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VISITING PUPILS AND TEACHERS FROM ST. ANDREW'S ACADEMY IN NUU WARD,
MWINGI CENTRAL SUB-COUNTY

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Hon. Members, allow me to issue the following communication. I would like to acknowledge the presence in the public gallery this afternoon of eight teachers and 64 pupils from St. Andrew's Academy in NuU Ward, Mwingi Central Sub-county. In our tradition of receiving and welcoming visitors to the County Assembly, I extend a warm welcome to them, and on behalf of the County Assembly of Kitui, and my own behalf, wish them a fruitful visit. Thank you.

So I'll give an opportunity to a few of us to welcome them, starting with the MCA for NuU Ward if she is present. You are standing for your neighbor, and you are neighbors. Okay, so we can start with the Honorable Jeremiah, I know he's the immediate neighbor, and any other member want to welcome the pupils together with their teachers.

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As much as the learners cannot see me from where I'm speaking from, but allow me to proceed. And Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to welcome the learners and the teachers from St. Andrew's, NuU Ward.

My name is Honorable Jeremiah Mutua, alias *Nzou* MCA for Nguni Ward. Mr. Speaker, Nguni and NuU wards are close neighbors. Actually moving from NuU town, and in other parts within that ward, you must first cross Nguni, just junction and on the other side, Mr. Speaker, is

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the office of the MCA. So I usually see my good people from Nuu when they're using that road, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I've known St. Andrew's for quite some time now. Actually, from where I come from, my area, where I'm born, because I've had many politicians have a place where they are born from. My place is called Myuuni, and I'm glad that Honorable Gabriel Munyao and Honorable Muthengi Ndagara, they know exactly where I come from. And even the Honorable member for Endau Malalani, who is also a neighbor to Nuu ward, Mr. Speaker.

I've known St. Andrew because I know some of the learners who underwent through that facility. And today, Mr. Speaker, I can tell you, they are in universities. It is one of the serious private schools within Mwingi East, a district that does very well in terms of giving quality grades to our learners.

Mr. Speaker, I'm also aware that one particular moment, there was an issue, I think, from the Ministry of Education, and we were praying for them. Someone somewhere wanted to close the school down, but Mr. Speaker, when I've just listened to your communication, I've just come to my senses and said, oh, so St. Andrew is still there and kicking. So we want to say, the Devil is a liar, and that school must grow, and that school must continue producing the best and quality learners, who in the future are going to be the next Muthengi Ndagaras, my good friend from Tharaka ward, who is also the MCA there.

St. Andrew will continue and continue producing people like Dr. Erastus Mbuno, also their neighbor, a very young MCA. Mr. Speaker, we are saying that St. Andrew's has a quality to produce doctors, to produce young politicians, to produce lawyers, and anybody, as far as the learners, are hardworking, disciplined, and determined to achieve. Mr. Speaker, thank you very much, and I welcome them on behalf of their MCA, who is... because some of them may not be knowing, because they're young learners, that the MCA, Honorable Judy Kasyoka Wanza, she's injured and under medication. And Mr. Speaker in her absence. In Mwingi Central, we say there is no absence in any ward. If any of us is not here, then we take responsibility for the other MCA who is not available. Mr. Speaker, I am acting on behalf of the MCA, and a good neighbour, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (*Hon. Paul Maluki*): Okay. Let's have the Honorable Dr. Erastus Musyoka Mbuno. I didn't know you are neighboring Nuu, the Deputy Majority Leader.

Hon. Dr. Erastus Mbuno: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to join you and other colleagues in welcoming St. Andrew's Academy to this very important House in Kitui County. My name is Dr. Mbuno Erastus Musyoka. I come from Endau/Malalani ward. Endau/Malalani ward was once in the same constituency with Nuu ward. We were having Nuu, Mui, Zombe and Mutitu together forming a single constituency.

So, when I stand here, I stand here as a neighbor and as an educationist who believes in the power of education. I want to encourage young pupils and tell them that they have made the right decision to come to this very important House. They will be able to read and learn what really happens in the assemblies with regards to legislation, representation, and maybe a little bit of oversight.

I want to encourage more teachers in Kitui County and outside to find time and bring their students and peoples in this very important House. This is where the county cake is actually shared. On behalf of myself and on behalf of our colleague, Honorable Judith Wanza, who happens to be unwell, kindly receive our warm welcome.

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This is our House. We represent the entire Kitui County and as leaders of Kitui County who are privileged now to be here, we say welcome and welcome. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I wish our students there, please, it is only education which can uplift us to the levels that we would wish. So let us invest in books. Let us invest in knowledge. That is the tool that we will use or you will use to eradicate poverty in our county. As you read, know that 62% in Kitui County are illiterate as per the statistics that I read. Please, our young girls and boys, take time, go through the books, help us to get the best capital investment in terms of human resource for this county, for the country and for the world. With that, I wish you all the best and a prosperous stay here in the assembly. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Thank you, Hon. Mbuno. Let's have Ndagara, then we will have Muange and then we will have Mwanza and we can end our discussion at that point. Hon. Ndagara.

Mhesh. Godfrey Ndagara: Naam, nashukuru sana Bw. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Naomba niingie kwenye miguu ya mwenzangu ambaye ni Mwakilishi Wadi ya Nuu na ambaye pia ni mnenaji mzuri wa lugha ya Kiswahili. Kwa hivyo nafikiri wanafunzi wa St. Andrew's watajisikia wako nyumbani wakisikia kuna mtu amewakaribisha kwa kutumia lugha ambayo mwakilishi wao ni mbuti. Kwa hivyo nashukuru sana Mheshimiwa Spika... Sijui mwenzangu hapa anasema nini lakini...

(Mhesh. Boniface Mukwate alisimama kwa hoja ya nidhamu)

Mwenyekiti wa Kwanza: There is a point of Order.

Mhesh. Boniface Mukwate: Mr. Speaker, unajua mimi Kiswahili sijasoma sana lakini nimesikia kitu Mhesh. Ndagara amesema, "anaingia kwenye miguu".

(Kicheko)

Sasa mimi nimeshindwa "kuingia kwenye miguu" inamaanisha nini Mr. Speaker.

Mwenyekiti wa Kwanza: Ndagara unaweza ukamwelezea Mwakilishi wa Wadi ya Kanyangi ulimaanisha nini na tafadhali tuendelea.

Mhesh. Godfrey Ndagara: Nashukuru sana kwa hoja yake, manake laity tungekuwa darasani labda ningemfundisha zaidi. Lakini Waswahili wanasema, "Fumbo mvumbie mjinga, mwerevu ataling'amua." Na kwa hivyo manake sitaki nianze kuchambua nani mjinga na nani mwerevu Bw. Spika naomba niendelea.

(Kicheko)

Mwenyekiti wa Kwanza: Tafadhali endelea.

Mhesh. Godfrey Ndagara: Sasa, Bw. Spika nataka nichukue fursa hii niwakaribisha wa St. Andrew's kwa kuungana pamoja na sisi. Hili ndilo Bunge ambalo kwa namna moja au nyengine katika kaunti yetu ya Kitui ni sawia na Bunge la Kitaifa. Nashukuru uongozi wa Shule ya St. Andrew's kwa kuamua ni vizuri waje hapa kuwaleta wanafunzi ili kuona jinsi gani shughuli huendeshwa humu. Hii ni kwa sababu namiini wengi wao watakuwa viongozi sio tu wa kesho bali pia ni viongozi wa leo. Kwa hivyo nawashukuru sana hata walimu kwa kuona ni vizuri waungane nasi. Kwa niaba ya MCA wa Nuu tunawakaribisha sana.

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Bw. Spika nataka kusema kwamba iwapo kuna kitu muhimu zaidi kama viongozi tunashindia kila wakati kule mashinani ni kwamba wanafunzi watilie maanani masomo. Hii ni kwa sababu wengi wetu ambao tuko hapa, sasa hivi nchi yetu ya Kenya imebadilika pakubwa zaidi na wale ambao wanaingia katika ulingo wa viongozi ni watu ambao wamesoma. Waswahili wanasema, “Kama unafikiri masomo ni upuzi basi jaribu ujinga.” Naamini ukijaribu ujinga utakupeleka pembeni maeneo mbali sana ama utaingia baharini. Kwa hivyo, naamini kwamba wanafunzi wako katika mwongozo ambao ni mzuri wa kuendelea kutia bidii masomoni. Hii ni kwa sababu masomo ndio itawapa wao nafasi kuwa watu tajika humu nchini. Pasi na kuharibu wakati nawashukuru sana kwa kuwa hapa na nawapongeza waendeleo kushikilia kwamba lazima kuwe nidhamu ndiposa uweze kwenda mbali. Asante sana.

Mwenyekiti wa Kwanza: Shukrani. Mhesh. Muange.

Hon. Daniel Muange: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The three speakers who contributed before me are fairly young and I am fairly elderly. But I thank God that we are in the same assembly and we blend very well, the young, the middle-aged, and the old.

Let me take this chance to welcome the students and teachers of St. Andrew’s from Nuu to the assembly. Mr. Speaker, as you may know, Nuu is in Mwingi Central. It's not very near, so it's quite an effort for them to be here. I want to commend the teachers and the students for that effort. Here in the assembly, there are many areas that you can learn, you can mingle with us, and you can ask us questions. There are many departments that you can ask your questions from, and I am sure from the answers that you get, you can continue building your career. We do know that you want to be doctors for the students, you want to be lawyers, you want to be engineers, and that's good. But at the same time, we want to say that some of you, or those of you who will be interested in politics in later years, after you've gotten your first career, this is a place to learn from. So feel much welcomed, learn as much as you can, and just get to know that we have young and old people who can represent their people.

I'm Kimanzi Muange. I represent the great ward of Tseikuru in Mwangi North. Mwingi North and Mwingi Central are neighbors, so many times we have a lot of things in common. So when I see you around, I'm encouraged to know that even very soon, I will also have some students and teachers coming from Tseikuru to the assembly.

So once again, Speaker, I join you to welcome the school students and teachers.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Thank you. Honorable Mwanza. The rest, once we are done with this session, you can join me in taking a photo session with the teachers and pupils. All of us can't welcome them, so that we can proceed.

Mhesh. Peter Mwanza: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *Kwanza ningetaka nimpe habari Mheshimiwa kutoka Kanyangi. Anauliza mambo ya “kuingia kwa miguu”, ile Kiswahili katika orodha au ‘list’.*

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Order! You are using which language? You see you know the rules if you start with Kiswahili you are supposed to proceed in Kiswahili.

Mhesh. Peter Mwanza: *Bw. Spika waliokuwa wanaongea hapo mbeleni waliongea Kiswahili. Kwa hivyo nimeona ni vizuri nipeane ujumbe kwa kutumia lugha ya Kiswahili halafu nitumie lugha yangu ya Kizungu. Mbeleni walitumia lugha ya Kiswahili na nikaona nipeane habari nikitumia lugha ya Kiswahili.*

Mwenyekiti wa Kwanza: Hapo ndipo umejikanganya. Endelea kwa lugha ya Kiswahili.

Mhesh. Peter Mwanza: Nashukuru Bw. Spika. Sababu pia Kiswahili sio mdomo changu sana na kwa sababu umetoa amri nizungumze Kiswahili, wacha pia nizungumze.

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Bw. Spika naomba nichukue fursa hii kwanza kuingia kwa orodha ya wanaowakaribisha wanafunzi wa kutoka Nuu. Tunawakaribisha kwa hili Bunge. Wakati tulipokuwa tunasoma hasa tukiwa katika shule ya msingi, hatukuwa tunapata nafasi kama hii ya kuja bungeni hata ya kwenda katika Bunge la Kitaifa au hata Seneti. Nawaarifu wajisikie kama mojawapo ya sehemu ya hili bunge. Aidha nikiongezea yale yalisemwa na Mheshimiwa wa Tharaka ambapo amesema... Bw. Spika hii lugha ni ngumu lakini... What do I say? Tukumbaliane tuwakaribishe tuwe pamoja na wao na tuwaambie wao ndio viongozi wa kesho kwa sababu wanapoliangalia hili bunge letu, wengi wetu ambao wamechaguliwa, umri ni mdogo, kwa hivyo hata kwao inawezekana.

Kwa hivyo, wakija kwa hili bunge ni vizuri wasome environment na waangalie pia wanao uwezo wa kuchaguliwa. Wakiangalia kwa hili bunge kunao wanawake waliochaguliwa kuwa viongozi na Mwakilishi wa Nuu ndio mwanamke pekee aliyechaguliwa kwa hili bunge kati ya wadi zote arobaine. Kwa hivyo watu wa Nuu wana kitu cha kujivunia. Nikiangalia kati yao kuna wasichana; nao pia wangaalie kesho wataweza kuwa wawakilishi wa wadi.

Bw. Spika, kwa sababu Kiswahili sio mdomo changu sana, ningeongea mengi nikitumia lugha ya Kiingereza au ukipenda King'eng'e lakini kwa leo sikuwa nimejipanga.

Temporary Speaker (*Hon. Paul Maluki*): Asante. And I would encourage our colleague MCAs, let's train ourselves to be speaking Swahili once in a while. It is very important so that we get used. Clerk, next Order!

MOTIONS

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTY

So, this motion has been there for quite some time. If you spoke in the morning or the other previous sessions, you don't need to repeat yourself. So, we can have the Deputy Majority Leader.

Hon. Dr. Erastus Mbuno: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me the very opportunity to talk or rather comment on the Governor's Address. I have three points to make.

One, they say numbers don't lie. I listened to His Excellency the Governor as he was addressing the County Assembly in this very August House and he said that the County Government of Kitui has done 1,921 projects across Kitui County for the last three financial years. I was doing mathematics, applying the knowledge of if the 1,921 projects were to be divided across the 40 wards, Endau/ Malalani would have at least be having 48 projects. I went to my ward and physically counted and I can confirm to this House that the projects are nearly there. They might not be exactly 48, but they are nearly there. I am not aggrieved because of the discrepancies. Why? Because I understand, I sit in this very Assembly, that we pass the budgets. And when we pass the budgets, we know some areas I expect them to get maybe more projects because of maybe municipalities which in Endau/ Malalani ward we don't enjoy. So with that, I am happy to say that having those number of projects and expecting more projects in my ward as other leaders get their share, I think that is a commendable job.

The other thing, out of 1,921 projects that the Governor talked about, equally, around 50% or thereabouts, they are under CLDIP. That goes back to me telling in my mind that CLDIP is one of the programs that I think is dear to every one of us here. So it's commendable and I wish this House we can always negotiate and talk with the executive on how the CLDIP can be increased in subsequent years when we are budgeting.

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The other two things, Mr. Speaker, that I wanted to put across was the issue of own-source revenue. Having read the trend on how this county was performing in terms of having the own-source revenue, from 2021-2022 up to now, the prospects that we are having for 2025-2026, I think we are in a good trajectory. With that, I really commend this House because the success that the county government through the Governor's address is attributed both to the County Executive and the County assembly as per Article 176 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. So the success that the executive through the Governor talked about here is equally shared with us. So I am very proud of this very House because it is us who passed every budget for the executive to go and perform the functions that they had requested for.

And finally, there is a department in the Executive for performance contracting. I'm very happy of that very department because I believe in competition. I think most of the projects have been done by ministries or departments because each of the ministry or department want to be the best when it comes to the awarding that we usually attend. So with that, I think we should encourage. I was also thinking if this assembly, we can have something of that kind to motivate most of us to do our jobs. I am not saying that we don't do. We do, but we need more energy and I'm very happy because I think such innovative ideas is what is making the Kitui County people to get the best development from the third circle of county governments.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I urge this Assembly, we continue making sure that the executive implements what they bring in this House in terms of budget allocation in each and every corner. I am very happy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate for the time that you have given me.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Thank you. Hon. Ndagara, then we will have Rose Kathoka. And let's try to be a bit brief because I know most of us at some point contributed to this motion.

Mhesh. Godfrey Ndagara: Naam, nashukuru sana Bw. Spika kwa nafasi nyengine tena, niweze kuweka sauti yangu katika kutoa maoni yangu kuhusiana na hotuba ya Gavana kuhusu hali ya maendeleo Kaunti ya Kitui kwa miaka mitatu ambayo amekuwa uongozini. Bw. Spika, mimi kama Mwakilishi Wadi najivunia sana kuwa na gavana wa kiwango cha Gavana Malombe kwa sababu kwa namna moja au nyengine wanasema, "Mgala muuwe na haki yake mpe" kwa sababu mabadiliko ambayo tumeyaona kwa hiyo miaka mitatu ni mabadiliko ya kupigiwa upatu. Wananchi katika maeneo yote ya kaunti ya Kitui wameshuhudia maendeleo kiasi fulani yanayofanyika vitongojini. Naona idadi ya miradi 1,921 ambayo gavana ameweza kutekeleza. Kwa hivyo tumfanyie nini? Ni kumwambia hongera na aendelee vivyo hivyo ndiposa tuweze kuleta mabadiliko katika kaunti yetu.

Vile vile nataka kuguzia idara fulani ambazo aliweza kuangazia; hizo ni idara ambazo ni muhimu zaidi. Kwa mfano kuna idara tatu ambazo ni muhimu zaidi katika kaunti yetu ya Kitui, tukianza na idara ya Maji.

Kaunti ya Kitui ni mojawapo ya kaunti ambazo zinakabiliwa na uhaba mkubwa wa maji. Kutokana na hotuba aliotoa, gavana ameweza kujibidiisha kuhakikisha maji yamepatikana katika vitongoji ambayo havikuwa na maji. Alisema ameweza kutengeneza sumpwells, ambavyo ni visima vinavyochimbwa kwenye mito na kuunganishiwa mashine za kuyapiga maji. Kunazo sumpwells 19 na ni jambo ambalo ni muhimu zaidi.

Vile vile ameweza kuziba vyanzo vya maji eee 347 vile vinajulikana kwa lugha Kizungu kama sand dams. Ni hatua kubwa Zaidi. Katika usemi wake alisema kuna earth dams zaidi ya

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sitini ambazo zimetengenezwa na vile vile boreholes ama vile visima vya kufanyiwa drilling 45 na tayari 33 vimekwisha kuwa equipped.

Na kwa nitasema kwamba kile kitu ambacho nataka tuangazie katika hotuba yake ni kwamba kama Mwakilishi wodi nitoa mawaidha kwamba tunashukuru kwa kwa ile miundomisingi ya maji ambao tayari imeshaatengenezwa. Wameweza ku kuunda maji kilomita 134 ambao ni ule mkondo wa maji yanatoka kwenye vyanzo vya maji ambavyo vimetengenezwa na kwenda kwenye vijiji. Na kwa hivyo tunashukuru sana.

Tayari tumetengeneza sand dams 347. Inamanisha kwamba tayari tumeziba vyanzo vya maji kiasi hicho. Na kwa hivyo, kile ambacho nitauliza zaidi, ni kwamba, hivi vyanzo vya maji ambavyo vimezibwa, sand dams, sasa, tunaamini kwamba Gavana anaweza kwenda mbele na kutengeneza hivi vyanzo vya maji, ndio o haya maji yambavo tayari yamekwisha kuzibwa, ya kawewe kuekewa pipes ili kuwafikia wananchi. Vilevile katika makadirio ya bajeti ya mwaka huu, kuna sand dams nyingi vilevile zimepaniwa kutengenezwa. Lakini sijui kama mawazo ya Gavana yataweza kuchukuliwa na gavana mwingine atakayekuja. Manake kama mawazo hayo, kwa namna moja manna moja au nyengine, hayataweza kutwaliwa na gavana mwingine, tutakua tumepoteza pesa nyingi sana, kutengeneza ukuta katika vyanzo ya maji. Bw. Spika, wakati huu, ama mwaka huu, wa tatu, mwaka wa nne na watano, kama gavana, anaweza kutengeneza sumpwell kwenye zile sand dams ambazo tayari zimekwishaundwa.

Jambo lingine, katika Idara ya Afya, aliweza kusema kwamba ametengeneza hospitali mpya 34, ambazo ni zahanati, na tunashukuru sana kwa ajili ya hilo. Na naamini kwamba eneolangu la la wodi, liliweza kutengeneza hospitali moja ambayo ni zahanati ya Gatoron. Katika makadirio ya Bajeti ya mwaka huu, gavana ataweza kuhakikisha kwamba zile hospitali mpya ambazo zimejengwa zimepatiwa wafanyikazi, waweze kuhudumia wale watu manake, lengo muimu zaidi, ni kwamba zile zahanati zikijengwa, zisije zikakaa kama majunguba, lakini ziweze kueko madawa na madaktari waweze kudumia yale mayeneo. Manake naamini alizijenga katika mayeneo ambao ni ya mbali zaidi ama vile vijiji ambavyo ni vya mbali zaidi na na hospitali.

Bw. Spika kuna Idara ya Elimu ambayo aliweza kuangazia na alisema kwamba amejenga madarasa mapya 179 ya Chekechea. Naamini kwamba ataendelea kuongeza kwa sababu kama wodi yangu ya Tharaka, kuna maeneo mengi sana wanafunzi wanatembea zaidi ya kilomita tano ama wengine kwenda zaidi ya kilomita nane kuenda katika katika mashule ambayo yana vituo vya Chekechea. Gavana anahitaji kuendelea na moyo huo huo na idara yetu ya masomu ECDE iweze kujenga ECDE zingine mpya na tutashukuru sana kwa hilo.

Na lile jambo ambalo nilisikia kwamba alisema katika vyuo vyote vya Kiufundi, amesambaza cherehani 660 ambazo tayari zimepeanwa katika mashule tofauti. Lakini naamini pia Idara yetu ya Elimu na vilele Mwenyekiti wa Kamati yetu ya ataweza kuangazia. Nilipata kwamba kuna shule nyingi ambazo zilipata cherehani marambili wakati kuna shule kadhaa ambazo hazilijapata hata cherehani moja. Naamini hakukuwa na usawa katika usambasaji wa hizi cherehani ambazo zilipaeana. Ni kazi nzuri ndio, lakini utekekelezaji wa kina nani wanafaa kufaidi na mashine hizi, inakiwa kuwa haikufuata utaratibu ambao ni mzuri na na amini kwamba idara husika itaweza kuangalia na tuite vile waziri ama Chief Officer husika awaeze kuangazia swala hilo.

Lile jambo linguini, maswala barabara najua ndio kizungumkuti katika kaunti yetu ya Kitui na tunaamini kwamba serikali vile vile imepatiana kima cha Shilingi milioni 152 katika ule mgao wa Fuel Levy. Naamini hizi pesa kama vile alivyosema kwa sababu ni mgao wa kwanza

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ambao umepatianiwa; hizi pesa zitaweza kutumika pakubwa katika kuhakisha kwamba tumebadilisha hali ya miudomisingi ya maswala barabara.

Labmwisho Bw. Spika, manake naona kidogo muda umesonga, Gavana katika hotuba yake alisema kwamba tayari, ametengeneza slabs, ama drifts zaidi ya 41. Lakini hizo zimeengenezwa katika wadi labda fulani fulani. Lakini hajafikia wadi nyingi ili tuweze kupata ile miradi ya drifts. Kwa mfano kama maeneo yetu ya Mwingi North haswa eneo la Tharaka na vile vile Mumoni ambalo ni eneo lenye milima mingi na mito mingi ambalo linaitaji kuwekwa drifts. Naamini kuwa wakiangazia kwamba maeneo kama hayo yenye milima na mito wataweza pia kufikia maeneo hayo.

Hotuba ya Gavana ilikuwa nzuri na naamini kwamba tunaendelea kumpa shimeawaeze kuendelea kutekeleza mambo hayo katika miaka miwili ambayo imebakia. Nashukuru sana.

Hon. Rose Kathoka: Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to contribute towards Governor's speech. I'll start by introducing myself. My name is Honourable Rose Kasyoka Kathoka from Mwingi North, Ngomeni Ward. Mr. Speaker Sir, I take this opportunity to welcome the teachers and the pupils of St. Andrew. Welcome to our assembly. This is where we do our legislation for the projects you see being done in your ward.

Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to contribute. I don't want to talk much about the Governor's speech. I stand here as a witness because we have done oversight. I may say that I have gone to the larger Mwingi area as well as the larger Kitui side. Whatever the Governor said he has done for the people of Kitui, I stand here to say it is 100% done. Mr. Speaker, when you look at the Governor's manifesto when he was campaigning, the first one was agriculture, there is water, there is health sector, and then there is urban and it flows like that. Mr. Speaker, as per his address, our Governor has really done a lot for us. And I stand here as a witness. I belong to two wards, Nguni Ward and Ngomeni Ward, and I stand here, Mr. Speaker, as a witness to say that there is a lot which has been done by the government of Kitui through the leadership of his Excellency, Dr. Julius Makau Malombe.

Mr. Speaker, on the water sector, I remember visiting your ward, Kwa-Kitonga/ Kithumula Ward, and the irrigation which is done there through Sump-well, after sharing with those people, the report we got, people's lives have changed. Some were thugs, but now due to that irrigation they are doing, they have done something, they have gotten something, which is making them grow. When they grow those kales, they sell to the people and they get their daily bread.

Mr. Speaker, thank you so much for giving this opportunity, and we wish our Governor well as he continues delivering to the people this great county of Kitui. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki): Let's have Hon. Titus Kasinga, Hon. Gabriel Munyao, and then Hon. Mulandi.

Hon. Titus Kasinga: Thank you, Honourable Speaker, sir. Rightly, you have mentioned my name. My name is Titus Kasinga, MCA for Mumoni Ward.

To our visiting pupils and the teachers, feel much welcome. I'm serving my second term in this Assembly, and I'm delighted to see the number of pupils and students coming to this Assembly to learn. I think this is the way to go. We need to expose our students and pupils in what actually the county assemblies are doing, in essence, eventually the county government.

Honourable Speaker, I wish to make my contribution on the governor's address, on the state of the county, and as I do so, Honourable Speaker, I want to really express my disappointment

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that this very important motion and address that was supposed to be done in this Assembly earlier on, seems not to have received the kind of attention it so required.

We are talking about what the county government is doing, and the governor, what he gave us. Whatever he's been doing, we also have been doing, we are involved, but we seem not to have taken a lot of seriousness in wanting to contribute after he came to this House. I think next time we need to be more serious than we are.

Honourable Speaker, I want to add my voice in expressing my gratitude to the governor of Kitui, His Excellency Dr. Julius Makau Malombe. At times people may think when we stand here, we have lost our positions in terms of the oversight, legislation, and the rest. Because when we talk of what the governor has done, or how good the governor has been performing, some people say we are only praising the governor. But that is not the case. I want to remind everyone of us that the county government is made of the county assembly and the executive. And if the governor performs poorly, we also perform poorly.

Honourable Speaker, I'm part of the history of the leadership of Governor Malombe. In 2013, I happened to have landed in this chamber, or this house, not in the physical part of it, because it was not there the way it was. We used to have a hall. And we started off in a very hard situation. But as we progressed, the first year we were not kind of understanding how the governor was running things. But as we progressed second year, third year, by the time we were leaving, what we left a legacy that finally the third county government has come to build on, because it was lucky to have been re-elected, or rather elected at the third time, after he failed the second time. I'm happy to be part of those who have come back to join him in building and reviving that legacy, Honourable Speaker. I'm happy that we are moving towards a certain direction, that I do believe the fourth government, when it comes, and whoever it will be, Honourable Speaker, it will have a firm foundation to build on and to continue, so that the people of Kitui can continue reaping fruits of good leadership. And if we were to go on in narrating the kind of projects that the third government has been able to initiate, we would not have really the time. But I would say that, giving a very simple example, when I talk about Mumoni, the issues of the health sector are being handled. We have in Katse a health center now being transformed to a level 3B hospital.

(Technical hitch due to power outage -the lights blinked)

Thank you, Honourable Speaker, and I think we are all sorry, that was none of our fault-about the power and disruption.

So, I was saying that on the health sector in Mumoni, we have one of our hospitals, a very old health centre, that is being transformed to level 3B. That means it's going to have a maternity, it's going to have a theatre, it's going to have a mortuary. Not to say that we are so proud of that, that we don't think we should have something else better. We are thinking about a level 4 hospital, actually. But because we have to move slowly, I think for where we are going, we are happy. I and my neighbour, Hon. Ndagara from Tharaka, we are one of the people who really have been lagging behind on the side of the health sector.

When I look at it both sides, everything is moving. We are trusting God that even Kyuso Level IV, which is actually in Kyuso ward, but which is commonly used by all of us, is going to be a better hospital by the time we come to the end of the term.

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Hon. Speaker, I can mention water, which has been spoken about somewhere else, and the rest. But I want to say in overall that we are on the right direction. My only appeal is that in terms of the implementation of the projects, things that we may not want really to point out, we need to point out our officers at the sub-county levels. They are the weak links at times, because they don't seem to work together with the governor because you find the implementation side of it, they are in charge, but at times they don't do what is right. They rush into giving projects, they also rush into inspecting projects, and this is the area, Honourable Speaker, we want to tighten, so that we can get quality work, and get value for money for our people. It's not an issue of having so many projects. It is an issue of having quality projects, and have value for money for the people of Kitui.

Finally, Honourable Speaker, I want to appreciate also all of us here, because we have been part and parcel of the journey. All this, what the governor said, would not have been possible if we did not pass the budgets in this assembly. Let's not forget to tell our visiting pupils, this is where the budgets, the county budget, is actually analysed, dealt with after we receive it from the executive, and everything that you see is birthed from here, and so I want to appreciate that we have been all along working together, despite the differences that come along, we are serving the people of Kitui as one people.

Honourable Speaker, we pray that we all have good health, and wish His Excellency good health together with this government, that we will move forward. We are having challenges in terms of the money from the fuel levy, which you all have spoken about, and the governor highlighted some of these things. I want to pray, because I read somewhere, Honourable Speaker, and allow me to say this, that there is an appeal, I don't know whether it is true or not, the members of Parliament are trying to do. We cannot, by law, and by the constitution, be given county roads and at the same time, we are denied the money to do those roads. So, I pray it is not true. And if it is true, then we will go back to court, so that we can be able to ask for what is ours. These pupils here and the teachers need good roads. The governor is trying the best that he can with the needs we have, and we have to get the share of the national government that is there on the side of fuel levy.

With those few remarks, I want to say that we are on the right track, the right leadership, let us support the governor in this chamber and out of this chamber, so that we can be able to earn a good future. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (*Hon. Paul Maluki*): Thank you. Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. Harrison Maluki: Thank you so much, Honourable Speaker. I join my colleagues to welcome the students who have just visited to come and learn what we do in the Assembly. My name is Honourable Harrison Maluki, elected by the great people of Migwani, which is in the Mwingi West.

Honourable Speaker, I don't want to talk much about the state of county address, which is before us, because actually, I don't know whether whatever we are talking about here, there is anybody who is listening or will put to consideration to what we are saying. But allow me to say this; When you look at the governor's manifesto, because that is where we base our development on, which was read first when the governor was being sworn in, there is this legacy project, and I wish we could have been given time when the governor was here so that we ask some of these questions. Actually, he told us that that will be his legacy project. That is, the road which was to be constructed all the way from Kyangwithya East, passing through Miambani Ward, passing

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through Migwani Ward, then to Mwingi Central Ward, which is the Museve, Kamandio, Mwanzilu, Nzeluni, Mumbuni, Mwingi Road, which has not yet been mentioned, and yet we are now three years, we are past even half of our term, and it has never been put into any consideration. So actually, I would like to know, as the representative of the people, whereby the longest part is passing through my ward, I would like to know what the status is.

Second thing, I want to note, Honourable Speaker; there was this issue of mega, medium-sized and small dams, which is very important to us. Honourable Speaker, now again, it is past three years since we were elected, I don't think whether it has happened in any of the wards being represented here. So, I think there are so many issues.

As much as I agree with the governor's address, because actually, all the projects which he mentioned here, it is not a fiction, they have been done. But in his manifesto, there is much, which is more touching to our people, which has not been done. And I believe something like a legacy project, which you want to be remembered with, when you exit the stage, it is something which should be given the seriousness it deserves.

I also add the list of so many slabs and drifts, which have been constructed across the county. I don't know which wards, because I think there has been a lot of imbalances, especially in the Ministry of Roads, whereby even a single culvert, there are some wards, whereby it has never been constructed by now. And I think very soon, as the county assembly shall be interrogating various ministries to see what they have been able to deliver in specific wards, so that we can have an equitable share of the scarce resources, which we are having in our county. But I see there is a time for improvement, because we have two years before the expiry of this term. And I think what has not been done can be corrected as we move forward. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (*Hon. Paul Maluki*): Thank you. Hon. Gabriel Mutunga Munyao, MCA for Kauwi Ward. Then we'll go to Hon. Mulandi.

Hon. Gabriel Munyao: Honourable Speaker, you've said it well. My name is Gabriel Munyao. My middle name is Mutunga, as you've said it. I am the elected member of the county assembly for Kauwi Ward.

Honourable Speaker, I would like to speak from where my colleagues have left to congratulate his Excellency, the Governor, for changing my ward and the entire Kitui County.

In the last three years, Honorable Speaker, I have managed to visit all the 40 wards. I've actually visited almost every ward in this county. And I've seen a difference in the way this government has served the people. I want to be very categorical on the very big water project that is going on in Kitui South, Kangu Kangu. Kitui South is known for water problems. And actually, the project is a game changer to the people living in Kitui South. In as much as we appreciate and congratulate our Governor for what he has done, we request for more water projects across all the 40 Wards and all the eight sub-counties, which I refer to as the constituencies. Water has been an issue in our county. We can target to do 20 wards. The other year we do 20 wards. Actually, every ward will have water projects. I want to appreciate the Ministry of Water and Irrigation for the work they are doing because I know that they are doing cluster programs in phases. And many wards have received cluster programs and others are yet to. But I know they are on the way. Those which have not yet gotten the cluster program for the irrigation.

Finally, Hon. Speaker, I would like to thank my friends up there from Nuu. You know, I was a teacher. I would like to appreciate and thank our pupils for finding time to come and stay

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with us here and see what we do. I want to encourage them to work hard in school and the future is in their hands. They can become whatever they want to become as long as they desire and aspire to get it.

Honourable Speaker, for those very many remarks, before I sit, I would like to thank you specifically for the service you have given to the people of Kwa-Mutonga Ward. I visited your ward and your people are really happy for you, Honourable Speaker. Continue doing the good work for Kwa-Mutonga Ward. I am very happy for you.

Equally, I am happy for my neighbours, Hon. Mulandi, from Mutonguni. Continue serving the people of Mutonguni with zeal. I visited his home last week and I thank his Excellency, the Governor, because there is a very short route from Kalambya to Mulandi's home that I passed and people are very happy with both Mulandi and his Excellency, the Governor, for the good work they have done for that road connecting Kalambya market and Mulandi's home.

Honourable Speaker, we are just thankful to the Governor for transforming this ward. When I was campaigning, I was criticizing the sitting MCA for not doing anything. I was challenging her to show us one project. I remember one time when I was in a function, I challenged her to show what she has done for that area apart from a bell that she donated to that primary school and she was not able to pinpoint a single project for that area. But now, Honorable Speaker, the way Hon. Ndagara put it, let us give credit where it is due. Our Governor has done a lot for the wards that we represent and we need to give him credit for that.

The county is transforming, our wards are transforming, and we thank him and urge him to continue helping us deliver to our people. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Temporary Speaker (*Hon. Paul Maluki*): Thank you.

(Hon. Mulandi sought to contribute)

No, no, take back your seat first. You can't speak to our question twice. I just want to advise you. Standing order No. 78 says, "*No member shall speak more than once to a question except in the committee of all County Assembly*".

I'm lucky because I was the Presiding Chair in the morning session and I gave you an opportunity to contribute. Kindly stand guided and any other member who might want to discuss this issue again tomorrow, kindly be advised. But I thank you for the zeal. I know you wanted to say something. Apologies, but that is the way to go.

Hon. Members let's be upstanding so as to adjourn the House.

ADJOURNMENT

The House remains adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday at 9 a.m. Thank you.

The House rose at 3:39 p.m.

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