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SECOND ASSEMBLY- (FOURTH SESSION)

ASSEMBLY SECTORAL COMMITTEES' REPORT ON

THE COUNTY INSPECTION TOUR ON PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI AND SERVICE DELIVERY ACROSS THE COUNTY CARRIED OUT BETWEEN 25TH JANUARY- 30TH JANUARY, 2021.

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1.0 BACKGROUND Mr. Speaker Sir,

As you are aware, Article 185(3) of the Constitution gives the County Assembly the power to exercise oversight over the county executive committee and any other county executive organs.

This role is further entrenched into our Standing Orders No. 190 (5) (b) which provides that;

'Each Sectoral Committee shall study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation'

For this reason, the leadership of the Assembly held a consultative meeting with the Liaison committee in order to discuss the ways in which the County Assembly committees can effectively exercise their oversight mandate.

They resolved to conduct an inspection of all county projects implemented during the 2019/2020 financial year and also meet with the communities where the projects were implemented in order to get feedback on the same.

The members came up with an extensive program covering projects in all the 8 sub counties (program is annexed 2). The members of county assembly were divided into 4 groups and each group was assigned two sub counties (Membership to groups attached as annex 3).

The exercise was carried out from 25th to 30th January, 2021 with a view to coming out with a detailed report to be tabled in this honorable house for adoption and thereafter forwarded to the county executive for implementation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Mr. Speaker,

This report was made possible by the selfless commitment of numerous individuals who contributed expertise and diverse human resource to see this assignment comes to fruition. Without their invaluable input, this publication would have been ineffectual.

Mr. Speaker,

I also express reflective gratitude to the members of county assembly for their commitment and dedication to the cause. I also thank the secretariat for their technical support in the entire exercise. It is through their enthusiasm, tireless hard work and commitment that we credit the accomplishment of this very imperative mission.

Mr. Speaker,

Finally, Special mention must go to Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk for the facilitation accorded to all members in the fulfilment of their oversight mandate.

Thank You,

HON. PETER M. KILONZO

DESIGNATED CHAIRPERSON -MAJORITY PARTY LEADER.

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DATE: 11-02-2021

2.0 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SANITATION

2.0.1 GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Mr. Speaker Sir, Members made the following observations;

- i. There is an acute shortage of pharmaceutical and nonpharmaceutical supplies in all health facilities.
- ii. The health facilities are not adequately and sufficiently prepared in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic as currently there are no sufficient PPEs, Isolation centers and ICU facilities.
- iii. Health staff have not been adequately trained on handling COVID-19 patients; this leaves them vulnerable to infection by the deadly virus.
- iv. There are many stalled health projects which require completion before news ones are initiated.
- v. There's serious underfunding of health facilities in the region which denies them the ability to operate at their optimal level.
- vi. Delayed payments to the Health staff and casuals working in the health facilities has led to demoralization leading to poor service delivery.
- vii. Majority of the Health facilities across the County have no fences leaving them insecure.
- viii. The Kitui and Mwingi Level IV hospitals have inadequate equipment and staff in the ICU departments.
- ix. Most Health facilities lack the legal ownership documents for their land such as the tittle deeds hence risk losing land to private developers.
- x. Most of the Health Facilities lack modern incinerators for Waste disposal.

2.0.2 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Members made the following recommendations;

 The County Ministry of Health and Sanitation should ensure timely and adequate supplies for both pharmaceutical and nonpharmaceutical products in all health facilities to avoid stock outs.

- ii. Sufficient PPEs, isolation centers and ICU facilities, should urgently be availed in hospitals and health centers to effectively aid in fight against the pandemic, this should be coupled with staff training.
- iii. The County Government of Kitui should give first priority to the stalled health projects before initiating new ones to avoid wastage of public funds.
- iv. The County Ministry of Health and Sanitation should ensure timely and adequate funding to all health facilities.
- v. That the County Ministry on Health and Sanitation should employ more staff, paying special attention to mortuary, nursing, administration, ICU and support staff and further ensure that they are properly renumerated and paid on time.
- vi. That back up sources of power be provided for, in all health facilities and morgues.
- vii. That all maternity wings and theaters in the health facilities be connected to water supply and oxygen for their operationalization and further ensure that there is proper drainage.
- viii. The County ministry of Health in conjunction with the ministry of lands should move with speed to ensure that land owned by Health facilities is surveyed and tittle deeds issued as a prove of legal ownership of their land.
- ix. The County Ministry of Health and Sanitation should come up with a sound policy framework to guide the utilization of ambulances across the County.
- x. The County Ministry of Health and Sanitation should construct modern incinerators in all Health facilities for proper waste disposal.

3.0 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WATER AND IRRIGATION 3.0.1 GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- There has been no involvement of the local community in the process of project implementation which has led to contractors vacating the site without having properly completed and handed over the projects.
- ii. There is poor workmanship in almost all the water projects visited by the team's leading to loss of value for money to the community.
- iii. In all projects visited by the teams there was no well-structured project supervision which has led to contractors being paid without having completed the work.
- iv. In all the projects visited by the teams, it was observed that diesel water pumps were uneconomical and difficult to manage.

3.0.2 GENERAL RECCOMMEDATIONS

- i. The County Government should ensure that the local community is fully involved in project identification, implementation and handing over once completed to ensure value for money is realized.
- ii. Proper project supervision and approval for payment should be ensured to eliminate chances of poor workmanship and contractors leaving unfinished projects. This should involve the village and ward administrators and the technical staff.
- iii. The contractors who undertook the Kamulewa borehole in Mui ward, Kaungu Water dam and Katiliku mega dam in Nuu ward should be recalled to rectify and complete their works failure to which, they should be blacklisted and never be awarded any future contracts by the Kitui County Government.
- iv. The County Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Livestock Development should consider replacing all the diesel water pumps with Solar panels to cut down running and maintenance cost.
- v. The County Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Livestock Development should develop to guide on water resources management issues including maintenance, rehabilitation, pricing of water across the County among other challenges facing the water systems.

vi. That once land is donated and or leased or bought for purposes of sinking a borehole or even constructing a water facility, proper documentation in terms of land ownership be ensured and apt compensation done.

4.0 BASIC EDUCATION, I.C.T AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT 4.0.1 GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Mr. Speaker Sir, Members made the following observations;

- (i.) There is an acute shortage of infrastructure to ensure social distancing in the vocational training centers, this leaves the staff and trainees exposed to the deadly virus.
 - ii. There has been no adequate training/ sensitization to the administration on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the vocational centers.
 - The county government has not supplied any PPEs nor sanitizers or hand washing equipment to the vocational centers leaving them prone to infection.
 - iv. The County Government has not taken care of the trainee's welfare at KIYOSEC as far as daily commuting and upkeep expenses is concerned.
 - v. Most Polytechnics lack the legal ownership documents for the land they occupy such as the tittle deeds.

It was observed that majority of the trainees and employees at KIYOSEC currently hail from Kitui Central Sub County leaving other Sub Counties disadvantaged.

4.0.2 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- The County Government should move swiftly to provide sufficient infrastructure to enhance social distancing all vocational training centers.
- ii. The County Ministry of Health and Sanitation should carry out sensitization/training to institution managements on tackling

COVID-19 and also supply sufficient PPEs, sanitizers and hand washing equipment.

iii. The County Ministry of Education in conjunction with the ministry of lands should move with speed to ensure that land occupied by polytechnics have been surveyed and tittle deeds issued as a prove of legal ownership of the land.

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The County Ministry of Education should allocate equitable quotas to all the Sub counties in the subsequent intakes for KIYOSEC.

5.0 LANDS INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

5.0.1 GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Mr. Speaker Sir, Members made the following observations;

- There has been little involvement of the local community in the process of project implementation which has led to contractors vacating the site without having properly completed and handed over the projects.
- There is poor workmanship in almost all the projects visited by the team's leading to loss of value for money to the community.
- In some of the projects visited by the teams, there was good workmanship exhibited for instance Musuani Secondary school Road to Ndaluni Market in Kyome/ Thaana Ward. However, some of the projects visited, there was no well-structured project supervision which has led to contractors being paid without having completed the work.

5.0.2 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- The County Government should ensure that the local community is fully involved in project identification, implementation and handing over once completed to ensure value for money is realized.
- ii. Proper project supervision and approval for payment should be ensured to eliminate chances of poor workmanship and contractors

- leaving unfinished projects. This should involve the village, ward administrators and the technical staff.
- iii. The County Government should always uphold Contractors who exhibit proper workmanship and recommend them for such projects, while those who exhibit poor workmanship should be blacklisted and legal action meted on them.

6.0 THE COUNTY TREASURY

6.0.1 GENEGAL OBSERVATIONS

- Most Cess points Lack roadblock metallic spikes; this has led to many vehicles passing without paying the required levies as resulting to low daily revenue collection.
- ii. Most Cess points across the County are understaffed thus compromising efficiency in revenue collection.
- iii. Most Cess point across the County have no decent offices, sanitation facilities and lack electricity power hence making operations difficult especially during the night.
- iv. Some Cess points such as Mutua-ngombe, Kyandula and Mutomo Bus Park were not allocated armed security personnel. This made it difficult for the revenue staff to stop traffic to enable revenue collection and compliance by all vehicles.
- v. All the Cess points across the County are using the 2019 Finance Act since no new one has been enacted which might not be responsive to the current economic trends.
- vi. Most of the revenue officers have operated on a casual basis for more than six months, coupled with delayed payment of salaries and allowances.
- vii. The County Government has not put in place stringent measures to ensure checks and balances on possible revenue loss through none issuance of automated receipts.
- viii. The Cess operations are affected by political interferences and senior County Government staff from the revenue department which contravene the revenue collection.

- ix. After the Cess is collected revenue officers stay with the cash which is banked after one week by the Divisional Revenue Assistants.
- x. Some of the cess points have inadequate parking space such as Mutomo Bus Park.

6.0.2 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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- All cess points should meet the bare minimums for instance with roadblock metallic spikes, secure offices, sufficient revenue staff and at least two armed security officers to ensure effective revenue collection.
- ii. The County Government of Kitui should integrate e-government technology with a view to increasing efficiency, as more clients will be able to access more services without necessarily going to government premises thus boosting revenue collection.
- iii. The County Government of Kitui should create of local revenue directorate department of enforcement to safeguard collections, minimize political interference and seal any chances of revenue loss through noncompliance by traders and revenue staff.
- iv. The County Government of Kitui should ensure that citizens are provided with convenient and secure payment options for different services provided; not limited to Pay bill, Till numbers e.t.c
- v. That there be speedy enactment of the Finance BillS and further that the House through the Committees on Finance and Planning and that of Implementation do follow ups the said matter.
 - That there is need to expand the cess collection booths/offices through making them permanent and spacious to give revenue clerks enough space and comfort for work and installation of key working tools including computers, electricity, CCTV Cameras, saves for keeping vital documents and security equipment storage compartments. Further improve on their living conditions at the cess points via ensuring proper housing provision.
- vii. That the county ensures that the problem of inexperienced and unqualified personnel is minimized by way of exposing staff to

- training facilities and opportunities (continuous capacity building) to enhance their ability and experience in revenue collection and accountability.
- viii. That the county government ensures that staff salaries and allowances are paid on time.

7.0 MINISTRY OF TRADE AND COOPERATIVES

7.0.1 GENEGAL OBSERVATIONS

- i. Most of the Stock sales yards across the County are not fenced hence making it difficult for the revenue collection to be efficient.
- ii. Most of the Stock sales yards across the County do not have automated revenue machines and Utility Vehicles.
- iii. Some completed slaughter houses such as Kabati slaughter house have not been handed over to the County government for utilization since the contractors have not been paid their dues.
- iv. The Kanyoonyoo Sand bank seemed to have been poorly planned and managed. It was deserted and there was no activity going on. For instance there are no offices, the Yard uses a generator when there is electricity power around the Yard and some infrastructure needed repair.
- v. The Kiusyani stone crusher is likely to be faced with shortage of raw materials as the surface stones have been depleted. The crusher is also affected by occasional power black outs as there is no power back up coupled with water shortage.
- vi. The Kiusyani stone crusher project was initiated without a feasibility study, consequently leading to uncontrolled environmental pollution which has led to denial of the NEMA license.
- vii. Moving forward, the Kiusyani stone crusher, may face challenges due to lack of requisite equipment/ Machinery and technical staff.
- viii. The Kiusyani stone crusher project is likely to be faced with challenges on land issues as the lease terms are not clear and the management and community expectations are not well spelt out.

7.0.2 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Members made the following recommendations;

- The County Ministry of Trade and Cooperative should ensure that all Stock Sales Markets are fenced to ensure efficient revenue collection.
- ii. The County Ministry of Trade and Cooperative should insure that they provide utility vehicles and automated revenue machines to ensure efficient revenue collection.
- iii. The County Ministry of Trade and Cooperative should fast-track payment to the contractor and handing over of the Kabati Slaughter House for utilization.
- iv. The County Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives should ensure full operationalization of the Kanyoonyoo sand bank in order to realize its intended purposes.
- v. The County Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives should ensure that adequate machinery, houses, service vans and staff are employed and adequate water supply ensured at Kyusyani stone crusher..
- vi. The County Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives in conjunction with the Ministry of Environment should urgently address environmental pollution and degradation at the Kyusyani Stone Crusher to pave way issuance of the NEMA license.
- vii. The County Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives should ensure that the lease terms are clearly stated at the Kyusyani Stone Crusher and full community awareness addressing the benefits and expectations of the Community is carried out.

8.0 MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES 8.0.1 GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- Most of the Market Solar Floodlights have been vandalized hence not functional while Street lights have stopped working due to lack of maintenance and failure to pay electricity bills.
- ii. There is no proper policy framework to guide on sand harvesting which is a locally available raw material for revenue generation.

Uncontrolled charcoal burning has adversely affected the environment especially the biodiversity in parts of Ikutha, Mutha Kanziko and the Kitui South National Reserve. This has led to massive animal immigration into human settlements.

- iv. Mining iron ore along Tiva River, Mutulu and Timboni is done by individuals and self-help groups. However there is no ready market for the resource which leads to exploitation by middle men.
- v. At Kiromboko, sand harvesting is done by a single investor who pays cess directly to the County government while other harvesters are denied access to the sand site.
- vi. The Cess levies for sand harvesting in Kitui County is considerably higher as compared to the neighboring Counties. This discourages traders from engaging in sand activities across the County hence loss of revenue.
- vii. The road infrastructure leading to mining sites are in deplorable condition making it difficult to access the sites.

8.0.2 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

- i. The County Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources should ensure that vandalized floodlights and street lights are well maintained and prompt payment of electricity bill. This should be coupled with the development of a maintenance policy.
- ii. The County Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources should consider developing sound policy Frameworks for Charcoal burning and Sand Harvesting and Lift bans which seem not to be implementable.
- iii. The County Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources through the County Treasury should consider reviewing the Sand cess rates and open Kiromboko to other sand traders for maximum revenue generation.
- iv. The County Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources through the Ministry of Lands, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development should improve on the Communication infrastructure (Road networks) leading to all mining zones.

- v. The County Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources should ensure that there is an available and ready market for all minerals found and mined in the county. This will help root out Cartels and exploitation by middle men. It's further recommended that County Officials involved in the Charcoal and Sand business be subjected to disciplinary procedures.
- vi. The County Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources should empower the local communities in the mining zones by way of training them on the best mining methods with a view to ensuring their wellbeing and security.

9.0 MINISTRY OF TOURISM, CULTURE SOCIAL SERVICES. 9.0.1 GENERAL OBERSVATIONS.

- i. The Kitui South and Kora Game Reserves are not fenced hence leading to human animal conflict.
- ii. People attacked, crops destroyed and livestock killed by wild animals around the reserves have never been compensated.
- iii. The Kanziko and Kasaala gates in the Tsavo East National park are not operational hence leading to loss of revenue to the County Government.
- iv. Although the Mutomo Snake Park/ Mutomo Plant Sanctuary was properly planned, it has never been operationalization. The park is deserted, bushy and abandoned as a result of negligence
- No revenue is being generated from the Mutomo snake park, despite the project having been identified as source of revenue in budgetary planning.
- vi. Supervision and management of the construction of the Mutomo Snake park and Plant Sanctuary is done from the headquarters (Kitui) by Ministry of Tourism and Culture which has led to slow implementation of the project.

9.0.2 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker Sir, Members made the following recommendations;

- The Ministry of Tourism and Culture should consider fencing the Kitui South and Kora game reserves to prevent wild animals from straying into farm land and peoples homestead.
- ii. The Ministry of Tourism and Culture in conjunction with the Kenya Wildlife Service should fast track compensation for person injured/killed and property destroyed by stray wild animals.
- iii. The Ministry of Tourism and Culture should consider deploying revenue officers at the Game reserve gates in Kasaala and Kanziko to enhance revenue collection.
- iv. The Ministry of Tourism should fast track the operationalization of both the Mutomo Snake park and Plant Sanctuary by away of deploying adequate personnel to ensure proper labeling and revenue collection.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, as enriched in Article 185 (5) of the Constitution, there is serious need for the Honorable House to continue undertaking proper and timely oversight in order to ensure proper utilization of public funds with a view to ensure the Kitui Citizenry receive value for their money.

Finally, in the future the administration of the Assembly should make prior arrangements with the Executive arm to have the technical staff accompanying the members of Assembly during the inspection exercise in order to respond to technical aspects concerning implementation of County projects. In a nut shell this Honorable house will not relent on her quest to ensure public funds are prudently utilized and value for money is realized.

ANNEX 1- ADOPTION LIST

ANNEX 2 CLUSTERS Group 1

NO.	DAY	SUB COUNTY	PROJECT NAME/AREA
1.	Monday 25 th January, 2021	Mwingi Central and Mwingi North	i. Visit Kanginga Sand Harvesting siteii. Mwingi Level 4 HospitalSleep in Mwingi Town
2.	Tuesday 26 th January, 2021	Mwingi Central and Mwingi North	i. Visit Wikithuki water project in Mumoni ii. Borrow pit in Mumoni Sleep in KyusoTown
3.	Wednesday 27 th January, 2021	Mwingi Central and Mwingi North	i. Visit Gai mining ii. Kyuso hospital morgue Sleep in Tseikuru Town
4.	Thursday 28 th January, 2021	Mwingi Central and Mwingi North	i. Visit Tseikuru Hospital ii. Visit Ngomeni Hospital Sleep in Mwingi Town
5.	Friday 29 th January, 2021	Mwingi Central and Mwingi North	i. Visit Nuu Katiliku mega dam ii. Visit Mui Kamulewa borehole Sleep in Mwingi Town
6.	Saturday 30 th January, 2021	Mwingi Central and Mwingi North	

GROUP 2

NO.	DAY	SUB COUNTY	PROJECT NAME/AREA
1.	Monday 25 th January, 2021	Kitui West and Mwingi West	i. Kabati Slaughter House ii. Kauwi Isolation Centre Sleep In Mwingi Town
2.	Tuesday 26 th January, 2021	Kitui West and Mwingi West	i. Visit Kiromboko Sand harvesting Sleep In Mwingi Town
3.	Wednesday 27 th January, 2021	Kitui West and Mwingi West	i. Visit Nguutani Cess point ii. ECDE classrooms at Nguutan Primary School iii. Street lighting at Kakululo Market Sleep In Mwingi Town
4.	Thursday 28 th January, 2021	Kitui West and Mwingi West	i. Kwa Mbuku Borehole in Thiitan Village ii. Musuani Secondary School road through Miisyani Primary School to Ndaluni Market (Kyome Thaans Ward) Sleep in Mwingi Town
5.	Friday 29 th January, 2021	Kitui West and Mwingi West	 i. Inspect Migwani hospital ii. Inspect Migwani Water project (extension from Kalivui to Migwan Town) Sleep in Mwingi Town
6.	Saturday 30 th January, 2021	Kitui West and Mwingi West	i. Visit Katutu Kyeng'e Pipeline Sleep in Kitui Town

GROUP 3

NO.	DAY	SUB COUNTY	PROJECT NAME/AREA
1.	Monday 25 th January, 2021	Kitui Central and Kitui East	 i. Visit Kitui General Hospital I.C.U ward. ii. Inspect Kaveta Ginnery road Sleep in Zombe town
2.	Tuesday 26 th January, 2021	Kitui Central and Kitui East	i. Inspect Endau Malalani road ii. Inspect Zombe Earth dam Sleep in Zombe town
3.	Wednesday 27 th January, 2021	Kitui Central and Kitui East	i. Inspect Mutito hospital morgue Sleep in Zombe
4.	Thursday 28 th January, 2021	Kitui Central and Kitui East	i. Inspect Voo Sub well ii. Inspect Mutha water pipeline Sleep in Mutha Town
5.	Friday 29 th January, 2021	Kitui Central and Kitui East	Inquire into the Camel menace and human/wildlife conflict in Mutha ward Sleep in Mutomo Town
6.	Saturday 30 th January, 2021	Kitui Central and Kitui East	i. Inspect Ngengi/Kavalula water project in Nzambani ii. Inspect Ndumoni sand harvesting Sleep in Kitui Town

GROUP 4.

NO.	DAY	SUB COUNTY	PROJECT NAME/AREA
1.	Monday 25 th January, 2021	Kitui South and Kitui Rural	iii. Visit Kanyonyoo Sand bar iv. Kanyonyoo Cess Point Sleep in Kitui town
2.	Tuesday 26 th January, 2021	Kitui South and Kitui Rural	iii. Visit Kiusyani Crusher site iv. Kangu Kangu water projec (Kanyangi/Ikutha) Sleep in Ikutha town
3.	Wednesday 27 th January, 2021	Kitui South and Kitui Rural	ii. Inspect Ikutha level 4 hospitaliii. Timboni miningSleep in Ikutha Town
4.	Thursday 28 th January, 2021	Kitui South and Kitui Rural	 iii. Inquire into human/wildlife conflict in Kanziko ward iv. Inquire into the locust invasion in Kanziko ward Sleep in Mutomo Town
5.	Friday 29 th January, 2021	Kitui South and Kitui Rural	 ii. Inspect Mutomo Snake park iii. Inspect 500,000 litres water tank in Mutomo Sleep in Mutomo Town
6.	Saturday 30 th January, 2021	Kitui South and Kitui Rural	iii. Inspect Mutomo Hospital Morgueiv. Inspect Kavisuni/ Tiva water projectSleep in Kitui Town

ANNEX 3- MEMBERSHIP TO GROUPS GROUP 1 MEMBERS (MWINGI NORTH AND MWINGI CENTRAL SUB COUNTIES

- 1. Hon. Nelson Musyoka Chairoerson
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- 3. Hon. Alex Mbili
- 4. Hon. Anastaciah Mutunga
- 5. Hon. Anthony Ndooh
- 6. Hon. Andrew Lusa
- 7. Hon. Boniface Katumo
- 8. Hon. Eunice Katheke
- 9. Hon. Grace Sammy
- 10.Hon. Wangunze Kula
- 11. Hon. Jehoshaphat Nzamba
- 12. Hon. Ruth Kyene
- 13. Hon. Waziri Bakari
- 14. Hon. Josephine Kavivi

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- 6. Hon. David Masaku
- 7. Hon. Kasee Musya
- 8. Hon. James Munuve
- 9. Hon. Peter Kilonzo
- 10. Hon. Florence Singi
- 11. Hon. Anne Mwende
- 12. Hon. Regina Ishmail
- 13. Hon. Nicholas Mwalali

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- 4. Hon. Boniface Kasina
- 5. Hon. Charles Maema
- 6. Hon. Deiys Mukala
- 7. Hon. Eliud Nding'uri
- 8. Hon. Fredrick Nthuri
- 9. Hon. Jacob Kavolonza
- 10.Hon. Jefason Kiruru
- 11. Hon. Johnson Kanandu
- 12.Hon. Kanini Philip
- 13. Hon. Stephen Musili
- 14.Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi
- 15. Hon. Beatrice Velesi Musyoka

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- 2. Hon. Mary Ndumbu Vice Chairperson
- 3. Hon. Musee Mati
- 4. Hon. David Thuvi
- 5. Hon. James Musyoka
- 6. Hon. Jane Mutua
- 7. Hon. Philip Nguli
- 8. Hon. Stephen Katana
- 9. Hon. Sylvester Munyalo
- 10. Hon. Kalunda Ndile
- 11. Hon. Grace Mutua
- 12. Hon. Charity Mwangangi
- 13. Hon. Elizabeth Peter

ANNEX 4 INDIVIDUAL GROUP REPORTS

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

SECOND ASSEMBLY - (FOURTH SESSION),2021

REPORT ON THE INSPECTION OF COUNTY PROJECTS (COUNTY TOUR)

FOR GROUP ONE MEMBERS MWINGI CENTRAL AND NORTH SUB COUNTIES)

25TH - TO 30TH JANUARY 2021

The Clerk's Chamber
County Assembly of Kitui,
Assembly Buildings,
Kitui, Kenya

ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

COVID-19- Corona Virus Disease -2019

ICU - Intensive care Unit

FY- Financial Year

MOH- Ministry of Health

PPE- Personal Protection Equipment

CLIDP- Community level Infrastructure Development Programm

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mr. Speaker Sir,

This report documents activities relating to project inspection exercise in Mwingi Central and North Sub Counties undertaken by a team of members of County Assembly from 25th to 30th January 2021.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Chapter one of the report documents the background, team's mandate objectives, projects visited, composition and acknowledgement.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Chapter two of the report contains the findings and observations of the projects the team visited in Mwingi central and North Sub counties. On each of the sector's project members have highlighted appropriated recommendations on the same.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The last chapter three entails the conclusion of the report.

1.1 BACKGROUND ON THE REPORT

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On behalf of Members of the County Assembly Group One members and pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya, Chapter Eleven, Article 185(3) and the County Governments Act, No 17 of 2012, Sections 8 and 9 respectively, I have the pleasure to present the report on the findings of the inspection of projects in Mwingi Central and North Sub Counties undertaken as from 25th to 30th January 2021.

The purpose of the inspection was to assess level or status of completion of majors projects funded by the County Government. A program was drawn conveniently to cover the entire County. This exercise was undertaken with a view of coming out with a detailed report for tabling in this honorable house.

Mr. Speaker sir,

Members of the group sampled and visited within six days, the following projects;

- a. Mwingi Level 4 Hospital
- b. Visit Cess collection in Mwingi
- c. Kwa Mutio junction-Kawala- Borrow pit road in Mumoni
- d. Kyuso hospital morgue
- e. Visit Kyuso Polytechnic to asses COVID 19 preparedness.
- f. Visit Tseikuru Hospital
- g. Visit Ngomeni Hospital
- h. Assess environmental degradation due to charcoal burning in Ngomeni
- i. Visit Nuu Katiliku mega dam
- j. Visit Mui Kamulewa borehole

- k. Visit Nuu polytechnic
- I. Inspect Nguni Sub well
- m. Nguni Polytechnic to assess COVID -19 preparedness

1.2 Group's Mandate

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The group derives its mandate from the provisions of Article 185 (3) of the Constitution which states that; "A County Assembly, while respecting the principle of separation of powers, may exercise oversight over the county executive committee and any other county executive organ"

1.3 Delegation's Objectives

The main objective of the tour was to familiarize with the majors' project, assess the infrastructural development activities carried out across the county so far. The members were able to do the following:

- a) Assess the infrastructure in place and related needs.
- b) Assess the progress/quality of work done by the contractors with a view to establishing if the taxpayer's money was being spent prudently.
- c) Fulfill the oversight role as enshrined in Article 185 (3) of the Constitution
- d) Find out how the funds were utilized and the value for money

1.4 Composition of the Delegation

Mr. Speaker sir,

The delegation consisted of the thirteen members namely;

1. Hon. Nelson Musyoka Chairperson

2. Hon. Andrew Lusa Member

3. Hon. Anastaciah Mutunga "

4. Hon.	Anthony Ndooh	"
5. Hon.	Boniface Katumo	"
6. Hon.	Eunice Katheke	"
7. Hon.	Grace Sammy	"
8. Hon.	Wangunze Kula	"
9. Hon.	Jehoshaphat Nzamba	"
10.	Hon. Ruth Kyene	"
11.	Hon. Munira Mohammed	"

1.5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. Speaker Sir,

At this juncture, allow me to thank the office of the Speaker and the office of the Clerk of the County Assembly for allowing the group an opportunity to carry out the inspection tour of projects within the county. Further I do thank the Mwingi Central and North Sub County Administrators, Ward and Village Administrators hosting the delegation. Finally, I sincerely express my gratitude to the members of this delegation who for those days have volunteered to work tirelessly towards accomplishing this mission.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the group one delegation table this report for adoption by the Assembly.

SIGNED.
Hon. Nelson M. Kavali
Designated Chairperson, Mwingi Central & North Team.
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2.0 <u>FINDINGS AND OBSERVATION OF MWINGI CENTRAL AND</u> NORTH SUB-COUNTIES INSPECTION REPORT

2.1 COUNTY MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SANITATION MWINGI LEVEL IV HOSPITAL

The Committee visited Mwingi Level IV to assess the general preparedness in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic on the 25th January, 2021. The Committee was informed that as the time of visit, the facility had handled fifty-five (55) positive cases and five hundred and fifty seven (557) contacts traced. The staff who had been assigned to offer services during contact tracing exercise and transportation of samples to KEMRI were yet to be paid any allowances as the facility had not received funds for the same, this has really demoralized the staff and are almost headed for a go slow

General preparedness

The Hospital carried out staff training on tackling the COVID-19 pandemic. This was being done in collaboration with development partners such as Afya Halisi aiming at reaching all health staffs in the larger Mwingi central sub county under the leadership of Dr. Mumo the Sub County MOH.

Isolation rooms/ beds

The Committee was informed that the Hospital had identified an eight (8) bed capacity room to be used for isolation of COVID-19 cases. However, there was nothing much done towards equipping this room due to lack of funds. However, it was noted that in the recent past the facility had received a total of hundred (100) bed meant for the isolation room. The hospital was in the process of assembling them. The committee learnt that the facility had also received a total of three ventilators from the national government and was in the process of installing them.

Ambulances

Due to the nature of the operations during the COVID-19 contact tracing and transportation of patients, the hospital required several ambulances. However, the committee learned that the hospital had not received its share of ambulances from the governor's office.

As at the time of visit, the ambulance meant for Mwingi hospital was still parked at the governor's office and thus the hospital was only using an old ambulance which currently had a breakdown and grounded.

The hospital currently relied on Migwani and Kauwi hospitals' ambulances making it extremely difficult to tackle the pandemic.

The hospital had incurred huge bills as a result of contact tracing amounting to ksh. 4 million worth of fuel which was yet to be reimbursed to the hospital. As a result, patients were required to meet transport costs in case of ambulance services.

Supply of PPEs to health staff

The committee learnt that the hospital was receiving small quantities of PPEs from the county government with the staff only receiving one piece of face mask per day which is insufficient.

As a result of this shortage, the hospital was unable to offer screening services to persons entering the facility at the gate which exposed the entire hospital fraternity to infections.

ICU Beds

The hospital had not installed any ICU beds due to lack funds. The committee learnt that this facility urgently required an ICU unit not necessarily for COVID-19 treatment but also for other general cases as the facility is on the main highway and as a result, it was handling many cases resulting from road accidents occurring on the highway. It was sad to learn that many lives had been lost while undergoing treatment as result of lack of an ICU in the facility.

FUNDING

The committee learnt that the facility had received a total of Kshs. 5,063,000 of which Kshs. 2.1 M was for payment of casuals, 300,000 for fuel, 1.9m for locum staff and 1.6m for COVID-19 related activities. It was observed that this money was not sufficient thus the facility was unable to effectively tackle the pandemic.

PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLIES

The committee learnt the hospital makes quarterly requisitions for drug supplies amounting to Kshs. 16m however, the facility received only a half of its requirements which is too low. This forces the patients to buy some drugs from chemists due to stock outs. As at the time of visit, the facility was experiencing the worst stock out. This situation was being experienced in all other health facilities in Mwingi central sub county as they depend on the sub county drug store in this facility.

STALLED PROJECTS

The committee was informed that there were several stalled projects in the facility including a morgue, medical/ maternity ward, drug store, perimeter wall fencing, equipping of the new outpatient block, equipping of the new surgical wards and renovation of the old outpatient block. In the opinion of the committee these stalled projects be completed first before initiating new ones.

TSEIKURU HOSPITAL

The committee visited the facility on 28th January, 2021 to inspect the theatre department, the pharmacy department and also assess the facility's preparedness towards tackling the COVID-19 Pandemic. On arrival, the team was received by the Medical Superintendent Dr. Muendo.

THE THEATRE UNIT

The committee inspected the facility's theatre unit and observed that it was functional up to the recent past when the sanction machine developed some

mechanical itch as a result of an electric short circuit. All the other theatre machines were in good condition. The committee was informed that the faulty machine required urgent repair to enable the residents continue enjoying the benefits of the theatre unit as the only other facility available was Mwingi level four which is many miles away.

THE PHARMACY

The committee learnt that the facility had a fair supply of drugs which comes from Kyuso Sub county drug store. As at the time of visit the hospital was experiencing a very low turn-up of patients as a result of the staff strike. This facility is strategic in treating the Kalazar patients as the disease was rampant in this region as a result of the presence vectors (sun fly) which transmit the disease. A good number of patients had been successfully treated for the Kalazar disease while a few others were still admitted in the wards.

COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS

The committee learnt that the facility was ensuring that all health protocols were being observed by all persons in the facility by ensuring sufficient hand washing points, checking of temperatures for all persons entering the facility and wearing of face masks by all. The facility has no isolation room nor ICU as no funds have been allocated for the same. Any suspected cases in this area are referred to Kauwi Isolation center.

NGOMENI HEALTH CENTER

The health facility has two clinical officers, three nurses, one laboratory technician, one health records officer and three casuals. Only one staff from this facility had received training on COVID-19 pandemic, this left the others vulnerable while attending to suspected cases. The facility had only received a small amount of face masks and small quantities of hand sanitizers while only one thermo gun had been received so far. The facility was attending to an average of twenty-five (25) patients per day before the start of the health

staff strike but at the time of visit, the facility had no patients at all. The compound looked unkempt and upon inquiry the committee learnt that despite the facility having three casuals, they were really demoralized as a result of delayed payments which sometimes extents up to six months. The facility was faced with serious underfunding.

KYUSO HOSPITAL MORGUE

FY; 2019/2020

Capacity ; 24 bodies

Cost ; Kshs. 31.9 M

Status ; Complete and operational

This is one very crucial facility for the preservation of bodies in the Larger Mwingi North Sub County. The facility was funded by the County Government of Kitui and was completed in 2017. The team established the following;

- a. That the capacity of the facility is twenty-four bodies but currently it only accommodates fifteen bodies. This is as a result of a mechanical breakdown of the cooler which has forced the institution to use formalin for body preservation instead.
- b. All staff strictly adhere to COVID-19 guidelines and protocols through ensuring use of hand sanitizers, wearing gowns, masks and gloves throughout as well as having a minimal contact with the corpses.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Having been able to visit several health facilities in Mwingi central and North Sub counties the team makes the following general observations:

- There is an acute shortage of pharmaceutical and nonpharmaceutical supplies in all health facilities.
- ii. The health facilities are not adequately and sufficiently prepared in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic as currently there no sufficient PPEs, Isolation centers and ICU facilities.

- iii. Health staffs have not been adequately trained on handling COVID-19 patients this leaves vulnerable to infection by the deadly virus.
- iv. There are many health stalled projects which require completion before news ones are initiated.
- v. There's serious underfunding of health facilities in the region which denies them the ability to operate at their optimal level.
- vi. Delayed payments to the casuals working in the health facilities has led to demoralization leading to poor service delivery.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Owing to the above observations the team recommends the following;

- i. The County Ministry of Health and Sanitation should ensure timely and adequate supplies for both pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical products in all health facilities to avoid stock outs.
- ii. Sufficient PPEs, isolation centers and ICU facilities should urgently be availed in hospitals and health centers to effectively aid in fight against pandemic this should coupled with staff training.
- iii. The county Government should give first priority to the stalled health projects before initiating new ones to avoid wastage of public funds.
- iv. The County Ministry of Health and Sanitation should ensure timely and adequate funding to all health facilities.

2.3 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND IRRIGATION NGUNI SUB-WELL

This water project was done in the 2019/2020 FY at a cost of Kshs. 10M the project targets to supply water to all persons living in Nguni town and its environs. The scope of works included construction of a sub well, piping and installation of a solar water pump. The project was handed over to the community upon completion for use and so far twenty-five (25) households have been connected to access water. A committee has been formed to

manage the water project where a 20 litre container of water sells at Kshs. 2.50.

The community voiced the following challenges facing the Nguni Sub well water project:

- The security of the person guarding the solar water pump was at stake as there was no lighting at the site.
- There was no toilet for use at the pump site, this left the person manning the water pump without any option other that open defecation.
- The reservoir water tanks were not fenced leaving them prone to contamination and stealing of water.

KAMULEWA WATER BOREHOLE

The committee was briefed by the ward administrator and the project chairperson who submitted as follows

That the water borehole was started in the 2017/2018 FY at a cost of Kshs. 9m by LULU Company ltd. A test pumping was done upon completion where 8m³ volume of water was being produced to fill a 150m³ reservoir tank however, the reservoir tank which was to supply water to the locals developed leakages immediately and thus all the water drained off. As a result of the leakages in the storage tank, the community has never benefited from this project in any way.

As at the time of visit, the diesel water pump installed at the site was not operational as a result of a blown alternator which had already been collected for repair by the area water engineer in conjunction with the project management committee.

The committee learnt that another contract was underway where the diesel water pump was to be replaced with a solar water pump and a desalination machine to make the water suitable for domestic use. It was not clear to the community how the contractor for this water borehole was cleared for full payments while the reservoir tank developed leakages immediately. The community felt left out in the whole process of project implementation and

as a result the contractor vacated the site without properly handing over the project to the community which led to current state of affairs.

KATILIKU MEGA DAM

Katiliku mega dam is in Nuu ward in Mwingi central Sub County. The project was done during the 2018/2019 FY at a cost of Kshs. 9m. The contractor's details were not available as at the time of visit. The scope of the contract included construction of a dam, fencing, piping, construction of water trough for watering animals and two pit latrines at the site.

It was reported to the committee that during the project implementation, the contractor was uncooperative and did not involve the community. In the opinion of the committee, the contractor did a shoddy job all the way from excavation of the dam, construction of the dam wall, poor spill way and fencing. The wall appeared weak and has started wearing out posing a great danger and disaster in waiting (death trap) for the people living on the lower side of the dam. It was not clear to the community as to how the contractor was cleared and vacated the site without their involvement. The contractor left logs of woods rotting in the Dam leading to contamination of the water. As a result of poor fencing animals were straying into the dam to drink water which led to contamination of the water. The community is yet to reap the benefits of this project.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The committee makes the following general observations

- There has been no involvement of the local community in the process of project implementation which has led to contractors vacating the site without having properly completed and handed over the projects.
- ii. There is serious poor workmanship in almost all the water projects visited by the team leading to loss of value for money to the community.

iii. In all projects visited by the team there was no well-structured project supervision which has led to contractors being paid without having completed the work.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The County Government should ensure that the local community is full involved in project identification, implementation and handing over once completed to ensure value for money is realized.
- ii. Proper project supervision and approval for payment should be ensured to eliminate chances of poor workmanship and contractors leaving unfinished projects. This should involve the village and ward administrators and the technical staff.

2.4 MINISTRY OF BASIC EDUCATION, TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

KYUSO VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

The institution has been receiving funds from the County Government since the inception of devolution. It has an enrolment of two hundred and thirty trainees.

The committee established that the institution had strictly adhered to MOH guidelines/protocols on COVID -19 prevention through;

- a. Installation of several hand washing points.
- b. Presence of a thermo-gun at the entry point.
- c. All trainees have purchased two masks worn every day by all trainees.

NGUNI VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

The project was funded by the County Government of Kitui and completed in 2016/17 financial year. It has an enrolment of thirty-five students being seventeen female and eighteen male. The team found the following as

mitigation measures the institution has taken towards the spread of COVID-19;-

- a. Trainees maintain one and half meter social distancing and wear face masks while in the institution.
- b. Installation of sanitizers at strategic places in the compound.
- c. One thermos-gun at the entry of the gate.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The team makes the following general observations:

- There is an acute shortage of infrastructure to ensure social distancing in the vocational training centers, this leaves the staff and trainees exposed to the deadly virus.
- ii. There has been no adequate training/ sensitization to the administration on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the vocational centers.
- iii. The county government has not supplied any PPEs nor sanitizers or hand washing equipment to the vocational centers leaving them prone to infection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The County Government should move swiftly to provide sufficient infrastructure to enhance social distancing all vocational training centers.
- ii. The county Ministry of Health and Sanitation should carry out sensitization/training to institution managements on tackling COVID-19 and also supply sufficient PPEs, sanitizers and hand washing equipment.

2.5 MINISTRY OF LANDS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND URBAN DEVEVELOPMENT

KWA MUTIO JUNCTION/KAWALA/ BORROW PIT

Phase I

Contractor: Fanda Wired Enterprise Itd

FY

: 2019/2020

Length

: 8 km

Cost

: 16.4 M

Status

: Complete

Target: This road is ward cross-cutting Clidp project geared towards opening up the region to create access to Embu through Kiambere and enhance trade as well as improving security surveillance between the two Counties. Further the project aims at improving cultural and social ties between the two neighboring tribes (Kamba and Embu)

Work involved;

The following was to done by the contractor;

- Dozing
- · Blasting the surface rock
- Improving the drainage.

Phase II

The following was to be done by the contractor;

- Construct slab from the Ken Gen to Borrow pit.
- Drainage (sideways)
- To construct a seventeen meters (17m) surface slab.

The team established that the slab from the Ken Gen Gate was not constructed thus exposing the subsoil to heavy rains leading to development of deep gulley along the road. This has hindered the smooth transportation of passengers and farm produce in the region.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The committee makes the following observations;

- There has been no involvement of the local community in the process of project implementation which has led to contractors vacating the site without having properly completed and handed over the projects.
- ii. There is serious poor workmanship in almost all the water projects visited by the team leading to loss of value for money to the community.
- iii. In all projects visited by the team there was no well-structured project supervision which has led to contractors being paid without having completed the work.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The County Government should ensure that the local community is full involved in project identification, implementation and handing over once completed to ensure value for money is realized.
- ii. Proper project supervision and approval for payment should be ensured to eliminate chances of poor workmanship and contractors leaving unfinished projects. This should involve the village and ward administrators and the technical staff.

2.6 MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING MUTWA- NGOMBE CESS POINT

Members were taken through the cess point by Mwingi Town Administrator Mr. Charles Muli. According to him the cess was established to generate own revenue targeting the following traders: -

- Suppliers of raw materials for the production of gypsum factory from Garissa and Tana River Counties.
- Suppliers of fresh farm produce in and outside Mwingi Town and its Environs.

- Livestock traders in and outside Mwingi Town and its Environs.
- Suppliers of other goods from the Northern Frontier Counties to Nairobi via Mwingi town.

While conducting the inspection members established the following;

- The revenue collection is automated though the system is subject to manipulation.
- No permanent cess offices.
- That there are no roadblock metallic spikes to control and regulate traffic.
- That cess point is not manned by armed police personnel as a back up to revenue officers.

GENERAL OBSERAVTIONS

The team makes the following general observations

- Lack roadblock metallic spikes at the cess point has led to many vehicles passing without paying the required cess levies as result the daily collections are quite low.
- ii. While the cess is located on a very busy Garissa-Mwingi-Nairobi highway, only one revenue staff was manning the cess point making it extremely impossible for him to effectively man the heavy traffic.
- iii. The fact that there were no security officers attached to this cess point it was difficult for the revenue staff to effectively stop traffic to enable revenue collection and compliance by all vehicles.
- iv. The revenue office in Mwingi town has not put in place stringent measure to ensure checks and balances on possible revenue loss through none issuance of automated receipts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

 All cess points should meet the bear minimums i.e. with roadblock metallic spikes, secure office, sufficient revenue staff and at least two armed security officers to ensure effective revenue collection. ii. Stringent measures should be initiated to seal any chances of loss revenue through noncompliance by traders and revenue staff.

CHAPTER THREE

3.0 CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker Sir,

As enshrined in Article 185 (3) of the constitution, there is need for this Assembly to continue performing her oversight mandate in order to ensure there is proper use of public money and Kitui Citizenry gets value for their money. Consequently, for this house to achieve its optimal objective of the exercise in future, the Administration of the County Assembly should consider having prior arrangements of inviting technical staff from the County Executive to take members through the projects being visited.

PHOTO GALLERY



Fig. 1. Members and trainees at Nguni vocational center



Fig. 2. Members inspecting a solar water pump at Nguni sub well



Figure 3. Members inspecting Katiliku mega Dam in Nuu Ward

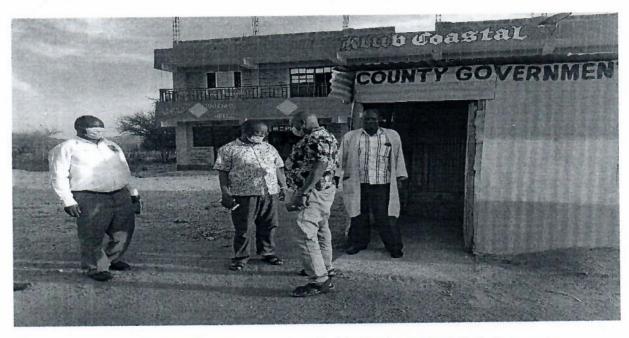


Figure 4. Mutwa-Ngombe Cess point in Mwingi central Sub Coounty

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We members of Group one Inspecting projects in Mwingi central and North
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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI



SECOND ASSEMBLY - (FOURTH SESSION)-2021

REPORT ON

THE INSPECTION OF COUNTY PROJECTS EXERCISE (COUNTY TOUR) FROM $25^{TH}-30^{TH}$ JANUARY, 2021. (GROUP 2 – KITUI WEST AND MWINGI WEST)

The Clerks Chambers
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January, 2021

ACRONYMS

C.C.U - Comprehensive Care Unit

K.R.B - Kenya Roads Board

LV- Lower Voltage

U.V.R - Ultra Violet Rays

M.O.H - Ministry of Health

K.E.R.A - Kenya Rural Authority

K.U.R.A - Kenya Urban Roads Authority

KPLC- Kenya Power and Lightening Company

TARDA-Tana and Athi Rivers Development Authority

KICOYDEC- Kitui County Youth Development Centre

KICOTEC- Kitui County Textile Centre

AMREF-African Medical and Research Foundation

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1.0 CHAPTER ONE.

1.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Chapter one of this report contains the preliminary pages that include; The Preface, Background information, and the Acknowledgements.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Chapter two contains the main body of this report and carries the Committee findings and observation of the projects sampled from the two (2) Sub-Counties. That is, projects in Mwingi West Sub-County and Kitui West Sub County. On each project inspected, the committee has made a remark over the project.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Chapter three contains the Committee Conclusion and the Photo gallery.

1.2 PREFACE

Mr. Speaker Sir,

It is my honour and pleasure to present, the report on the findings of the inspection of county projects (County tour) in Kitui West and Mwingi West, funded by the County Government of Kitui.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Group 2 comprised of the following members:-

- 1. Hon. Peter Kilonzo
- 2. Hon. Alex Nganga
- 3. Hon. Geoffrey Mwalimu
- 4. Hon. John Mbaki Kisangau
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- 11. Hon. James Munuve
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- 13. Hon. John Anthony

Mr. Speaker Sir,

In undertaking the inspection exercise, the Members of the Assembly acted within the provisions of **Article 185 (3)** of the Constitution which states that;-

"A County Assembly, while respecting the principle of the separation of powers, may exercise oversight over the County Executive Committee and any other County Executive organs;

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During this exercise Mr. Speaker Sir, group focused on completed projects, projects being upgraded and constructed. The Committee inspected forteen (14) projects in the two Sub Counties.

1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Honourable members wish to extend their appreciation to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly of Kitui for the support and facilitation accorded to it in the execution of their mandate, and the opportunity accorded to them to undertake the Inspection Tour. I wish to express my appreciation to the Honourable Members who sacrificed their precious recess time to participate in this laborious activity of the Assembly. Your committed and involved participation during the exercise was invaluable while undertaking the mandate of the Assembly. I also wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the Secretariats for the input and valuable contributions during and after the visit, particularly in compilation of this report.

Finally, I also wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the Senior Administrative Officer, Migwani Hospital, In- Charge Public Health, Kauwi Isolation Centre, the Head teacher, Nguutani Primary, Ward Administrator Kiomo/ Kyethani ward, Revenue Officers at Ngutani Cess Point and all other respondents at the ground who were called upon within a very short notice to accompany the Committee and turned up for this noble activity.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

I wish to confirm that the findings and recommendations of the Committee and any other information as contained in this report were unanimous.

It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of group 2 members to present to this House, the report on the Inspection Exercise of Kitui County Government, for debate and adoption.

Thank You,

SIGNED	
(HON. GE	OFFREY MWALIMU, MCA)
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2.0 CHAPTER TWO

2.1 COMMITTEES FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

During her inspection exercise the Group of county assembly members managed to collect the significant information from different ministry sectors during the inspection exercise which was undertaken as from 25th -30 January 2021, this will therefore aid in finding the milestone the county government has achieved including challenges faced.

2.2 COUNTY TREASURY

Nguutani Cess Point

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The group visited cess point in Nguutani, the following are the findings and observations.

- i. The point is located at Nguutani ward in the busy Mwingi –Garisa road.
- ii. Revenue officers operates on shifts; that is day and night shifts
- iii. Some revenue officers have operated on a casual basis for more than 6 months.
- iv. The Cess point has inadequate staff.
- v. The cess point operations are so much affected by Political interferences
- vi. The Cess point has no decent offices, sanitation facilities and lack electricity power hence making the operations difficult especially during the night.
- vii. The Cess has been using a finance bill for 2018 no one has been enacted.
- viii. After the cess had is collected, the officers stay with the cash for two weeks before it is banked.
- ix. The vehicles pay cess as per tonnage carried;

- 1 tonne Kshs 700
- 2-4 tonnes Kshs 1200
- 5– 7 tonnes Kshs 1500
- 8 tonnes and above Kshs 2000
- x. There are no speed bumps near the cess point to slow fast moving vehicles.

The members therefore recommend that:-

- The county Assembly should fast track the adoption of the Finance bill annually so as to be up to date on charges on revenue collection.
- ii. The County treasury should adopt automated revenue collection, this will reduce loss of revenues
- iii. The county government should consider increasing the budgetary allocation for site cess offices and sanitary facilities.
- Creation of local revenue directorate department of enforcement to safeguard collections and minimise political interference.

2.3 HEALTH AND SANITATION

Kauwi level IV hospital- Isolation center.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The group visited the aforementioned facility, met Paul Mutua, the Officer in charge of Public Health and the officer on duty and informed members the following;

- That the facility is headed by the Medical Superintendent Dr. Munaa, who occasionally comes to the facility since all staffs are on strike.
- ii. The Facility was closed down following the on-going Clinical officers and Nurses Strike.

- iii. Since the onset of the strike, the facility doesn't admit COVID 19 patients case of COVID 19 are home based and being monitored by the doctors.
- iv. He informed members of the Assembly that when the facility was turned into Isolation centre, the CCU department was shifted to mutanda health centre.
- v. He further informed member that the facility has 12 casual who work in shift.
- vi. He also informed the members that the facility has resumed special services such as the TB clinic and also the CCU department has been brought back from Kauwi.

Challenges.

- The radiology department is under construction and the theatre is 90% complete.
- ii. The x ray machine has not been installed and has been in the facility for almost 2 years, the group was informed that the contractor was to Supply, install and commission the machine.
- iii. Maternity services are referred to Muthale Mission Hospital since Mutanda Health centre do not have maternity wing.
- iv. There had been salary delays for the casuals for almost 3months or more a concern which ought to be addressed.

The members therefore recommend that:-

- i. The county government through the ministry of the Health and sanitation should seek for amicable solutions to the on-going clinical and Nurses Strike to avert further suffering of the people.
- ii. The contractor should fast track the completion of the radiology building and the other sections for commissioning and subsequent oparationization.

iii. The group recommends to the ministry to consider employing of casual workers permanently who have been in the service for more than six months.

Migwani level IV Hospital

Mr. Speaker Sir

The group visited migwani level IV hospital and engaged Mr. Simon Waita the Health Administrative officer in charge of the Sub County facility and shared the following;

- That the level IV has two operational ambulances well serviced and in good condition.
- ii. The hospital morgue is operational with a capacity of 18 bodies but the respondent informed members that the morgue can accommodate 35 bodies. It's important to note the morgue has no coolers but uses formalin as body preservatives.
- iii. That the facility has enough supply of water from a borehole and pipeline extension from kaliluni line.
- iv. The sub county hospital theatre was funded on 2006 by the mwingi south cdf, and the county government did some renovation in the financial year 2019/2020.
- v. The male ward was funded by the Mwingi South cdf, and thereafter the County Government did the completion in the Financial Year 2019/2020 and supplied beds in conjunction with National government.
- vi. The x ray machine was installed by the National Government and is operational.
- vii. The County Government of Kitui also installed a stand by generator in the Financial Year 2016/2017, which is operational and has served the facility.

Challenges

- The incinerator in the sub county facility is old and hence unable to serve the whole facility well.
- ii. The Anaesthetic machine has broken down therefore can't be used in the ICU section.
- iii. There is shortage of essentials drugs in the facility e.g. Anti biotics among others.

The members therefore recommend that:-

- The ministry should consider construction of a new incinerator for the sub county Hospital, as the old one is unable to serve the facility as well as hazardous to human health.
- ii. The ministry should allocate enough funds and liaise with supplier to ensure there is steadfast supply of drugs to all health facilities.

2.4 BASIC EDUCATION TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Speaker Sir

The group visited the ECDE class Nguutani primary school to assess the COVID 19 preparedness; Mr. William Kiio, the primary school head teacher and the respondent at the ground welcomed members to the institution and informed them of the following;

- i. That there is no COVID 19 reported case.
- ii. That the County government issued 2 tanks of 10000 litres and a box of face mask.
- iii. The school has also got 2 ECDE teachers from county government teaching 54 nursery school children both PP1 and PP2.

- iv. The county government has also constructed 2 ECDE classrooms however the head teacher also informed members of the county assembly that the desk design should be re looked at in the next financial year due to issue of social distance.
- v. There is inadequate supply of masks and sanitizers in the institution.

The group members recommend that;

- The county ministry should consider changing the desks design in order to comply with MOH protocols on COVID 19.
- ii. The group also recommend to the ministry to supply face masks, sanitizers and more hand washing facilities to prevent congestion of pupils in one place.

Migwani polytechnic

Mr. Speaker,

The group visited Migwani polytechnic and engaged Mr. Cyrus Mutinda the Manager on the institution on the COVID 19 preparedness,

According to the manager the polytechnic has 70% complied with the Ministry of Health guideline and the protocol on the COVID 19, the members observed different water points for washing hands in the institution.

The manager further informed members that the institution has seven departments namely;

- Information and Communication technology (ICT)
- > Driving
- Masonry
- > Motor vehicle
- > Mechanical Building
- > Carpentry

> Electrical

The manager also informed members that the polytechnic has eighty regular (80) students and the total admission is 135.

Challenges

- According to the manager, many of the students have dropped out of school due to COVID 19 pandemic.
- ii. The polytechnic has a total of seven tutors, five of them employed by the Board of Management, two employed by the County government.
- iii. The manager also highlighted that the land is too small for the expansion of the polytechnic as it houses the National administrative offices, the registration of persons offices and also the ministry of water.
- iv. According to the manager there has been a low absorption of the graduands to the job market in the county government corporations.

The members therefore make the following recommendations;

- The county government through the ministry of basic education should ensure that polytechnic gradaunds are offered internship programmes in the County Corporation such as KICOTEC, KICOYDEC among others.
- ii. The County Government through the Ministry of Lands should acquire more land for development and expansion of the polytechnic.
- iii. The County Government through the office of the Governor should increase its budgetary allocation for pro poor and bursaries to cater for the needy and vulnerable students in the youth polytechnic. Thus reducing occasional drop out of students.

2.5 ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The group visited the four floods light at kakululo Market, interviewed the Locals whole informed them the following;

- The Solar floodlights were installed by the County Government in 2016/2017 financial year.
- ii. Members of the county Assembly were informed that one of the flood light feel down and stolen. The business people in the market informed members that the floods light are not functional.
- iii. According to them insecurity in the market has risen, leading to burglary in the market, thus causing fear in the town especially in wee hours.

The members therefore make the following recommendations;

 The County government through the Ministry of Environment should replace and develop maintenance Policy of the solar street lighting across the County.

Kiromboko Sand Harvesting

Mr Speaker Sir,

The group visited kiromboko sand harvesting point accompanied by the area Ward and Village administrators, met the Locals who informed members the following;

- That sand harvesting activities started in Kiromboko way back in 2018 when TARDA requested the County Government to desilt Kindaruma dam.
- ii. That sand harvesting in kiromboko stalled in November, 2020 when the contractor on site stopped all the activities since the collection sand point

- at mbondoni was full and therefore needed to be cleared and resume work in January/ February 2021.
- iii. That the cess is paid directly to the County Government at the County headquarters.
- iv. The harvesting site is inhabited by more than 600 loaders according to locals.
- v. More than 40 lorries with a capacity of 20 tonnes ferry sand per day
- vi. There is a County Government worker at the site who counts the number of Lories ferrying sand each day.
- vii. Each Lorry pays Kshs 7500 as cess to the County Government headquarters while the other side of Sand harvesting of Embu county cess is ksh 3500.
- viii. TARDA receives Kshs. 2000 from each Lorry.
 - ix. Loaders are paid Kshs. 3800 per Lorry.
 - x. Locals further informed members that when sand harvesting activities were going on, there was a lot of business activities around Kiromboko and a lot of money was circulating in the area, however, the stalling has led to idleness of the youth leading to insecurity around the area.

Therefore Members recommend that;

- i. The County Government should lift the sand ban and open sand harvesting activities for the Locals and any other interested stakeholder.
- ii. The County Government should move with speed to deploy Revenue Officers at the site who will help in revenue collection at the harvesting site. This will reduce loss of revenues that as there shall be officers accountable to this activity.
- iii. The Locals with the help of the County Government to form sand harvesting Saccos and have clear guidelines on how to use money they collect.

- iv. The County Government of Kitui charges a cess of kshs. 7,500 should consider reviewing sand harvesting rates as to match the neighbouring sand harvesting in Embu County, which charges a cess of Ksh 3500 per lorry. This will enable the County government to attract more sand client which shall in turn maximise on revenues obtained from this activity. Further, this will create job opportunities for the locals thus improving their standards of living.
 - v. The County Government to provide enforcement inspectorates to control some activities and provide security at the site

2.6 TRADE, ICT AND COOPERATIVES

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The groups visited Kauwi Slaughter house and interrogated the contractor, Mr. Kioko Kathenge on a phone call and informed the members of the following:-

- That, the slaughter was built in 2008 by Power Pump Company, a company owned by the contractor during the County council of Kitui era.
- ii. The contractor informed members that he was partially paid on phases initially but it reached at point during the transition authority where the payment stopped, therefore he didn't hand over the slaughter house to the county government.
- iii. The contractor went to court in the year 2017 on the matter, and the court gave orders that the contractor be paid, which never happened to date.
- iv. The initial cost of construction was ksh 10.7M and the amount has increased from 2008 to Ksh 26.3M as at December 2020.
- v. According to the contractor he is in possession of the all documentation relating to the said slaughter house.

vi. The group of the Members of County Assembly observed that the slaughter house structure is fully complete and the contractor is awaiting payment to hand over the facility to the County government.

The members therefore make the following recommendations;

- i. The County Government should form a taskforce whose mandate will be looking into pending bills in the County.
- ii. The relevant county Assembly committee should follow up with the relevant ministry to ensure the contractor is paid and the facility is handed to the County Government for commissioning and usage for the benefits of kitui people.

2.7 AGRICULTURE WATER AND IRRIGATION

Mr. Speaker,

Kaungu Dam - Kakeani Village

The group visited the kaungu dam in kakeani village and observed the following;

- i. The dam was distilled by the county Government as per request by the community.
- The dam has not been fenced hence posing danger to the user community.
- iii. Members observed that the spillway of the dam was constructed at a low level in that the dam can't hold to its full capacity.

The Members therefore make the following recommendations;

 The County Government through the ministry of Water should allocate a budget for fencing the Dam. ii. The Spillway should be raised to ensure that the dam holds water to its full capacity.

Kunikila-Musosya Water Project (Kalia-Kauma village)

Mr. Speaker,

The group visited the water Project and met the locals who informed them of the following;

- That the water is supplied by a pipeline extension running from Kunikila–Kaluku-Musyosya and the project is complete and operational.
- ii. According to the locals, the water is sold at Ksh.5 per 20 ltrs jerican.
- iii. The group was informed by the locals that there is no nearby water kiosk and the nearest is located three (3) kilometers away.
- iv. It was observed that the elevated metallic water reservoir tank located at kaluku is leaking.

The Members therefore make the following recommendations;

- The ministry of water should consider constructing a water kiosk at Kaluku where the reservoir tanks is located to serve the local and nearby households.
- ii. The County Assembly Committee on Water should inspect the reservoir tank at Kaluku and make the appropriate recommendation on the status of the tank.
- iii. The members also recommended that the water rates be reviewed to suit the Common man in the area.

Katutu Kyeng'e Pipeline Phase 1 and 2

Mr. Speaker,

The group visited the Katutu – Kyeng'e pipeline met the Locals who informed them of the following;

- That this project has two phases; phase 1 (Katutu Kyeng'e) constructed by the County Government in the financial year 2019/2020 and Phase 2 (Katutu – Kisayani) in the Financial Year 2020/2021
- ii. Members found that there is an elevated water tank reservoir located at kyeng'e and also at kisayani to serve the nearby water point, then distribute water to the community.
- iii. Members observed that the two projects are fully operational.

Challenges

 The water point at Kyeng'e has low pressure since the kiosk is served directly from the reservoir tank leading to long queues and taking time too long fetch water.

The Members therefore makes the following recommendations;

i. The County Government through the ministry of water and Irrigation should consider a budgetary allocation for a water tank at the Kiosk at Kyeng'e to increase the pressure at the drawing point.

Kwa mbuku borehole in Thitani village

Hon. Speaker

The group visited kwa mbuku bore hole in thitani village and found the locals, who informed the members the following;

- The bore hole was funded by the County Government in conjunction with AMREF in the Financial Year 2018/2019
- ii. The bore hole not yet operational.

iii. Members observed Kenya power and lighting company was on the site connecting 3 phase power line to the borehole, funded by the AMREF.

Members make the following recommendations

i. That the County government through the ministry of Agriculture water and Irrigation should allocate funds for the coming Financial 2021/2022 to operationalize the project, so as to serve the Community and possible public utilities in the area.

2.8 LANDS INFRASTRUCTURE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Musuani Secondary school Road through Miisyani Primary School to Ndaluni Market.

The group visited the Musuani Secondary school road through Misai Primary School to Ndaluni Market and observed the following;

- The road connects Musuani market and ndaluni via miisyani Primary school.
- ii. Members observed that the road was under the KRB programme which was done in the 2019/2020 financial year.
- iii. The community informed members that the drift has been a great milestone to the locals,
- iv. Members found that the road was well graded.
- v. There were concerns from the locals that culverts and gabions were not build which was supposed to be done.

The Members therefore make the following recommendation;

 That the County Assembly Committee on LIUD should move with speed to inspect the works and establish whether the specification of Bill of quantities was followed to the letter.

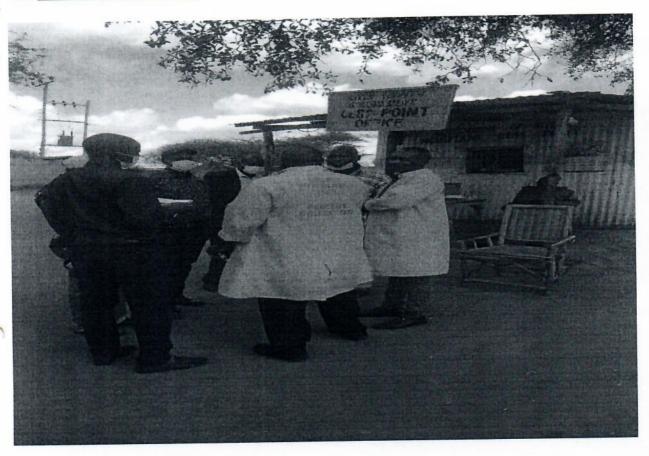
3.0 CONCLUSIONS

Mr Speaker Sir,

The inspection exercise is an eye opener for the Honorable members to appreciate their oversight role in respect to the project development in the county. It is in view that due diligence and citizenry involvement is important.

In conclusion therefore the Honorable Members must play their oversight role as enshrined in the constitution by ensuring the value for money is realized as the county pursues the full realization of the objectives and principles of devolved government as envisaged in Article 174 and 175 of the Constitution 2010

4.0 PHOTO GALLERY





Members of the Assembly interrogating Revenue Officers at Ngutani Cess Point 23



Ambulances at Migwani Level IV Hospital





The ICU bed at Migwani Level IV Hospital





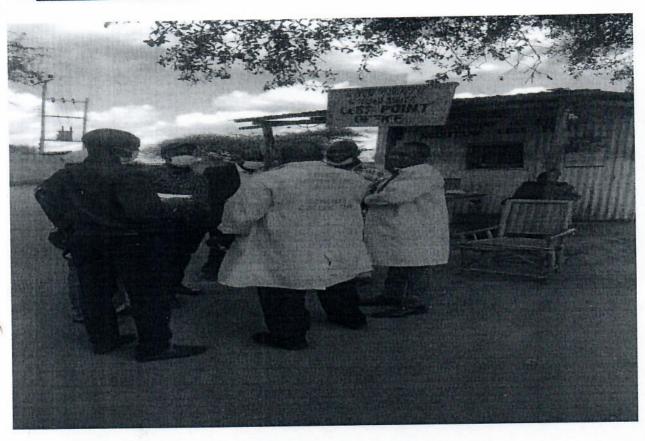
Members of the Assembly at Kabati Slaughter House





Kauwi Level IV Hospital

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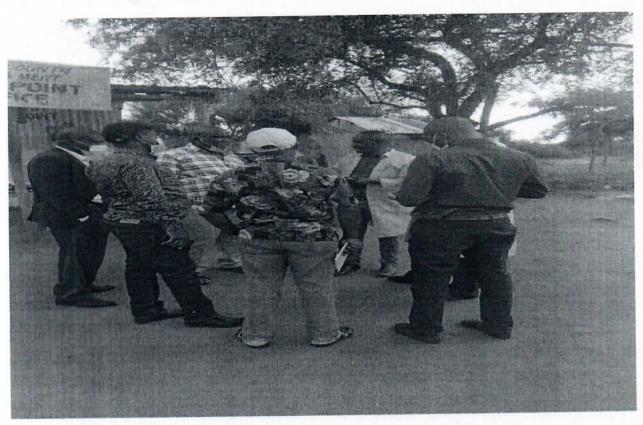


Figure 1. Members of the Assembly interrogating Revenue Officers at Ngutani Cess Point



Figure 2. Ambulances at Migwani Level IV Hospital





Figure 3. The ICU bed at Migwani Level IV Hospital





Figure.4 Members of the Assembly at Kabati Slaughter House



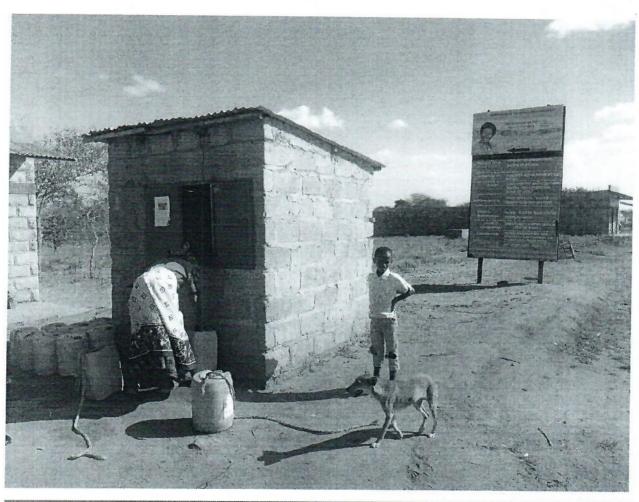


Figure 5.Kauwi Level IV Hospital





Figure 6. Solar street lighting at Kakululo Market



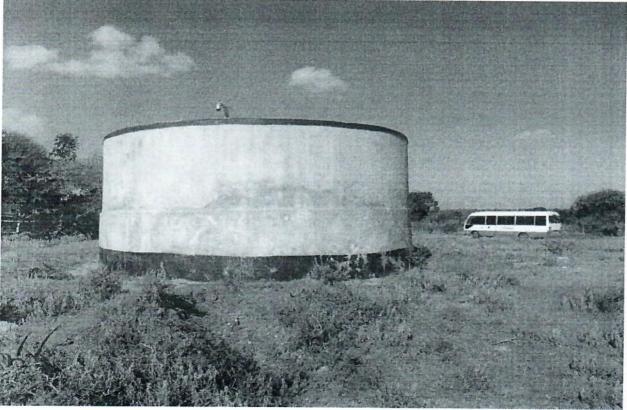


Figure.7.Reservoir Tank and water Kiosk at Kyeng'e Market





Figure 8.Kaungu Dam - Kakeani Village



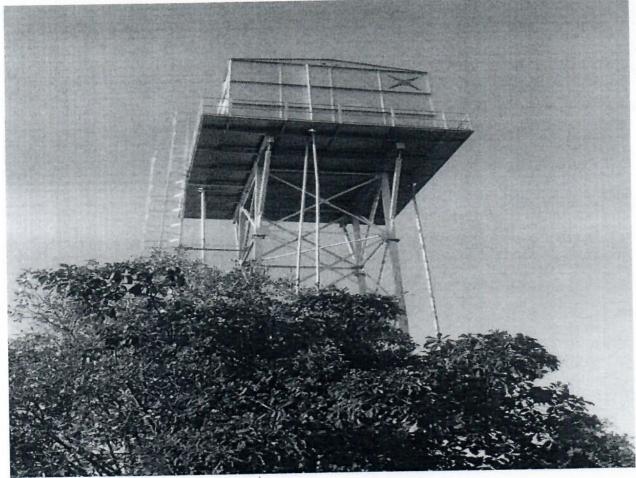


Figure 9 .Kunikila – Musosya water project



Figure 10. Members of Assembly at Migwani Polytechnic



Figure 11. Members of Assembly at Kiromboko Sand Harvesting Site.



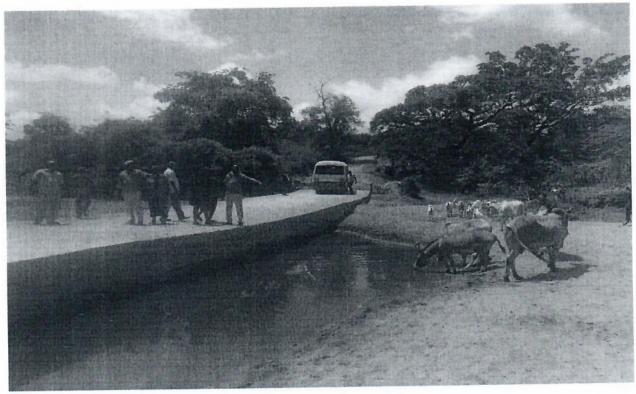


Figure 12. Drift at Musani Market – Ndaluni market road

We, honourable members of Group 2, do hereby affix our signatures to this report to affirm our approval and confirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity:-

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THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

SECOND ASSEMBLY- (FOURTH SESSION)

REPORT

THE COUNTY INSPECTION TOUR ON PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI AND SERVICE DELIVERY ACROSS THE COUNTY CARRIED OUT BETWEEN 25TH JANUARY- 30TH JANUARY, 2021. (KITUI EAST AND KITUI CENTRAL SUB COUNTIES)

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FEBRUARY, 2021.

INSPECTION OF PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN KITUI EAST AND KITUI CENTRAL SUB COUNTIES

A. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

1. <u>KALAMBANI – KYANGOTO –YAWIA – MUUTHA TOWN – KYUASINI – SYAMATANI WATER PIPELINE EXTENSION. (MUTHA WARD)</u>

The project is located in Muutha Ward and serves Kalambani, Kyangoto, Yawia, Muutha, Kyusyani and Syamatani villages.

The delegation was informed that the project was started in 1952 by the colonial government where water is pumped from a sub well located along Thua river. Since then, the project has been inherited by the presiding governments.

On reaching the grounds, the delegation found members of the Community at Kyangoto water Kiosk (which is part of the project) who were collecting and preparing materials for construction of a concrete tank for storage of water since the existing one could not store adequate water to serve the community.

The community had been assisted with a tractor to ferry the materials on condition that they fueled it and paid the drivers. This proved to be quite expensive and challenging to the members.

Further, the delegation was informed that there has been several management delegations to oversee the activities of the project and to ensure supply of water to the mentioned water points.

Since inception of devolution, the County government has replaced the water pumping machine since the existing one had developed mechanical problems due to the age.

In addition, the delegation was informed that in order to pump the water to the tanks, the machine used approximately 120 litres of diesel which translated to kshs. 11,000. The water pumped would serve the community for only two days. A jerrican of 20 litres retailed at ksh. 6.

The amount collected after the sales is used to pay for the diesel and the balance is deposited into the projects account.

The delegation was also informed that there was an ongoing program of registering members of the community so as to enhance the spirit of ownership of the project since there were disagreements among different members of the society leading to some instances of damaging pipelines.

Members of the public made several proposals aimed at addressing the challenges that they were facing with the project as follows:

- i. Overhauling of the whole old pipeline because of the frequent bursting and leakages due to its old age.
- ii. Desilting of the existing sub well since the output has gone so low compared to the fast growing population in the area.
- iii. Need for installation of surveillance gadgets along the pipeline extension since the distance involved is diverse thus this will help in monitoring leakages and human vandalism.
- iv. Residents requested for reduction of the cost of a 20 litre jerican from kshs. 6 to at least kshs. 3.



Members of the Assembly interacting with residents who benefit from the pipeline extension.

2. THUA- NGALAKALA WATER PIPELINE EXTENSION.

This project is located in Voo/Kyamatu ward.

The delegation was informed that the project was funded by the Action Aid organization which did the sub well along Thua river, installation of generator, pumping machine, pipeline extension from the source to Ngalakala area.

Further, the delegation was informed that initially the project was using a generator to pump water but at the time of the visit the generator was not operational and had not been serviced for two years.

Currently the pumping of water relied on electricity which was reported to have low voltage making it difficult to operate the pumping machine. This rendered the whole project useless.

3. VOO SUB WELL.

The water project is also in Voo/Kyamatu Ward and was funded by the County government of Kitui in the 2019/2020 financial year.

At the time of the visit, the delegation was informed that all the works ranging from sinking of the sub well, laying of pipes, construction of kiosks and installation of pumping machine had been completed.

Further, the delegation was informed that the project doesn't have a generator and it currently relied on a borrowed private generator.

Members of the public also informed the delegation that the sub well was shallow and the quantity of water produced was low thus they requested for a deeper sub well and a generator so as to benefit from the project.

4. KITAMBASYE EARTH DAM.

The project is located at Makongo/Kavingo village which is in Nzombe/Mwitika ward.

The delegation was informed that the project was funded by the County government of Kitui during the 2019/2020 Financial Year.

The project cost was kshs. 12,000,000 which involved scooping, fencing, construction of a two door public toilet, gate, drawing area and the animal trough.

The delegation noticed the following on visiting the project:

- 1. That the earth dam was poorly done and was already experiencing serious siltation which was threatening the life of the earth dam.
- 2. That the gate was poorly installed since it was loosely tied by binding wires on the fencing posts instead of constructing concrete pillars.
- 3. That the fence was loose and poorly done with a poor quality of chainlink. At the time of the visit some parts of the fence were already damaged and there were a lot of openings on the lower side of the fence which made it easy for animals like goats/ dogs to access the dam.
- 4. The drawing area was poorly fenced and the chamber valves had no lids.
- 5. The chain link fence needs to be cemented firmly to the ground to prevent animals from crawling into the earth dam.



Members of the Delegation and members of the Community at Kitambasye Earth dam.



The gate at Kitambasye earth dam that is loosely tied with binding wires.

5. KINANIE BOREHOLE SOLAR INSTALLATION.

The project is in Endau/ Malalani ward.

The delegation was informed that the drilling of the borehole, construction of the water kiosk, installation of water pumping machine and generator was done by the national government. Installation of the two 10,000 litres water tank was done by the first County government regime during the financial year 2016/2017.

The delegation was further informed that installation of solar panels was done by the second County government of Kitui during the 2018/2019 financial year.

Members were also informed that the output of the water goes down during the dry season thus bringing about water shortage. The Community therefore requested the county government to desilt the borehole so as to increase its output.

On reaching the grounds, members of the delegation found that:

- i. The project consisted of the installation of nineteen (19) solar panels which had been properly installed and the area fenced.
- ii. There was need for the County government to desilt the borehole to increase the water output since the source was serving a vast area and the available output could not reach all the areas.
- iii. There was need to rehabilitate the existing public toilet since it was in a poor state at the time of visit.
- iv. There was need for branding of the solar panels so as to avoid stealing of the same.

6. NGENGI- KAAVALULA WATER PROJECT.

This project is in Nzambani ward and was funded by the County government of Kitui in the 2020/2021 financial year, at a cost of kshs. 24,421,998.70.

The delegation was informed that the allocated amount was to be used for the following activities;

- i. Covering of the borehole.
- ii. installation of solar panels.
- iii. installation of the pumping machine.
- iv. laying of pipelines.
- v. Construction of a two roomed house for the caretaker.
- vi. construction of a two door pit latrine.
- vii. construction of a water tower with a height of 15 metres.
- viii. construction of four new water kiosks and rehabilitation of 6 existing water kiosks.
 - ix. Rehabilitation of an existing concrete tank.

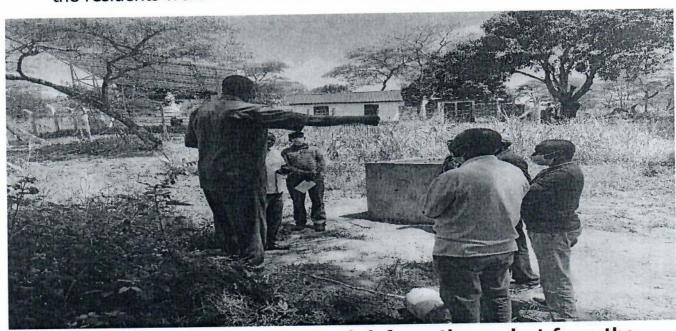
Further the delegation was informed that the borehole had a capacity of 13.7 $\,\text{m}^{\text{3}}$ per hour.

At the time of visit the delegation was informed that the project was 70% complete and will be fully operational by mid-February, 2021.

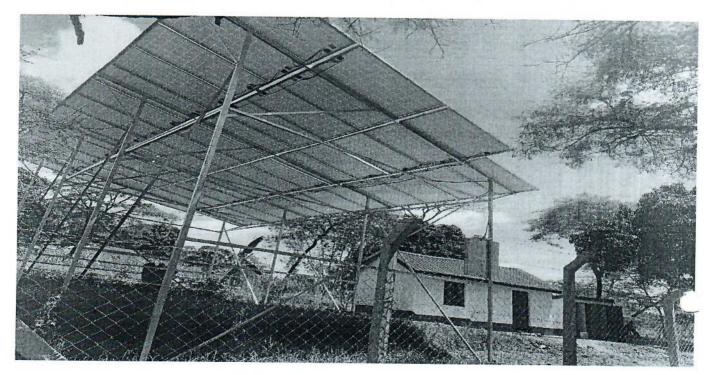
The delegation was also informed that after completion the project will be handed over to KITWASCO for management. This was as a result of the project involving many kiosks and thus the community demanded that it be handed over to avoid unnecessary mismanagement of the project.

The delegation established that: -

- 1. The contract was awarded to Minlock contractors.
- 2. The project was ongoing at the time of visit with workers doing the water tower.
- The contractor had installed 54 solar panels of 330 Watts, constructed a two roomed house, constructed a toilet/bathroom and fenced all the structures with concrete posts, chain-link and a metallic gate.
- 4. Pipes had been laid and the borehole was well covered.
- Solar panels had not been branded that exposing them to possible stealing.
- 6. This was a very good project which if properly managed would benefit the residents well.



Members of the delegation getting briefs on the project from the area ward administrator.



A photo showing the 54 installed solar panels, fence, the two roomed house and a two door pit latrine.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON WATER PROJECTS.

After considering all the inspected water projects, the delegation made the following recommendations: -

- Installation of green energy in all water projects that require power to pump water. The delegation observed that use of diesel was expensive and due to poor management of the water projects it was difficult to sustain those projects that are using generators to pump water.
- There is need for public sensitization on all the projects so as to enhance community ownership of the water projects. This will solve the problem of vandalism since members of the public will have a sense of ownership.
- 3. The executive arm of the County government should enhance public participation so as to get the views and the priority needs of the members of the society. This will enable the implementers of projects to prioritize projects according to the needs of the people.
- 4. The delegation strongly recommends that contractors should always avail all the information concerning projects to be done to the members of the public who are the immediate beneficiaries of the project. This

should include all the contents of the Bill of Quantities (materials to be used, construction planning, cost analysis and cost planning). This will empower members of the public thus ensuring quality work is delivered by the contractors. In addition, the Delegation recommend that contractors who have done shoddy works be recalled to redo the works or be blacklisted or be surcharged if they do not redo the work, for instance the contractor who did Kitambasye earth dam in Zombe/Mwitika ward.

B. MINISTRY OF TREASURY AND TRADE, CO-OPERATIVES AND INVESTMENTS

1. ZOMBE LIVESTOCK MARKET - ZOMBE WARD

The delegation was guided by Mr. Daniel Munyoto, the Kitui East sub county administrator.

Kitui East Sub County holds 5 main markets as follows;

- i. Inyuu Market on Tuesday
- ii. Zombe Market on Tuesday
- iii. Endau Market- on Thursday
- iv. Mutitu Market on Friday
- v. Kyamatu and Miambani on Saturday

The in-charge, revenue office, Kitui East Sub- County, Mr. Jackson Kilonzo, informed members that the sub county had three main areas of revenue collection, revenue from single business permits, that from market licenses and that from Kiongwe cess point. Enforcement of single business permits payments is carried out on non-market days.

Mr. Kilonzo informed the members that the sub county does not have a vehicle to transport the officers during revenue collection and enforcement. He is forced to use his own motorbike when going around the sub county on official duties. The county government sometimes refunds him for his fuel but other times he does not. It has been several months since he last received a refund.

They receive the highest revenue from Zombe Market as compared to the other markets. On a busy day, the revenue collected from Zombe Market is Kshs. 6,000/ while that from Inyuu Market is Kshs. 4,000. From the five markets in the Sub- County, Kyamatu Market has the lowest revenue collection.

There sub county has been assigned four permanent revenue officers and two casuals who assist them.

Revenue collection within the sub county is automated. However, they only have one functioning revenue machine whereas the ideal situation should be one machine per officer. They initially had two machines but one fell down and got damaged.

Once a vendor pays the market licence, they are issued with a receipt. The revenue officer collects the cash from all the markets and submits the total collection to the revenue office in Kitui. Once it is submitted, the officer is issued with a receipt to show that they have successfully surrendered the revenue collection.

The main challenge facing the digitisation of revenue collection is poor network connectivity within the rural towns. The poor connectivity prevents the revenue machine from uploading the daily receipt reports. The officers have to wait until they reach an area with good network connectivity for the data to upload which it eventually always does.

The members recommended the following;

- The livestock market fence needs repairs since it has open spaces where unscrupulous traders can use to get in and out of the market without paying the licenses.
- ii. The revenue officers should be equipped with a vehicle to aid them move from one ward to the other during revenue collection.
- iii. Each revenue officer should be issued with a digital receipt machine for efficient revenue collection.



Members of the delegation interacting with the revenue collection officers and the members of the public during a market day at Nzombe market.

C. MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SANITATION

1. MUTITO KALIKU WARD - MUTITU HOSPITAL

The members were guided by the M.O.H in charge, Dr. Misiyani, and the ward assistant for Mutitu Kaliku ward, Mr. Peter Mwendwa.

The members inspected the newly completed imaging unit at the hospital. The x- ray machine was installed, inspected and approved for use. There is already a staff in place to operate the machine and all that remains is the software installation which was to be done soon.

The members however noted that some parts of the imaging unit had damaged ceilings and poorly installed electrical fittings. Dr. Misiyani informed the members that the contractor was yet to avail the approved Bill of Quantities (BQ) despite several requests for the same. For that reason, he was unable to offer his advice and recommendations on the fittings to be done since he was unaware of the scope of work assigned to the contractor.

Dr. Misiyani informed the members that the hospital morgue was fully functional and there were no challenges so far. The morgue had a capacity of 24 which was quite commendable. Initially the residents had to transport their deceased loved ones to Kitui town for mortuary services which was quite expensive.

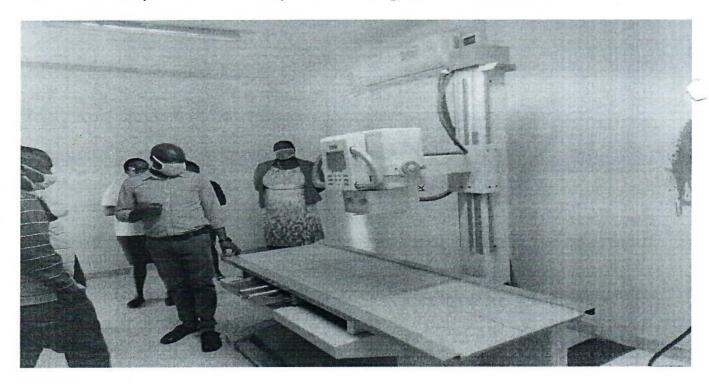
The availability of the morgue has really helped the nearby residents.

The members however noted that the sub hospital lacked a good perimeter fence, which exposed the hospital and its staff to great risk.

The newly renovated theater wing and dental unit were not operational despite being completed. This was due to the unavailability of staff attached to the units.

The members also noted that the contractor was yet to repair a problematic water pipeline in the compound which was at that time flooding the surrounding area.

The doctor incharge informed the members that the contractor had been notified of the problem and they were waiting for him to act on it.



Members of the delegation being shown the imaging unit in Mutitu Level Iv Hospital by the In-charge.

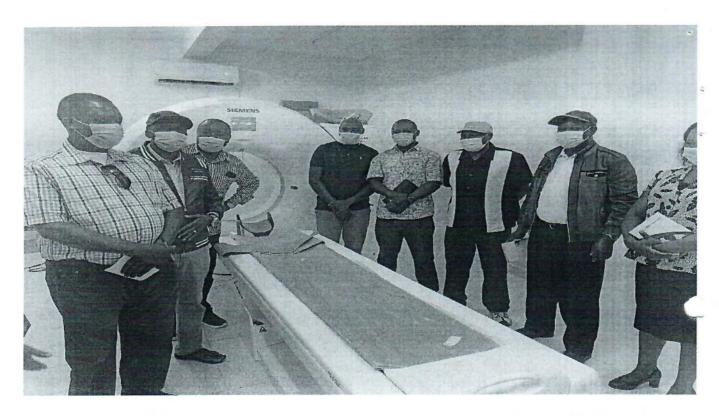
2. <u>KITUI LEVEL 4 HOSPITAL – TOWNSHIP WARD</u>

The members visited the imaging centre and ICU unit at Kitui Level 4 hospital.

They were guided by Mr. Munyoki, the acting nursing officer.

The CT-Scan at the hospital is currently fully functional having started its operations in December, 2020. However, there was only one radiologist attached to the hospital and he was the only one who could operate and interpret the scans. This was quite challenging since in the eventuality that he was unavailable, the CT Scan services would have to be put on hold.

On average, the CT scan serves six patients a day. Those paying cash are charged kshs 6,000, while those under the K-CHICK cover pay Kshs. 5,000 and those with private insurance covers its Ksh. 8,000. For those with a valid NHIF cover, the service is free but only for those who have sought preauthorisation by NHIF.



Members of the delegation getting briefs from the radiologist in Kitui Referral Hospital.

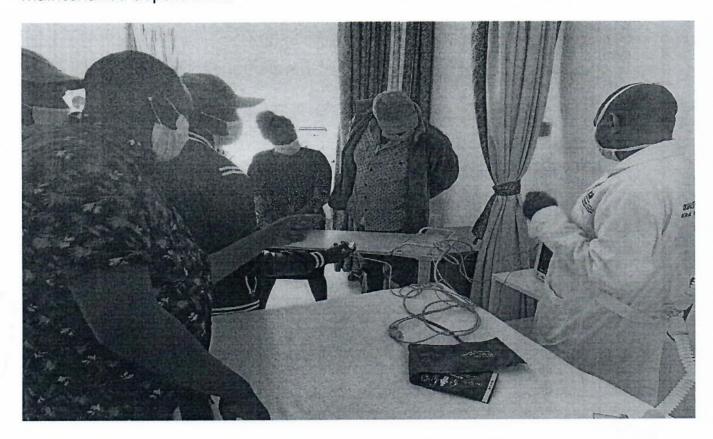
The members also visited the I.C.U unit at the hospital. The unit has been equipped with four ventilators and four beds. However, only one of the bed was as per the ideal ICU bed standards, the other three are normal hospital ward beds.

The unit is also equipped with ECG monitor machines. The unit has never catered to any patient since it is not functional. In order for it to be functional, there is need to equip it with an oxygen plant which is capable of supplying oxygen to the hospital throughout in order to operationalise the ventilators.

Eight nurses were extensively trained to run the I.C.U unit once it becomes functional. However, three of them were transferred to Kauwi isolation centre to assist with the patients there.

For an I.C.U unit to be fully equipped and functional, it needs a good number of professional staff such as trained nurses, physiotherapists, nutrionist and

specialised machines. It also requires a well-equipped laboratory and a maintenance department.



Members of the delegation getting briefs from officer in charge of the ICU unit in Kitui Referral Hospital.

The members made the following recommendations;

- i. There is urgent need to fence the Kitui Referral Hospital for security purposes.
- ii. There is need to hire an additional radiologist to assist the existing one in order to ensure there is no interruption of services.
- iii. The county needs to urgently procure an oxygen plant for the I.C.U unit in order to operationalise it.
- iv. The I.C.U unit needs to be equipped with the recommended I.C.U beds.

D. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

1. KYANGWITHYA WEST WARD - NDUMONI SAND HARVESTING

The members inspected the extent of environmental degradation at the Tiva River in Ndumoni area.

They were informed that a case had been filed at the Environment and Lands Court in Machakos seeking the ban of sand harvesting at the river. A ruling was issued stopping further sand harvesting at the river until the hearing and determination of the suit filed.

However, despite the ruling, the sand harvesting trade continued which as a result has led to serious degradation of Tiva river. The river bed has been completely destroyed and parts of the river have dried up.

During the inspection, an angry mob arrived at the river side and chased the members of county assembly away. They claimed that the members were trespassing and had not informed them of their visit prior to them going there.

The members of assembly were forced to immediately leave the site but later returned the next day albeit in the presence of armed police security. The villagers through their spokesperson Ms. Sabina Mbuvi informed the members as follows;

- a) They started the sand harvesting trade in the year 2004 in a bid to sustain themselves.
- b) They organised themselves into a sacco of about 200 members and took out a sand harvesting permit. They were trained on sand harvesting by some environmental officers.
- c) In the year 2015/16, their sacco paid about kshs. 100,000 for an environmental impact assessment report which was a requirement before they could continue sand harvesting.
- d) They claimed that through their sand harvesting proceeds, they have constructed 3 ECDE classrooms, provide the elderly with weekly stipends and even graded part of their road. One of the ECDE classrooms has transitioned to a primary classroom.

- e) They claimed that the county government has always neglected them since no developments are carried out in the area. They have requested for flood lights, toilets and even levelling of their schools playing fields with no success.
- f) They depend on the sand harvesting trade for their survival.

The members of assembly urged them to seek alternative sources of income since the continued sand harvesting will completely destroy the river in the near future.



A section of river Tiva where sand harvesting has severely degraded the river course.

The members made the following recommendations;

- i. The ban on sand harvesting should be fully implemented.
- ii. The OCPD of the area should be transferred immediately since she has completely failed to curb the sand harvesting.
- iii. The community should be sensitized on the benefits of safeguarding the environment and the disadvantages of sand harvesting.

- iv. The county government in conjunction with the relevant stakeholders and the community should come up with an alternative source of income for the members of the community.
- v. The relevant county assembly sectoral committee should work in conjunction with that of the Senate to deal with the sand harvesting problem in the area.

E. <u>MINISTRY OF LANDS, INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</u>

1. TOWNSHIP WARD - KITUI KAVETA/ GINNERY ROAD

Due to constant public outcry from the township residents, the members resolved to inspect the ongoing repair works of the ginnery- Kaveta road.

The representatives of the boda boda association informed the members of the delegation that the ongoing road works were jeopardizing the lives of motorists, pedestrians and boda boda riders. They complained that the road curbs erected were so high that incase a vehicle stalled on the road, there was no way to push it to the edge of the road.

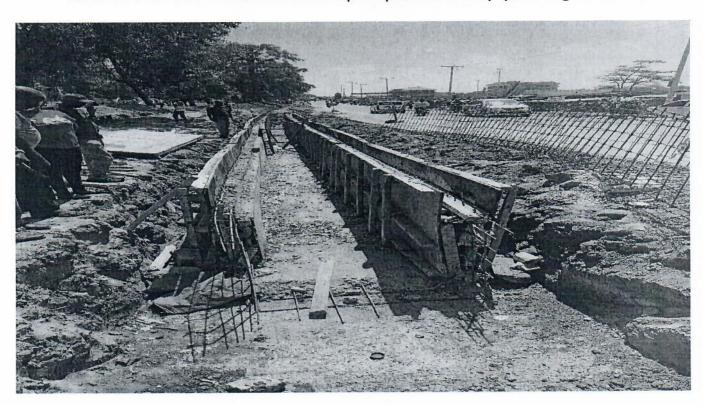
Also, the boda boda riders had nowhere to stop in case they wanted to pick and drop passengers along the road. The hawkers were equally complaining since potential customers had nowhere to park their cars in case they wanted to purchase goods from them.

The association claimed that the ministry had not conducted any public participation of the proposed.

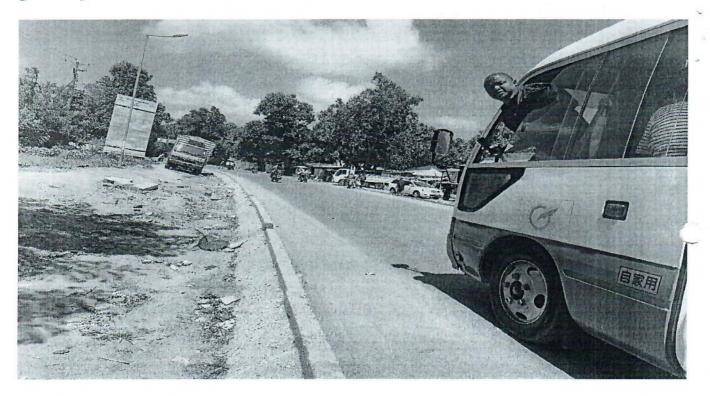
They held a demonstration on the same and sought the H.E the Governor's audience. She promised to give them a response within 14 days, however, at the compilation of this report, the same was yet to be received by the members.

On inspecting the road, the members noted the following;

- i. The curbs were indeed to high therefore incase of an accident or vehicle breakdown, the cars have nowhere to be parked.
- ii. The drainage being constructed had no specific outflow tank where the water will flow to thereby risking it flowing into the kunda kindu buspark.
- iii. The members were concerned with the quality of the Simba cement brand being used for the construction.
- iv. The engineer on site could not provide the bill of quantities (BQ) of the project therefore the members were unable to ascertain the scope of work.
- v. The engineer on site stated that the main scope of work was;
 - a) widening of the road from 6metres to 8 metres carriageway.
 - b) Provision of road drainage facilities
 - c) Protection works of the kalundu river bridge
 - d) Construction of the kalundu bus park
- vi. They were informed that the contracted company was Fanda Wired Ltd and that the total project contract was Kshs. 110,000,000 million.
- vii. The project design did not make provisions for bus bays/stops where vehicles and boda bodas could stop to pick and drop passengers.



A section of the drainage system under construction along the ginnery road.



A section of ginnery road showing side impressable high curbs.

The members made the following recommendations;

- The county assembly committee on lands, infrastructure, housing and urban development should inquire into the project to ascertain the exact project cost, the name of the contractor and the scope of work as contained in the bill of quantities.
- ii. The committee should also investigate whether public participation was carried out before the project commenced.
- iii. The committee should also investigate whether the procurement process for the project was properly done.

F. MINISTRY OF BASIC EDUCATION, ICT AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

1. TOWNSHIP WARD - KITUI COUNTY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (KICOYDEC), MANYENYONI

The members met with the current officer in charge of the centre, Engineer Eric Ngilu, (P.A to H.E the Governor).

The KICOYDEC centre focuses on training of youth and production of concrete products such as cabro tiles, interlocking blocks, culverts and many others.

The centre begun operating in February, 2020, and its primary focus was on the training of youth (apprenticeship). On inception, they used manual machines but however advanced to semi-automatic ones and thus begun production of concrete products for sale. They also opened another branch in Kanyonyoo, Kitui Rural ward.

The youth do not pay for their training. They however have to cater for their own lunch, transport and accommodation expenses.

Once the youth complete their 2 months training, they are issued with a certificate. The centre hopes to collaborate with the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) in order to issue the trainees with certificates recognised nationwide. This will assist them when seeking jobs. The first lot of trainees graduated in in May, 2020.

The centre is only able to absorb a few of the successful trainees as employees at the centre where they earn an average of kshs. 560 per day.

Currently, the two KICOYDEC centres have an average of 210 employees. The centre hopes to employ a total of 300 employees in future.

The centre has a revenue officer attached to it. Once a buyer pays for the goods, they are issued with a receipt and the money is collected by the revenue officer and banked in the main Kitui revenue account. The centre employees do not handle cash and their salaries are paid directly to their accounts.



Members of the delegation being shown the activities that take place in KICOYDEC.

The members made the following recommendations;

- The members recommend that the trainees should be provided with a stipend that will cover their transport and lunch expenses. This will encourage students from other rural towns within the county to apply for the training.
- ii. There is need for regional balancing in the number of trainees being trained. Currently, the employees and students at the centre are mostly from Kitui central sub county.

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY THE MEMBERS

We, the honourable members, do hereby affix our signatures to this report to affirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity;-

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

SECOND ASSEMBLY- (FOURTH SESSION)

COUNTY ASSEMBLY GROUP FOUR (4) MEMBERS' REPORT
ON

THE COUNTY INSPECTION TOUR ON PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI AND SERVICE DELIVERY ACROSS KITUI RURAL AND KITUI SOUTH SUB - COUNTIES CARRIED OUT BETWEEN 25TH TO 30TH JANUARY, 2021.

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FEBRUARY, 2021

INTRODUCTION

GROUP 4 was tasked to inspect/ oversight projects in Kitui Rural and Kitui South. The group was made up of the following members:

- 1. Hon. Alex Wambua presiding Chairperson
- 2. Hon. Mary Ndumbu presiding vice chairperson
- 3. Hon. David Thuvi
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Projects inspected/ oversighted;

SECTOR ON AGRICULTURE, WATER AND IRRIGATION

- a. Kangu kangu water project
- b. 500,000 litres water tank in Mutomo
- c. Kavisuni /Tiva water project
- d. Kaangweni (Kiini) water project (Kaangweni)
- e. Locust invasion in Kanziko ward

ii. SECTOR ON HEALTH AND SANITATION

- a. Yatta Health Centre- Kiusyani Morgue and Maternity Ward
- b. Ikutha level 4 Hospital
- c. Mutomo Hospital Morgue

iii. SECTOR ON FINANCE AND PLANNING

- a. Kanyonyoo sand bank
- b. Kanyonyoo cess point
- c. Kwa Vonza cess point
- d. Ikutha cess point
- e. Mutomo Cess point/Bus park
- f. Kathivo Barter Market Shed enroute to Kanyoonyoo market

iv. SECTOR ON TRADE, INDUSTRY, I.C.T & CO-OPERATIVES

- a. Kiusyani Crusher site
- b. Mutomo KICOTEC

v. SECTOR ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND MINERAL INVESTMENTS DEVELOPMENT

- a. Environmental degradation due to charcoal burning and sand harvesting.
- VI. SECTOR ON TOURISM, SPORTS AND CULTURE
 - a. Human/wildlife conflict in Kanziko ward
 - b. Mutomo Snake Park/ Plant Sanctuary.

GENERAL GROUP FINDINGS AGRICULTURE, WATER AND IRRIGATION SECTOR IN KITUI COUNTY

In its inspection/oversight exercise, the Group was able to establish a number of findings as highlighted below;

Kangu kangu water project

- i. The Kangu kangu water plant was started 2015/2016
- ii. There is human/wildlife conflict in Yamunyu area (where the plant is situated).

The area is infested with hippopotamus and crocodiles, so there is need for security lights in the plant and means of transport for the shift workers deployed there.

- iii. Poor living conditions were evident since there were no toilets and bathroom facilities in Kangu kangu water project plant.
- iv. There was poor management at the plant as the generator had not been fueled since May 2020 and the generator battery had not been replaced as from April 2020.
- v. There is Poor communication network between the plant and the treatment centre.
- vi. The Kangu kangu water project pipes keep on bursting.

500,000 litres water tank in Mutomo

i. The 500,000 litres water tank (concrete) is located at the top of Ngomeni Hill in Mutomo and was built in 2016/2017 Financial Year. There is also another metallic tank 500,000 litres located at Mutomo health centre and was constructed in 2019/2020.

This tank draws its water from Kyatune borehole and Kangu kangu water project and its main objective is to feed the tanks at the top of the hill.

Kavisuni/Tiva water project

- i. Kavisuni/Tiva water project was started in 2019/2020 financial year and serves three areas namely; Mavindini, Kavisuni and Kitamaa.
- ii. The Kavisuni water project was constructed at a cost of 21 million.
- iii. Masinga water no longer reaches Kavisuni market.
- iv. Kavisuni/Tiva water project was handed over to KITWASCO in August /September, 2020.

- v. The shallow well in Kavisuni/Tiva water project has been washed away by flood water four times.
- vi. Kavisuni water project initially targeted to serve Kilevi, Kalala, Kitamaa and Kyambusya but it has never reached Kalala.

Kiini (Kaangweni) borehole project

- i. Kaangweni (Kiini) borehole project is situated in Mr. Savi Malusi's homestead and there is no written agreement between the land owner and the County Government of Kitui and the land owner is disgruntled for lack of any type of compensation.
- ii. Kaangweni (Kiini) borehole project was constructed in 2015/2016, and it serves 3 wards visually Chuluni, Nzambani and Mbitini.
- iii. Kaangweni (Kiini) borehole project produces 55,000 litres of water per day and it is the largest borehole in Kitui County.
- iv. The team was happy to note that a new pump and solar panels were installed in at the borehole in 2019/2020 after the first pump was destroyed, however engineers have recommended drilling of a new borehole adjacent to the old one as a permanent solution to water problem in the area.
- v. Kaangweni (Kiini) borehole project distributes water to about 10 kiosks but the pipes have been bursting every now and then because of the pressure.

Locust invasion in Kanziko ward

- i. The three villages affected were:
 - a. Kivandeni/Mwanianga
 - b. Simisi/Ekani
 - c. Keutunda/ Kyanyaa.

ii. The invasion lasted for three days and the damage caused was minimal.

Upon spraying the locust flew into the Game Reserve.

GROUP FOUR'S GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- i. That there should be an approved County Water Strategy Paper. All water resource management issues will be handled by this strategy paper including maintenance, rehabilitation, pricing of water across the County among other challenges facing the water systems.
- ii. That there be specific standards of constructing shallow wells and Boreholes.
- iii. That stakeholders be involved and also be allowed, in line with the principles of citizen participation as provided for in Article 201 (a) of the Constitution of Kenya and Section 87 of the County Government Act, to prioritize their needs and in addition enhance the sense of ownership.
- iv. That once land is donated and or leased or bought for purposes of sinking a borehole or even constructing a water facility, proper documentation in terms of land ownership be ensured and apt compensation done.
- v. That all water points be fenced round so as to prevent contamination of water, siltation of shallow well, and further protect human and animal lives.
- vi. That there be proper training and equipping of individuals with skills and basic knowledge to manage the systems after the infrastructure are handed over to the community.

- vii. That procurement and tendering laws be adhered to in order to ensure qualified contractors are awarded the works aimed at ensuring proper workmanship is realized.
- viii. That the County technical staff responsible for project implementation must be fully utilized to achieve quality service delivery.
 - ix. That there should be a service agreement with the contractors on maintenance, servicing and repairs of water infrastructures for a stipulated period of time after completion of the projects to ensure quality workmanship.

GENERAL GROUP FINDINGS UNDER HEALTH AND SANITATION SECTOR IN KITUI COUNTY

The Group was able to establish a number of findings as hereunder:

i. Yatta Health Centre

- Yatta health centre was started in 1948 and became operational in 1964
- The Health centre has a catchment of 7431 people
- It serves 400 clients per day.
- Kiusyani Morgue was constructed 2016/2017 financial year at a total cost of 30 million inclusive of maternity theatre.
- The mortuary has a capacity of 24 bodies.
- The mortuary is complete but not operational.
- The mortuary was constructed at a cost of 23 million
- The health centre covers an area of about 5 acres
- Maternity was constructed in 1998 and it has a bed capacity of 12.
- It serves the entire Lower Yatta.

- Theatre and incubator were constructed at a cost of 7million.
- The facility is understaffed and lacked drugs
- There was a proposal to turn the already complete morgue into offices.
- Currently it does not have a management committee/board.
- Water is available within the vicinity but it's not connected to the facility.
- There is delay in payment of staff/casuals.
- The facility requires a fence round and a gate.
- There is an unequipped post-natal ward.
- The facility does not have a tittle deed.
- The three ambulances allocated to the facility have been withdrawn and taken elsewhere, under unclear circumstances.

IKUTHA LEVEL 4 HOSPITAL

- It serves Kasaala, Kamutei and Katilini health centers, and several dispensaries.
- This facility is currently served by four medical officers, twelve nurses, one dental technician, one physiotherapist, one occupational therapist, two laboratory technicians, and one clinical officer in various departments, which is a serious understaffing for a level IV hospital.
- The new OPD block is 100% complete with all services being offered despite the fact that there is no theatre for minor operations.
- A new maternity block is 100% complete, however the Group noted that the maternity theatre had a poor drainage system.

- The dental department was complete. The block has no equipment hence there are no services being offered in this department. The dental staff posted to this facility is currently unable to offer any services due to lack of equipment.
- Eye department, the Group was informed, in that facility was not well equiped.
- The process of procuring drugs was too rigid resulting to lack of drugs in the facility.
- The hospital does not have a modern laboratory and lacks adequate staff and reagents.
- The hospital lacks an incinerator.
- The hospital lacks ambulances: the available one has already broken down.
- The facility needs a morgue

MUTOMO LEVEL 4 HOSPITAL MORGUE

- The mortuary has a capacity to preserve twenty-four (24) bodies.
- The project was constructed in 2013/2014 Financial Year at the cost of thirty million, seven hundred and forty-five thousand and fortysix shillings only (30,745,046/=).
- The project was completed in 20th March, 2017 and opened on 31st March, 2017.
- Out of the three cold rooms only one is operational because the two lack gas.
- Toilets inside the morgue are not operational.
- The mortuary is currently in use and twelve bodies have been well preserved.
- Some of the services offered include postmortem charged at ksh 2,000/=, embalming, charged at ksh 1,000/= and daily charges of ksh 300/=.
- There is adequate supply of water to this facility, however, the facility lacks a backup generator in the event of power failure.

- The whole facility lacks an incinerator and a public cemetery is required for burying the unclaimed bodies.
- There is shortage of staff.
- There is delayed payment of salaries to casuals
- The staff needs protective gear/clothing.

Group's recommendations

- I. That the County Ministry on Health and Sanitation should ensure that all structural needs of the health facilities are catered for.
- II. That the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation should employ more staff, paying special attention to mortuary, nursing, administration and support staff and further ensure that they are properly remunerated and paid on time.
- III. That back up sources of power be provided for, in all health facilities and morgues.
- IV. That all maternity wings in the health facilities be connected to water supply and oxygen for their operationalization and further ensure that there is proper drainage.
- V. That the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation should consider re-awarding of tenders for fencing round and erecting gates in all health facilities for purposes of securing them against possible encroachers.
- VI. That pieces of land be procured, and or set aside as a public cemeteries in all morgues.
- VII. That all health facilities be provided with adequate number of ambulances for smooth service delivery to members of public.

GENERAL GROUP FINDINGS UNDER ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND MINERAL INVESTMENTS DEVELOPMENT SECTOR IN KITUI COUNTY

- Environmental degradation due to charcoal burning affected mainly Mutha, Kanziko and Ikutha wards but not Mutomo ward.
- Charcoal burning caused a lot of destruction in Kitui South National Game Reserve.

- Members found out that more than 20 Lorries per day used to ferry charcoal from Kitui South before the ban.
- Bee keeping was also encouraged and honey processing plant was put up in Kanziko ward.
- Bush clearing activities were started in those areas and participants paid.
- It was noted that illegal charcoal trade is still taking place in small scale through cartels.
- The charcoal ban has led to rapid growth of natural forests and it has encouraged animals to cross to the villages in Kanziko and Mutha wards.
- Public participation, trainings and meetings were held to educate residents on alternative sources of income and those highly affected were issued with bursaries and poultry to cushion them against the loss enhanced by sand and charcoal ban.
- Sand is drawn from Itumba and Tiva for local construction in Mutomo Town.
- After the sand ban, constructed earth dams raised levels of water and there is plenty of sand in the local rivers.

TIMBONI MINING

- The iron ore was being mined by individuals and organized groups from the local community.
- A Wheelbarrow of iron ore stones was going for eight hundred shillings (800).
- Mining takes place along Tiva River, Mutulu and Timboni areas.
- There is no ready market for the iron ore and the members of public are highly exploited by middle men.

RECOMMENDATIONS

 That the County Government of Kitui should improve on the communication infrastructure (road network) in all the mining zones within the County.

- ii. That the County Government of Kitui should ensure that there is an available and ready market for all minerals found and mined in the county.
- iii. That the County Government of Kitui should empower the local communities in the mining zones by way of training them on the best mining methods with a view to ensuring their wellbeing and security.
- iv. That the County Government of Kitui should ensure that all cartels involved in illegal charcoal trade and sand harvesting are stamped out and further that disciplinary action is taken on county officials who are engaged in these activities.

GENERAL GROUP FINDINGS UNDER TRADE, INDUSTRY, I.C.T & CO-OPERATIVES SECTOR IN KITUI COUNTY

KANYONYOO SAND BANK

- The casuals at Kanyonyoo sand bank, around 30 of them, were transported to Manyenyoni.
- The yard is usually secured by armed policemen
- A lot of information could not be obtained since there was no officer on ground.
- There was a shed which was in bad shape and needed repair
- There were two tanks, some machines, wheelbarrows, sand, ballast and cabros.
- Other buildings within the yard were toilets, workshop store but there were no bathrooms and offices.
- The yard seemed to have been poorly planned and managed. It was deserted and there was no activity going on.
- The yard uses generator instead of electricity which is not economical.

KIUSYANI CRUSHER SITE

- The plant was ready in July 2019 but operations started in December 2020 operating for four hours per day.
- Per day the plant currently produces 800 tons of ballast but can produce more.
- The site lacks materials on the surface but there is plenty of materials underground.
- Power is a major problem since they lack a backup generator.
- The plant has issues with Nema since they did not have a license
- Feasibility study was not undertaken when the process was being initiated.
- There is no reliable source of water therefore the plant needs a borehole or piped water.
- The project is understaffed.
- There is no control of dust pollution
- There is a pile of 2000 tons of ballast found on site for stock piling for future selling.
- They lack the necessary equipment and staff.
- The land in total measuring 20 acres is leased and the leasing terms is unknown.
- There is lack of understanding between the crusher management and the local community.
- Members established that the local community and the Governor had reached an agreement on the management of the crusher

RECOMMENDATIONS

- i. That the County Government of Kitui should ensure electric power is connected to the sand bar to avoid regular use of the generator.
- ii. That modern office blocks with adequate toilet facilities should be constructed in all the Sand bank and the Kyusyani crusher sites within the county.
- iii. That the county government should ensure that adequate machinery, houses, service vans and staff are employed

- within the above mentioned sites in (ii) above and adequate water supply ensured.
- iv. That the Ministry of trade do account for all the funds so far allocated regarding the construction of the sand bar, crusher site, KICOTEC and its other centres; and the Kathivo market shed. Further the relevant sectoral committee do follow up the matter with a view to fixing accountability and ensure that culprits, if any, are brought to book.

GENERAL GROUP FINDINGS UNDER TOURISM, SPORTS AND CULTURE SECTOR IN KITUI COUNTY

HUMAN/WILDLIFE CONFLICT IN KANZIKO WARD

- 13 Elephants invaded Ngali village attacked people and destroyed farm produce.
- Game Reserve is not fenced (Tsavo East National Reserve)
- There is no help and compensation for the people attacked by wild animals
- Lions and hyenas have been attacking livestock and still there is no compensation.
- Buffalos have been attacking people and recently killed one person.
- The Game Reserve does not give any support to the people living around the Game reserve once they are attacked or invaded by the wild animals.
- Kanziko gate to the Game Reserve is not operational.

MUTOMO SNAKE PARK/PLANT SANCTARY

- It is located adjacent to to the plant sanctuary
- It was constructed in three phases,
- Walling and installation of gate is complete
- renovation of old houses was not done
- Labelling was to be done in 2018/2019 but it was not done

- Supervision and management of the construction is done from the headquarters (Kitui) by Ministry of Tourism, Sports and Culture.
- The area is demarcated and fenced around
- The park is deserted, bushy and abandoned as a result of negligence
- Although it was properly planned but it has never been implemented
- Members also found out proper public participation took place while it was being initiated.
- No revenue is being generated from the snake park, despite the project having been identified as source of revenue in budgetary planning.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- i. That the County Government should fast track the operationalization of both the snake park and the plant sanctuary by way of deploying adequate personnel to ensure labelling in the facilities and maximum revenue collection is realized.
- ii. That the County Government ensures that the old houses in the snake park are renovated.
- iii. That the bushes in the snake park are cleared

GENERAL GROUP FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS UNDER FINANCE AND PLANNING SECTOR IN KITUI COUNTY

The Group was able to establish a number of findings and observations as discussed below;

- i. Cash Handling is still being practised despite the efforts made in automation of revenue collection.
- ii. There are complaints of delayed payment of allowances to revenue collectors in these centres.

- iii. At the Kanyonyoo cess point the team was astonished to find out that cash Mpesa collections are sent to one Mr. Munyithya in his phone for him to transmit accordingly.
- iv. There was no electricity installed at the cess collection centre in Ikutha.
- v. There is inadequate parking space at Mutomo bus park / cess collection centre.
- vi. Most cess collection centres are manned by casuals.
- vii. Salaries for the casuals are in arrears they have not been paid since October 2020 and they are not given any allowances.
- viii. The officers deployed at these cess collection centres live under deplorable conditions since they share one bed amongst six employees, no toilets, bathroom facilities and security lights.
- ix. Some centres lacked security personnel like Kyandula and Mutomo Bus Park.
- x. Most of the casuals were not from the respective localities hence their survival is questionable yet they are not receiving any payment therefore Members could not rule out theft of public funds.
- xi. Cash collected is surrendered on weekly basis to the Divisional revenue in charge (DRI).
- xii. There is laxity on the side of revenue collectors and security officers leading to loss of revenue by way of some vehicles not stopping when stopped.
- xiii. The group noted that the Finance Act used was that of 2019.
- xiv. Some casuals have worked over twenty and thirteen years without being employed permanently.
- xv. Irregular transfer of casuals to remote areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- That the County Ministry of Finance should ensure that citizens are provided with convenient and secure payment options for different services provided by the County.
- ii. That the county enhances the ability to monitor revenue collection from several sources on real time basis via apt training of the revenue collectors.
- iii. That the county minimizes cash handling by revenue clerks with a view to curbing corruption and revenue leakages.
- iv. That the county integrates e-government technology with a view to increasing efficiency, as more clients will be able to access more services without necessarily going to government premises thus boosting revenue collection.
- v. That there be speedy implementation of the Finance Bill and further that the House through the Committees on Finance and Planning and that of Implementation do follow up the said matter.
- vi. That there is need to expand the cess collection booths/offices through making them permanent and spacious to give revenue clerks enough space and comfort for work and installation of key working tools including computers, electricity, CCTV Cameras, safes for keeping vital documents and security equipment storage compartments. Further improve on their living conditions at the cess points via ensuring proper housing provision.
- vii. That the county ensures that the problem of inexperienced and unqualified personnel is minimized by way of exposing staff to

training facilities and opportunities (continuous capacity building to enhance their ability and experience in revenue collection and accountability.

- viii. That the County Government ensures that taxpayers are fully consulted before any new taxes, levies and charges are introduced.
- ix. That the county government ensures that staff salaries and allowances are paid on time.
- x. That the engagement and deployment of casuals in revenue collection be investigated, in particular at the cess collection centres.
- xi. Discourage the unjustified deployment of casuals in the revenue collection department to minimize corruption and revenue leakages.

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GROUP REPORT ADOPTION/AUTHETICATION

We members of GROUP 4 do hereby affix our Signatures to this report to affirm our approval and confirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity.

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ANNEXURE 1: PHOTOS

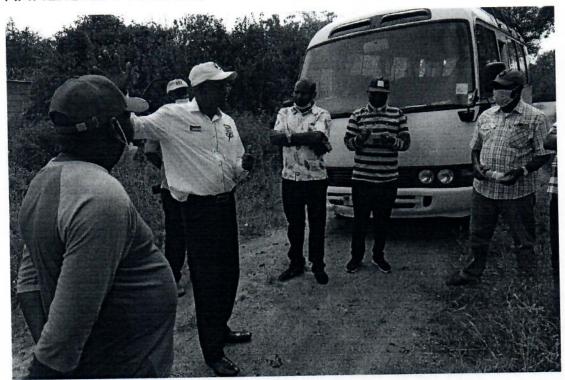


Figure 1 Members inspecting the Mutomo Snake Park



Figure 2 Members inspecting the Mutomo Plant Sanctuary



Figure 3 Members inspecting the 500cm3 water tank in Mutomo town



Figure 4 Members interacting with public at Mutomo Cess Point

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CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY THE MEMBERS

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