negligence.

Mr. Speaker, with regards to the statement brought to this House by Honourable Odari, I believe some of the concerns raised have been partially addressed, but not comprehensively. We are still awaiting additional information from the department, which we will include in our next committee presentation to provide a more complete response. Otherwise, I want to thank every one of us who participate in this and I reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I want to request the Whip to whip the Members who are out so that we conclude the debate.

(The Deputy Majority Whip (Hon. Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu whipping Members)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the Departmental Committee of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation through their Chairperson has moved a motion on the adoption of a Report of Departmental Committee of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation on their Site Visitation to various Agricultural Facilities within the county. This report was seconded by the Vice-chairperson of this House Committee, debated and as per standing orders, I want to put a question on the adoption of the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the report of Departmental Committee of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation on their Site Visitation to various

Agricultural Facilities within the county has been adopted today, Wednesday the 04th of December 2024 at 11:36 hours. Consequently, I direct that the recommendation of the said report be communicated to the right department for action.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, there being no any other business in the order paper the House stands adjourned until today Wednesday the 04th of December 2024 at 02.30 p.m.

(House rose at 11.37 p.m.)

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