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**INSPECTION EXERCISE ON THE EARLY CHILDHOOD
DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION IN KITUI COUNTY**

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CHAPTER ONE

1.0 PREFACE

Mr. Speaker sir,

On the behalf of Members of the County Assembly Committee on Basic Education, Training and Skills Development and pursuant to the provisions of Article 185(3) of the Constitution, Section 8 and 9 of the County Governments Act, 2012 respectively and County Assembly Standing Orders No. 190, I have the pleasure to present to the House the report on the findings and recommendations of the committee on the inspection exercise of Early Childhood Development Education in Kitui County carried out between 13th and 21st January 2020.

Terms of Reference for the exercise were to assess;-

- i. Infrastructural status as well as identify issues and gaps that needs to be addressed by the County Government.
- ii. The implementation of the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) in the ECDE Centers.
- iii. Explore measures put in place by County Government in relation to supervision and monitoring of pre-primary institutions.
- iv. Assess welfare of the pupils and the teachers in the Centres as well as their terms of employment.
- v. Seek any other relevant information as pertains Early Childhood Education as a devolved function.
- vi. Give a report on the findings of the Committee's inquiry.

The following program was drawn conveniently sampling some of the Centres to be visited within the County; -

Table 1.0 Sample ECDE Centres

S/No	Sub County	Ward	Centre
1.	Kitui Central	Kwangwithya East Ward	Kwa Ukungu ECDE Centre.
2.	Kitui West	Kauwi Ward	Kauwi ECDE Centre.
3.	Kitui East	Nzambani Ward	Syombuku ECDE Centre.
4.	Kitui East	Mutitu/Kaliku Ward	Mutitu ECDE Centre.
5.	Kitui Rural	Kisasi Ward	Ituki ECDE Centre.
6.	Kitui South	Ikanga/Kyatune Ward	Ituluu ECDE Centre.

7.	Kitui South	Athi Ward	Makueni ECDE Centre
8.	Mwingi West	Kiome Thaana Ward	Muumboni ECDE Centre.
9.	Mwingi Central	Kivou Ward	Kasevi ECDE Centre.
10.	Mwingi North	Mumoni Ward	Nyamanzei ECDE Centre.
11.	Mwingi North	Mumoni Ward	Mbangwani ECDE Centre.
12.	Mwingi North	Tharaka Ward	Nthangani ECDE Centre.

1.1 METHODOLOGY

The Committee's work was guided by the following general methodologies of gathering data;-

- i. **Preparatory meetings** - prior to the exercise, the committee held preparation meetings during which an itinerary was drawn.
- ii. **Direct observations** - part of the learning was gathered through direct observations.
- iii. **Recording of information** - done through physical writing and this information was maintained for referencing.
- iv. **Meeting with the ECDEs teachers** - part of the information was gathered through face to face communication with ECDEs teachers and other key stakeholders such as headteachers, parents.

1.2 Committee's Mandate

Article 185(3) of the Constitution states that, "*A county Assembly, while respecting the principle of separation of power, may exercise oversight over the County Executive Committee and any other County executive organ.*" The Sectoral Committee on Basic Education, Training and Skills Development derives its mandate from the provisions of Standing Order No. 190(5) and the second schedule to the Standing Orders, which defines the functions of the committee as to inter-alia; -

- i. Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operation and estimates of the assigned department.

- ii. Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.
- iii. Study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation.

1.3 Committee Establishment and Membership

The Committee on Basic Education, Training and Skills Development was constituted on 17th October, 2017 in compliance to the provision of Standing Order No. 190(1); to oversee the activities of the County Ministry of Education, I.C.T and Youth Development as contained in the Second Schedule of the County Assembly Standing Orders.

The Committee currently comprises of the following members: -

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| 1. Hon. Jefason N. Kiruru | - Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Ruth Kyene | - Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Andrew Ndisya Lusa | - Member |
| 4. Hon. Musee Mati | - Member |
| 5. Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi | - Member |
| 6. Hon. John Mbaki Kisangau Mutuku | - Member |
| 7. Hon. Jane Mutua | - Member |
| 8. Hon. Philip Nguli | - Member |
| 9. Hon. Esther K. Ndile | - Member |
| 10. Hon. Florence M. Singi | - Member |
| 11. Hon. Fredrick Nthuri | - Member |

1.4 Acknowledgement

Mr. Speaker sir,

The Committee extends its appreciation to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Assembly for the support accorded to it in the execution of its mandate.

I wish also to express my appreciation to the members of the committee who sacrificed their precious time to participate in this laborious activity. Your commitment and participation during the exercise was invaluable.

Mr. Speaker sir,

On behalf of the Committee, I now have the honor to present the report to the House for debate and thereafter subsequent approval.

Thank You,

SIGNED 

(HON. JEFASON NGUI KIRURU, MCA –CHAIRPERSON)

DATE 3/3/2020

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CHAPTER TWO

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Early Childhood Development (ECD) services provide education and care to children in the temporary absence of their parents or caregivers. These services should be holistic and demonstrate the appreciation of the importance of considering the child's education, health, nutrition, psychosocial and other needs within the context of the family and the community. Disadvantaged children and those with disabilities are often marginalized and their developmental needs ignored. They should be accommodated in ECD services. There should be also be programmes that meet their specific needs to ensure that the child develops into a confident, well-balanced and secure person.

With the promulgation of the Constitution, the pre-primary training facilities were put under County Governments. The Transition Authority (TA) transferred the functions to County Government vide Gazette Notice *No 116 of February, 2013* and Gazette Supplementary *No.116 of 9th August 2013*. These roles are further explained by Section 26 of the Basic Education Act, 2012 that states: "*The roles of the County Government will include the provision of funds required for the development of the necessary infrastructure for institutions of basic education and training used for conducting pre-primary education and childcare facilities*". In the County Government of Kitui, ECD falls under the docket of County Ministry of Basic Education, ICT and Youth Development.

However, the implementation of this function has continued to experience a myriad of challenges including non-payment of salaries to the ECDE teachers, serious shortage of ECDE teachers, and inadequate supply of teaching and instructional aids, poor infrastructure among others.

It is indeed against these challenges that the committee planned to undertake the inspection exercise on Early Childhood Education in Kitui County in order to investigate and familiarize with the sectoral issues for better policy formulation for implementation by the County Government.

CHAPTER THREE

3.0 COMMITTEE SPECIFIC FINDINGS.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee visited the following centres;-

a) KWA UKUNGU ECDE CENTRE

The Centre is in Nzunguni Village in Kitui Central Sub County.

Committee findings and observations

The committee established that;

- i. The Centre has two ECDE teachers employed by the County Government on casual basis. The details of the teachers are outlined in the table below;

Table 3.0(i)

Name	Qualification	Salary/Wages	Terms of employment
Ms. Josephine Nzioka	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECDE certificate• KCSE	Kshs. 9,780.00	Casual engaged by the County Government.
Ms. Elizabeth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECDE certificate• KCSE	Kshs. 9,780.00	Casual engaged by the County Government.

The committee however noted that the teachers are not conversant with the new curriculum as they were only trained once thus additional training is needed to sharpen their skills.

- ii. The enrolment of the Centre is as shown in the table below;

Table 3.0(ii)

Pre-primary 1	6 boys	7girls	Total 13 pupils
Pre-primary 2	6 boys	6 girls	Total 12 pupils

The pupils pays admission fee of Kshs. 100 which is used to purchase chalks and other instructional materials since the ones supplied by the County Government take long to come and are not adequate.

- iii. The Centre has only one classroom constructed by the County Government in the Financial Year 2017/2018 which is in a bad state as the window panes are broken. The center has no child appropriate furniture. Further the ECDE center has no sanitary facilities; thus the kids share the toilets with the primary school pupils.
- iv. The only available furniture and fitting were donated by a Non-Governmental Organization to the Centre.
- v. There is no outdoor playing equipment neither sleeping mats for the pupils.
- vi. There is no feeding program in the Centre and the kids carry food from home.
- vii. There is inadequate teaching and instructional material as they were only supplied by county government in the year 2018.
- viii. The ECDE does not have a representative in the Board of Management of the Primary School and there was no clear policy on ECDE administration.

b) KAUWI ECDE CENTRE

The Centre is located in Kauwi Ward in Kitui West Sub County.

Committee observations and findings

The committee established that;

- i. The Centre has three ECDE teachers employed by the County Government and their personal details are as outlined in the table below;

Table 3.0(iii)

Name	Qualification	Salary/Wages	Terms of employment
Ms. Catherine Kamene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Diploma • KCSE 	Kshs. 12,500.00	Casual engaged by the County Government.
Ms. Christine Mulwa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Diploma • KCSE 	Kshs. 12,500.00	Casual engaged by the County Government.
Mrs. Janet Musili	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Certificate • KCPE 	Kshs. 9,780.00	Casual engaged by the County Government.

The committee also noted that the teachers are not adequate based on the huge population at the Centre. The teachers are also not conversant with the new curriculum (CBC) as they were only trained once hence additional training is needed to sharpen their skills.

ii. The enrolment of the Centre is as shown in the table below

Table 3.0(iv)

Pre-primary 1	12 boys	19 girls	Total 24 pupils
Pre-primary 2	29 boys	26 girls	Total 55 pupils

Each pupil pays an admission fee of Kshs. 375 per term which cater for the feeding program as well as cater for the wages of the cook.

- iii. The Centre has only one classroom constructed by the County Government. The sanitary facilities at the Centre were not in a good state and need to be renovated.
- iv. The furniture and fittings are few and are not child appropriate. The committee was further informed that they were purchased by the parents.
- v. There was no adequate outdoor playing equipment as there was only one swing.
- vi. The Committee further noted that there is inadequate teaching and instructional material which were supplied by County Government in the calendar year 2019.
- vii. The ECDE centre has a representative in the Board of Management of the mother school.
- viii. There is no clear policy on ECDE administration.
- ix. The facility is not fenced thus paving way for the intruders to vandalize equipment in the institution.

c) ITUKI ECDE CENTRE

The Centre is located in Kisasi Ward in Kitui Rural Sub County.

Committee observations and findings

The committee established that;

- i. The Centre has only one ECDE teacher employed by the County Government as outlined in the table below;

Table 3.0(v)

Name	Qualification	Salary/Wages	Terms of employment
Ms. Mary Maundu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Certificate • KCPE Certificate 	Kshs. 9,780.00	Casual

Further the committee noted that the teacher is not fully conversant with the new curriculum (CBC) as she was trained once thus additional training is needed to sharpen her skills.

ii. The Centre enrolment is as shown in the table below;-

Table 3.0(vi)

Pre-primary 1 & 2	17boys	13girls	Total 24 pupils
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- iii. The pupils pay examination fee of Kshs. 20 per term.
- iv. The Centre has only one classroom constructed by the County Government in the Financial Year 2017/2018. There are no sanitary facility in the Centre forcing the kids to share with the primary school pupils.
- v. The County Government supplied only 5 desks to the Centre in the Financial Year 2015/2016 though they were not adequate.
- vi. There are no outdoor playing equipment's.
- vii. The feeding program is optional as only those pupils who contribute by bringing the food stuff are fed.
- viii. There is inadequate teaching and instructional material as they were only supplied by county government in the calendar year 2019.
- ix. The ECDE centre has no a representative in the Board of Management of the mother school. Further there was no clear policy on ECDE administration/reporting channel/order of command.

d) ITULUU ECDE CENTRE

The Centre is located in Ikanga/Kyatune Ward in Kitui South Sub County.

Committee observations and findings.

The committee established that;-

- i. The Centre has one ECDE teacher employed by the parents on casual basis as outlined in the table below;

Table 3.0(vii)

Name	Qualification	Salary/Wages	Terms of employment
Ms. Christine David	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Certificate • KCPE 	Kshs. 6,000	Casual

The teacher is not conversant with the new curriculum (CBC) thus additional training is needed to sharpen her skills.

- ii. The enrolment of the Centre is as shown in the table below

Table 3.0(viii)

Pre-primary 1	13boys	11girls	Total 24 pupils
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Each pupil is charged a tuition fee of Kshs. 200 per Month which is used to cater for wage of the teacher.

- iii. There Centre has only one classroom constructed by the County Government in the Financial Year 2015/2016. There are no sanitary facility in the Centre hence the kids use toilets from the neighborhood.
- iv. The County Government supplied 5 desks to the Centre in the Financial Year 2015/2016 though they were not adequate.
- v. There was no outdoor playing equipment.
- vi. The Centre has a feeding program where the parents are the cooks. The parents have a duty roaster.
- vii. There is inadequate teaching and instructional material as they were only supplied by county government in the calendar year 2018.
- viii. There is no water tank to tap rain water neither pipe water in the Centre despite the building being well roofed with quality iron sheets.

e) MAKUENI ECDE CENTRE

The Centre is located in Athi Ward in Kitui South Sub County.

Committee observations and findings

The committee established that;-

- i. The Centre has two ECDE teachers both employed by County Government as captured in the table below;

Table 3.0(ix)

Name	Qualification	Salary/Wages	Terms of employment
Ms. Ruth Wambua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Proficiency • KCPE 	Kshs. 7,400	Casual
Ms. Esther Nyamai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Certificate • KCPE 	Kshs. 7,400	Casual

The teachers were not conversant with the new curriculum (CBC) and attended a workshop only once thus additional training is needed to sharpen their skills.

- ii. The enrolment of the Centre is as shown in the table below;

Table 3.0(x)

Pre-primary 1	6boys	4girls	Total 10 pupils
Pre-primary 1	3boys	7girls	Total 10 pupils

- iii. The Centre has no classroom constructed by the County Government and they use the primary school dormitory partitioned into two classrooms. There are no sanitary facility in the Centre hence the kids use toilets from the neighborhood.
- iv. The County Government has never supplied the facility with furniture and fittings.
- v. There are no outdoor playing equipment.
- vi. The Centre has no feeding program thus the pupils only carry food from home. Further there is no water tank to tap rain water neither pipe water in the Centre
- vii. There is inadequate teaching and instructional material as they were only supplied by county government in the calendar year 2019.

f) SYOMBUKU ECDE CENTRE.

The Centre is located in Nzambani Ward in Kitui East Sub County.

Committee observations and findings

The committee established that;

- i. The Centre has three ECDE teachers both employed by County Government and whose details are as outlined in the table below;

Table 3.0(xi)

Name	Qualification	Salary/Wages	Terms of employment
Ms. Ann Mumbé Muthui.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECDE Diploma• KSCE	Kshs. 12,000	Casual
Ms. Florence Kisavi.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECDE Diploma• KCSE	Ksh. 12,000	Casual
Ms. Ann Muthami	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECDE Diploma• KCSE	Ksh. 12,000	Casual

The teachers were not conversant with the new curriculum (CBC) and attended a workshop only once thus additional training is needed to sharpen their skills.

- ii. The enrolment of the Centre is as shown in the table below

Table 3.0(xii)

Pre-primary 1	3boys	1girls	Total 4 pupils
Pre-primary 2	10 boys	8girls	Total 18 pupils

- iii. The Centre has only classroom constructed by the County Government. There are no sanitary facility in the Centre hence the kids share the toilets with primary school kids.
- iv. The County Government only supplied 5 desks in the Financial Year 2015/2016.
- v. There was no outdoor playing equipment nor a feeding program thus the pupils carry food from home.

- vi. There are insufficient teaching and instructional material as they were only supplied by county government in the calendar year 2019.
- vii. The water tank delivered by the county was faulty thus needs to be replaced.

g) MUTITU ECDE CENTRE

The Centre is located in Mutitu/Kaliku Ward in Kitui East Sub County.

Committee observations and findings

The committee established that;-

- i. The Centre has only one ECDE teacher employed by County Government as captured in the table below;

Table 3.0(xiii)

Name	Qualification	Salary/Wages	Terms of employment
Ndutu Velesi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Certificate • KCPE 	Kshs. 9,780	Casual engaged by County Government

The teacher is not conversant with the new curriculum (CBC) and attended a workshop only once. The teacher needed additional training to sharpen her skills.

- ii. The enrolment of the Centre is as shown in the table below

Table 3.0(xiv)

Pre-primary 1	21boys	20girls	Total 41 pupils
Pre-primary 2	10 boys	29girls	Total 39 pupils

- iii. The Centre has only classroom constructed by the County Government in 2014/2015. There are no sanitary facility in the Centre hence the kids share the toilets with primary school kids.
- iv. The County Government supplied only 7 desks to the Centre while the rest were purchased by the parents at a cost of Kshs. 250 per kid.
- v. There is no outdoor playing equipment.
- vi. Parents contribute Kshs. 200 for feeding program.
- vii. There is no enough teaching and instructional material as they were only supplied by county government in the calendar year 2019.

- viii. The Centre uses rain water harvested and stored in a water tank supplied by the County Government of Kitui.

h) MUUMBONI ECDE CENTRE

The Centre is located in Kyome/Thaana Ward in Mwingi West Sub County.

Committee observations and findings.

The committee established that

- i. The Centre has two ECDE teachers one employed by County Government and the other one by the parents as outlined in the table below;

Table 3.0(xv)

Name	Qualification	Salary/Wages	Terms of employment
1. Ms. Beatrice Mwende Ngula	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Certificate • KCPE 	Kshs. 9,780	Casual engaged by County Government
2. Ms. Ann Kilingisu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Certificate • KCPE 	Kshs. 6,000	Employed by the parents.

The teachers are not conversant with the new curriculum (CBC) and did not attend any workshop on the new curriculum.

- ii. The enrolment of the Centre is as shown in the table below

Table 3.0(xvi)

Pre-primary 1	5 boys	4 girls	Total 9 pupils
Pre-primary 2	7 boys	3 girls	Total 10pupils

- iii. The Centre has no classroom constructed by the County Government. There are no sanitary facilities in the Centre hence the kids share the toilets with primary school kids.
- iv. The Committee noted that the County Government supplied only 7 desks to the Centre in Financial Year 2015/2016.
- v. The Committee established that there was no outdoor playing equipment.

- vi. There is no feeding program in the facility.
- vii. There is insufficient teaching and instructional material as they were only supplied by county government in the calendar year 2018.
- viii. The County Government has not installed a tank to harvest rain water for use in the facility.

i) KASEVI ECDE CENTRE

The Centre is located in Kivou Ward in Mwingi Central Sub County.

Committee observations and findings

The committee established that;

- i. The Centre has three ECDE teachers two employed by the County Government and the other one by the parents as outlined in the table below;

Table 3.0(xvii)

Name	Qualification	Salary/Wages	Terms of employment
Ms. Elizabeth Kavula Muthui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Diploma • KCSE 	Kshs. 11,810.00	Casual
Ms. Joyce Katheru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Certificate • KCSE 	Kshs. 9,780.00	Casual
Ms. Mary Syonthe Muthui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Diploma • KCSE 	Kshs. 5,000.00	Casual engaged by the parents.

Further the committee noted that the teachers are not adequate based on the huge population in the Centre. The teachers are also not conversant with the new curriculum (CBC) as they were only trained once thus additional training is needed to sharpen their skills.

- ii. The enrolment of the Centre is as shown in the table below

Table 3.0(xviii)

Pre-primary 1	11 boys	11 girls	Total 22 pupils
Pre-primary 2	30 boys	19 girls	Total 49 pupils

- iii. The pupils pays tuition fee of Kshs. 300 per term.

- iv. The Centre has no classroom constructed by the County Government.
- v. The Centre has no sanitary facility thus pupils use ones for the primary school.
- vi. The furniture and fittings were few and they were purchased by the parents.
- vii. There is inadequate outdoor playing equipment.
- viii. There is no feeding program in the Centre and pupils carry food from home.
- ix. The Committee further noted that there is not enough teaching and instructional material as they were only supplied by County Government in the calendar year 2019.
- x. The ECDE has no representative in the Board of Management of the feeder school.
- xi. There is no clear policy on ECDE administration.

j) NYAMANZEI ECDE CENTRE.

The Centre is located in Mumoni Ward in Mwingi North Sub County.

Committee observations and findings.

The committee established that;

- i. The Centre has only one ECDE teacher employed by the County Government and her personal details are as outlined in the table below;

Table 3.0(xvix)

Name	Qualification	Salary/Wages	Terms of employment
Ms. Agnes Mwendwa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Certificate • KCSE 	Kshs. 8,400.00	Casual

The teacher is not competent in the new curriculum (CBC) as she was not trained.

- ii. The enrolment of the Centre is as shown in the table below

Table 3.0(xx)

Pre-primary 1	9 boys	4 girls	Total 13 pupils
Pre-primary 2	4 boys	6 girls	Total 10 pupils

- iii. The Centre has no classroom constructed by the County Government.

- iv. The centre has no sanitary facility thus pupils use one from the primary school.
- v. The furniture and fittings were few and they were purchased by the parents.
- vi. There is no outdoor playing equipment.
- vii. There is no feeding program in the centre and pupils carry food from home.
- viii. The Committee further noted that there is not enough teaching and instructional material as they were only supplied by County Government in the calendar year 2019.
- ix. The ECDE has a representative in the Parent Teachers Association and not in Board of Management of the feeder school.
- x. There is no clear policy on ECDE administration.

k) MBANGWANI ECDE CENTRE

The Centre is located in Mumoni Ward in the Mwingi North Sub County.

Committee observations and findings.

The committee established that;

- i. The Centre has two ECDE teachers one employed by the County Government and the other one by the parents. Their personal details are as outlined in the table below;

Table 3.0(xx)

Name	Qualification	Salary/Wages	Terms of employment
Ms. Christine Muthangya.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Diploma • KCSE 	Kshs. 11,080.00	Casual
Mr. Job Mulandi Musili	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Diploma • KCSE 	Kshs.5,000.00	Casual engaged by the parents.

The teachers are not conversant with the new curriculum (CBC) as they were not trained.

- ii. The enrolment of the Centre is as shown in the table below

Table 3.0(xxii)

Pre-primary 1	6 boys	7 girls	Total 13 pupils
Pre-primary 2	17 boys	11 girls	Total 27 pupils

- iii. The Center has no sanitary facility neither a classroom constructed by the County Government thus pupils use ones from the primary school.
- iv. The furniture and fittings were few and they were purchased by the parents.
- v. There is no outdoor playing equipment.
- vi. There is no feeding program in the Centre and pupils carry food from home.
- vii. The Committee further noted that there is not enough teaching and instructional material as they were only supplied by County Government in the calendar year 2019.
- viii. The ECDE has no representative in Board of Management of the feeder school.
- ix. There is no clear policy on ECDE administration.

1) THANGANI ECDE CENTRE

The Centre is located in Tharaka Ward in the Mwingi North Sub County.

Committee observations and findings

The committee established that;

- i. The Centre has two ECDE teachers one employed by the County Government and the other one by the parents as outlined in the table below;

Table 3.0(xxii)

Name	Qualification	Salary/Wages	Terms of employment
Ms. Lenah Ndumba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Certificate • KCPE 	Kshs. 9,500.00	Casual engaged by County Government.
Ms. Lucy Rura.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDE Certificate • KCPE 	Kshs.5,000.00	Casual engaged by the parents.

The teachers are not conversant with the new curriculum (CBC) as they were not trained.

ii. The enrolment of the Centre is as shown in the table below

Table 3.0(xxiii)

Pre-primary 1	6 boys	7 girls	Total 13 pupils
Pre-primary 2	17 boys	11 girls	Total 27 pupils

- iii. The Center has no sanitary facility neither a classroom constructed by the County Government thus pupils use one from the primary school.
- iv. The furniture and fittings were few and they were purchased by the parents.
- v. There is no outdoor playing equipment.
- vi. There is no feeding program in the Centre and pupils carry food from home.
- vii. The Committee further noted that there is not enough teaching and instructional material as they were only supplied by County Government in the calendar year 2019.
- viii. The ECDE has no representative in the Board of Management of the feeder school.
- ix. There is no clear policy on ECDE administration.

CHAPTER FOUR

4.0 COMMITTEE GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS

1. The committee established that several ECDE projects (classrooms, sanitary facilities, playing equipment's among others) across the county had stalled as implementation of the projects had fallen behind schedule. There was also public outcry on non-completion of the classrooms on time owing to underfunding as well as lack of capacity by the contractors awarded the job/contract.
2. The committee noted that there was serious underfunding and the ceiling for the Ministry is too low and the trend has been on the decline for the past financial budgets estimate thus unable to fund critical projects and programs under the sector.
3. There is poor coordination on supervision, monitoring and quality assurance standards programs between the ECDE teachers and the County Ministry of Education. There is a national policy on ECDE administration and management, however, there isn't a county policy on the same.
4. The committee noted a serious under staffing in the ECDE centers. Further, it was established that many centers are being run by teachers without the required minimum qualifications which raise queries on their capacity and competence to impart relevant knowledge and skills to the concerned pupils.
5. The committee noted that ECDE teachers are not fully conversant with the new Competence Based Curriculum as they were not properly and adequately inducted while others were not trained at all after the curriculum was adopted.
6. The Committee also established that most ECD centres are not equipped and furnished and lacked basic teaching and instructional aids.
7. The committee noted that there was no feeding program in the ECDE Centers. Pupils usually carry food from home while in some centers parents contribute some amount to cater for the program.
8. The committee noted that many of the ECDE centres had no sanitary facilities. For instance, at Ituluu ECDE Centre in Ikanga/ Kyatune Ward the kids uses toilets from the neighborhood homesteads and bushes.

9. The committee noted that the County Government is putting a lot of attention and emphasizes on educational functions such as the pro-poor support programme, infrastructure of secondary school projects which are not devolved at the expense of devolved function.

CHAPTER FIVE

5.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

i. **Physical Infrastructure**

- a) A standard ECDE center has 2 classrooms, a food store, toilets for girls, boys and for teachers, a kitchen, water tank and playfield with outdoor play equipment and talking walls.
- b) The committee recommends that the County Ministry of Basic Education, Training and Skills Development complies with Early Childhood Service Standards guidelines when constructing ECDE classrooms, provision of water and toilets. Further the ministry should upgrade the existing ECDE classrooms into complete ECDE Centers with the following facilities included within the establishments; -
 - a) Office
 - b) Kitchen
 - c) Toilets
 - d) Water tanks
 - e) Playing grounds and out –door playing equipment's.
 - f) Sleeping mats.
 - g) Talking walls.
- c) Further the Committee recommends completion and operationalization of all stalled ECDEs projects (classrooms, sanitary facilities among others) which had fallen behind schedule.
- d) All the ECDEs Centers should be fully equipped with child appropriate furniture and fittings. Teaching and instructional materials should be supplied to the facilities in a timely manner. The premises and equipment must be safe for young children, clean and well maintained. Children must have enough space to move around freely and explore the environment in safety. The premises should be bright and welcoming to children and also accessible to children with disabilities.

ii. **Feeding Program**

- a) The national pre-primary Education Policy Standards Guidelines (2018 pg. no.3) requires that pre-primary schools provide children with a mid-morning meal (snacks, enriched porridge or milk) during the 10.00 am break.

- b) The committee recommends that the County Government sets aside funds in its annual budget to implement feeding program in all the ECDE Centers in the County as evidenced in other Counties such as Kwale, Kilifi and Kisumu. This will aid in maintaining the retention level thus boost the transition from pre-primary to Grade One.

iii. Establishment of a Policy on ECDE Administration and management

- a) Administrative systems and procedures must be in place to ensure the efficient management of the facility and its activities.
- b) The Committee recommends establishment and implementation of an Act on ECDE and Child Welfare in the county, documenting methodology on registration, management, monitoring, evaluation, reporting channel and safety measures to safeguard pupil's welfare while in these learning institutions.
- c) Further the established Act should recommend for establishment of a fully equipped ECDE Resource Centre with skilled manpower to aid in fast tracking and efficient implementation of the ECDE curriculum in all ECDE Centers in the County.

iv. Establishing a Quality Assurance and Standard unit.

- a) The committee recommends the Ministry to establish a Quality Assurance and Standard unit to deal with standards, quality supervision, monitoring and evaluation of ECDE curriculum and employ ECDE Centre managers to manage ECDE Centers separate from primary schools.

v. Employment and Training of ECDE Teachers.

- a) The County has 2,156 ECDE teachers in its payroll, out of which only 1,195 are trained/qualified and registered with TSC. In addition of the 1,874 County run ECDE centers, 334 do not have a single County ECDE teacher. They rely on poorly paid and unqualified casuals engaged by parents.
- b) The Committee therefore recommends that the County Ministry of Education to increase ECDE teachers to 3,748 for each ECDE center to have two ECDE

Teachers, one for PP1 and the other one for PP2 employed on permanent and pensionable terms.

- c) Further the teachers must be trained and must receive ongoing training in early childhood development and the management of programmes and facilities for young children. There should be also continuous in-service training to ECDE teachers as well as establishment of a comprehensive scheme of service.

vi. Comprehensive Need Assessment Audit

- a) The County Ministry of Education, ICT and Youth Development should undertake a comprehensive need assessment through carrying out a baseline survey to assess the current need situation as well as carry out feasibility studies in all wards in order to establish the specific needs it should address. This will lead to the development of a sectoral strategic plan, development of data bank on ECDE Centers, and also access rate as well as transition rates for the sector.

vii. Implementation of Capitation to children enrolled in ECDE Centres

- a) The committee recommends that the county government implements provision of capitation grants at KSh 1,020 per child enrolled in public ECDE centres as set out in the 2nd Medium Term Plan (2013-2017). This will ensure that ECDE children are not being charged levies and will be in line with the free and compulsory education policy in public schools

PHOTO ANNEX - I



Photo 1.0: Committee Members and pupils at Makueni ECDE Centre in Athi Ward.

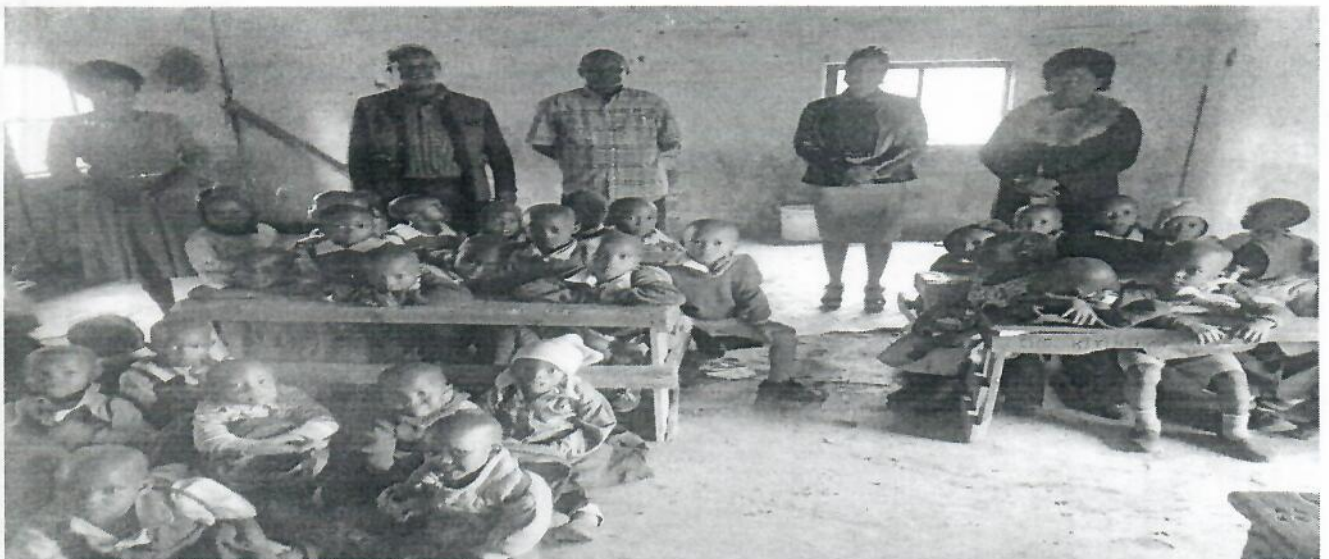


Photo 2.0: Committee Members, ECDE Teachers and Kids at Kauwi Primary School in Kauwi Ward.

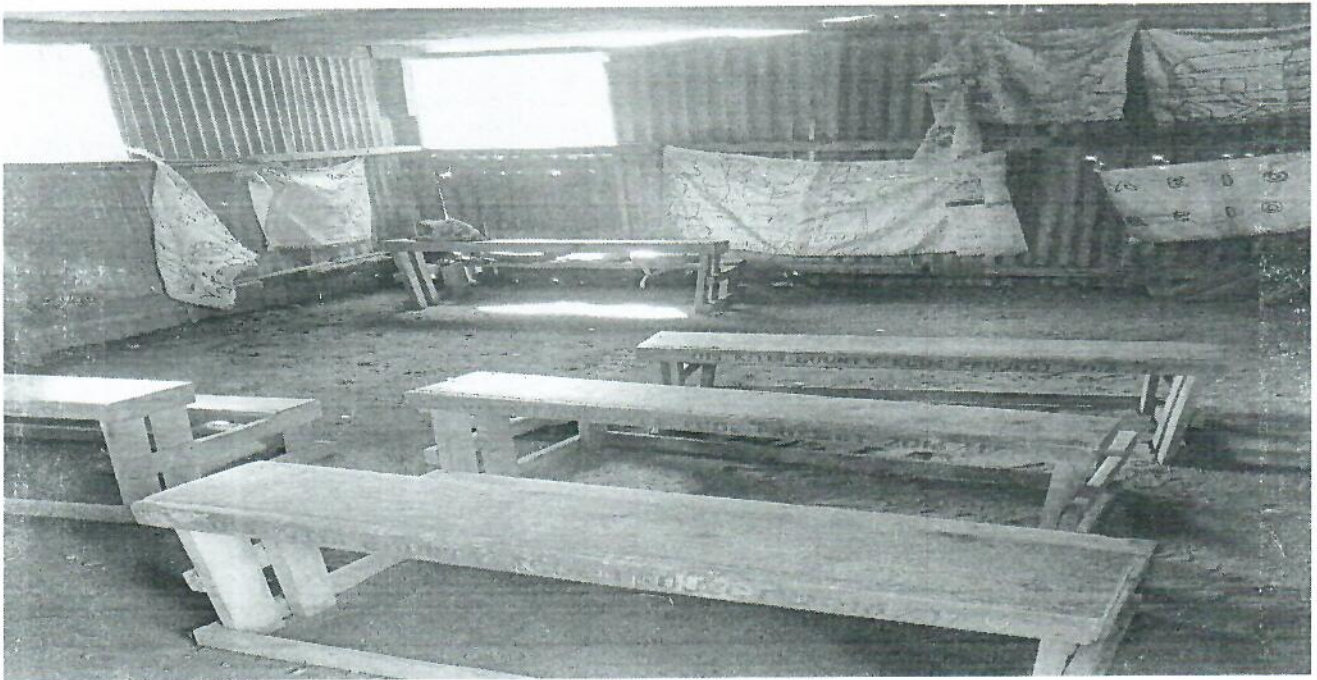

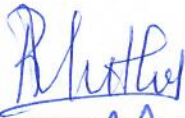




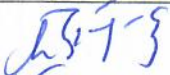



Photo 3.0: Muumboni ECDE Mabati Classroom in Kyome Thaana Ward.



Photo 4.0: Members of the Committee, teachers and kids standing next to a pit latrine at Ituluu ECDE Centre in Ikanga/ Kyatune Ward

We, Honorable Members of the Basic Education, Training and Skills Development Committee, do hereby append our signatures to affirm our approval and confirm accuracy, validity and authenticity of this report.

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