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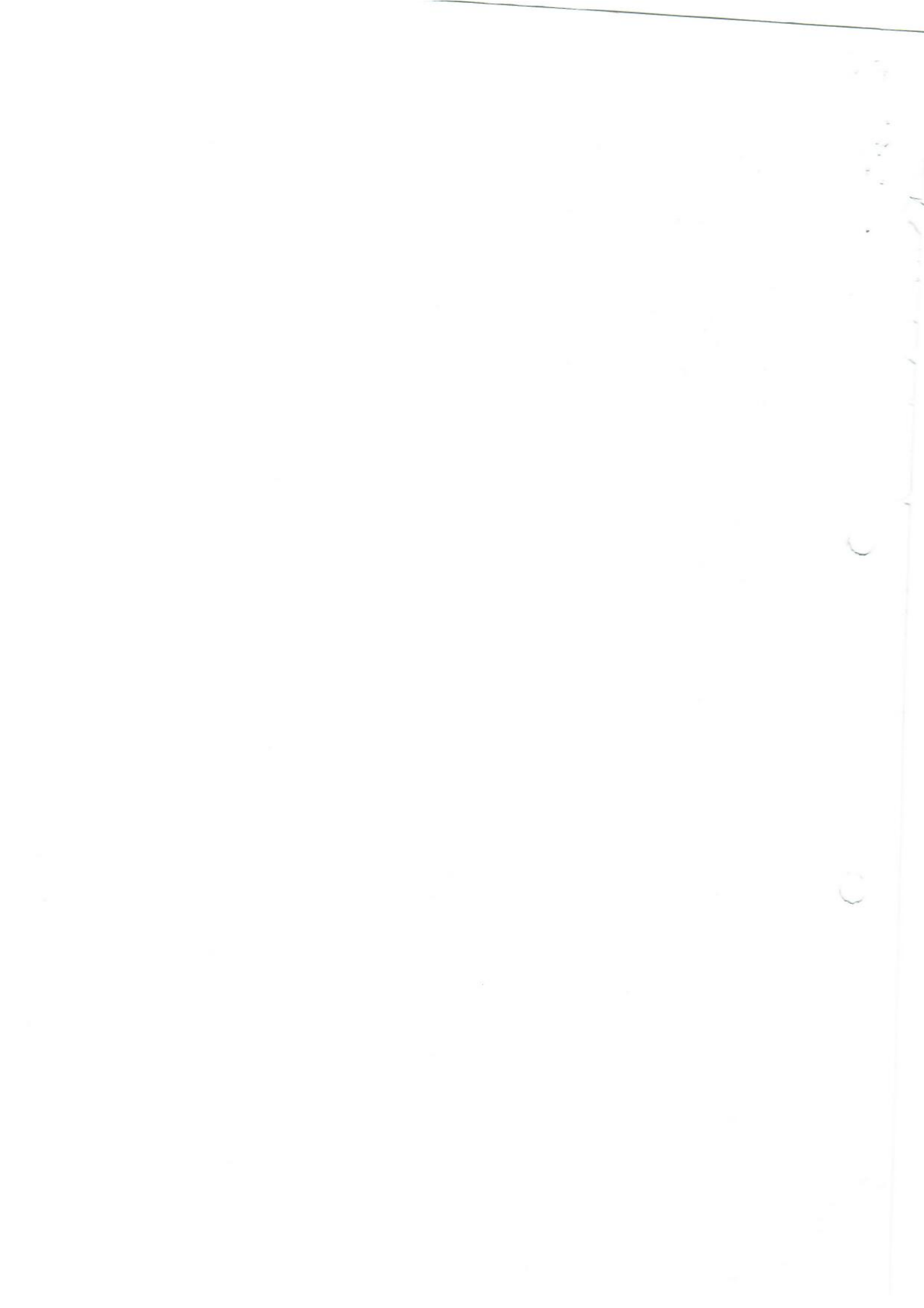
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ABBREVIATION AND ACCRONYMS

BQ -	Bill of Quantities
CCC -	Comprehensive Care Centre
CCTV -	Closed Circuit Television
CDF -	Community Development Fund
CECM -	County Executive Committee Member
CSR -	Corporate Social Responsibility
EACC -	Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission
EIA -	Environmental Impact Assessment
GDP -	Gross Domestic Product
GI -	Galvanized Iron
HOP -	Health Operationalization Policy.
KIMWASCO -	Kiambere Mwingi Water & Sanitation Company
KIYOSEC-	Kitui Youth Skills and Enterprise Centre
LATF -	Local Authority Transfer Fund
MCA -	Member of County Assembly
NBU -	New Born Unit
NEEMA -	National Environmental Management Authority
OPD -	Out Patient Department
OSR -	Own Source Revenue
V.I.P -	Very Important Person
W.H.O -	World Health Organization

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The provisions of Article 185(3) of the Constitution give the County Assembly the power to exercise oversight over the county executive committee and any other county executive organ. 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'

Owing to the above, the Liaison committee held a consultative meeting from 16th to 19th March, 2023 in order to discuss the ways in which the County Assembly committees can effectively exercise their oversight mandate.

The committee resolved that members conduct an inspection of all County projects implemented by County Government since its inception. In undertaking this exercise, members of the Assembly grouped themselves into delegations and visited selected projects. Members met County Government officials and the community representatives where the projects were implemented, who provided required information concerning the projects.

The Liaison Committee developed an extensive program covering projects in all the 8 Sub Counties (program annex 2). The exercise was carried out from Monday 20th - Friday 24th March, 2023 with the singular purpose of developing a report detailing the state of projects across all ministries county wide. The purpose of the report is to guide and allow members to ventilate on issues emerging from the inspection of projects and further make specific recommendations to the county executive for implementation.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

In carrying out the inspection exercise, members faced a number of challenges for instance, inaccessibility of certain areas due to poor roads a case in point being the access road to Kwa kivondo earth dam in Nzambani ward where vehicles got stuck on a poorly constructed drift. Time constraints was also another major challenge. However, the honorable members were able to successfully carry out the inspection exercise, challenges notwithstanding.

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

In the report, the following general observations among others were made; that there is serious understaffing across all the health facilities in the County which makes it difficult to operate at their optimal level. There is acute shortage of infrastructure across all the Vocational Training Centers visited resulting into congestion in dormitories and workshops. Members further observed that there are many stalled water projects which require completion and operationalization before new ones are initiated.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Some of the recommendations recorded herein include; that, for the County health facilities to operate at their optimal level, the County Ministry on Health and Sanitation need to employ more health staff according to the World Health Organization (WHO) staffing norms to match the demands of the facilities. That the County Government makes budgetary allocations towards investment and expansion of physical infrastructure in vocational centres. Members also recommended immediate completion and operationalization of all stalled projects.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

In conclusion, the projects inspection tour was an informative experience that allowed members to gain a comprehensive understanding of the project's progress and identify areas that require improvement. By visiting the project sites and conducting thorough inspections, Members were able to assess the quality of the work and ensure that it was in compliance with the project specifications and standards. The tour also provided members with an opportunity to meet the community representative, discuss concerns, potential solutions and establish a way forward.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On behalf of the members of the County Assembly of Kitui and pursuant to the provisions of Article 185 of the Constitution, it is now my singular duty and privilege to present this report for adoption by the House.


HON. CHRISTOPHER NZILU
CHAIRPERSON LIAISON COMMITTEE

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CHAPTER ONE

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 envisages decent principles in public resource mobilization, planning and management. Article 224 of the Constitution provides that every County Government shall prepare and adopt its own Annual Budget and an Appropriation Bill in the form and according to the procedure prescribed in an Act of Parliament.

The County Assembly since inception has passed Budget Estimates in every Financial Year for implementation by the County Executive. Every County Ministry has implemented projects in every Financial Year.

Soon after the commencement of the Third Assembly and the official launch of the pending bills review report by the Governor, Members of the Assembly started registering complains on the floor of the House on the status of projects in the wards. Citing on the outcry, completed projects have not been operationalized, other projects have stalled while others were poorly done and therefore no value for money.

The Assembly resolved to appraise itself on the utilization and implementation of budgets by undertaking a projects inspection tour across the County to sampled projects, in order to collect first-hand information relating to the complaints, and thereafter prepare a comprehensive report on their findings.

In undertaking the inspection exercise, 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;

During this exercise Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee focused on projects done by the County Government of Kitui since its inception. As the key projects under inspection, the Committee inspected projects in the Eight (8) Sub Counties.

1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. Speaker Sir,

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

Mr. Speaker Sir,

I express reflective gratitude to Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of Assembly for the facilitation accorded to all members in the fulfilment of their oversight mandate. Further I thank the members of County Assembly for their commitment and dedication to the cause. Finally, I extent our gratitude to 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 important exercise.

Thank You,

HON. CHRISTOPHER NZILU
CHAIRPERSON LIAISON COMMITTEE

Signed:  _____ Date: 9/05/23

CHAPTER TWO

2.0 SPECIFIC SECTOR FINDINGS, OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

This Chapter covers Specific findings, observations and recommendations for the following sectors;

2.1 MINISTRY OF TRADE, COOPERATIVES AND INVESTMENTS.

2.1.0 Kwa Kilui Stone Ballast Crusher in Yatta Kwa Vonza Ward.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The delegation was met by Mr. Lazarus Mwangela - Manager of the crusher who gave out the following information;

The stone crusher is a project under the County Ministry of Trade, Cooperatives and Investments located in Yatta Kwa-Vonza Ward. The Project was initiated as one of the former Governor 's flagship Projects with the key aim of increasing own source revenue generation for the County.

The project occupies twenty (20) acres of land leased from Mr. Mutua Mbatha, for a period of ten (10) years with a commencement date of 1st January, 2019. The monthly rent is Ksh 30,000 payable annually during the period of lease.

The stone crusher has a capacity to produce 250 tonnes of ballast per day translating to between 70-100 tonnes of ballast per hour. The equipment is electric powered with a backup generator and specializes in production of ballast in the following categories;

- i. 3/4 ballast at a cost Kshs. 1000 per tonne.
- ii. 1/2 ballast at a cost Kshs. 800 per tonne.
- iii. 1/4 ballast at a cost Kshs. 700 per tonne.
- iv. Dust at a cost Kshs. 400 per ton.

During the time of visit, Members of County Assembly were informed by the Manager that, operation had not been consistent due to persistent of power outage, fuel and water shortage. Owing to the above challenges the entire operations in the crusher stalled down completely in mid -June 2022.

Specific Observations

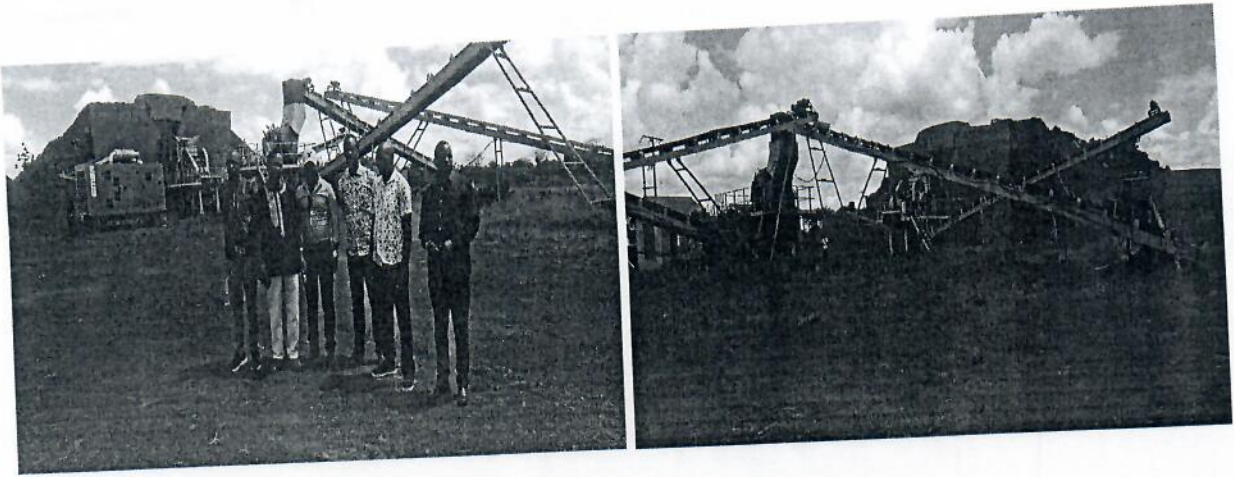
Members made the following observations;

1. A huge substantial investment worth millions of public funds is non-operational as evidenced by presence of non-serviced machines and equipment's e.g., Excavators, Wheel loaders, Dozers amongst others.
2. The stone ballast crusher had only been active for a period of three years beginning 2019 to 2022 where by better part of the period was utilized to set up the supporting works like construction of ramps, ground works, digging of pits and putting up of the administration block.
3. The crusher was being managed by County Ministry of Trade, Cooperatives and Investments. The current staff were drawn mostly from the Ministry of Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development i.e., seven (7) on permanent and pensionable and three (3) on casuals' basis.
4. On the issue of resettlements and compensation of the locals affected by activities of the crusher, the manager informed members that there was no a detailed handing - over -take -over report.
5. Delayed remittances of plant funds used for operations and maintenance resulting to delayed payment of bills.

Specific Recommendations.

THAT, the Ministry of Trade, Cooperatives and Investments;

1. Formulates strategies on transferring the operationalization of the plant to any stable Cooperatives society within the County;
2. Mobilize funds for payment of accrued staff allowances and pending bills;
3. Collaborates with the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) to explore mechanisms of resettling the affected locals as well as undertaking the payment of their compensation.



2.1.1 Kanyonyoo Cess Point in Yatta Kwa Vonza Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The delegation established that this is one of the major cess points along the busy Nairobi-Mwingi- Garissa Highway but performs dismally in terms of generating the County's own source revenue (OSR). The cess point is manned by a team of five staff; two revenue clerks, two armed officers and one County enforcement officer.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations;

1. Absence of strong metal spikes to prevent any escaping vehicles from paying cess.
2. The cess point is not conspicuously labelled to alert motorists, this makes some road users to escape remitting the cess.
3. Sand transporters displaying receipts purported to have been issued by sand harvesting societies which appeared to be fake and undervalued.
4. Inadequate physical infrastructure such as such as permanent offices and sanitary facilities.

Specific Recommendations.

THAT the County Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning;

1. Automates revenue collection at the cess points and all remittances.
2. Installs weigh bridge to curb sand loaders who escape cess payment.
3. Installs sign boards and proper lighting to alert road users on presence of the cess point.



2.1.2 Ngutaani Market in Ngutaani Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

This project was sponsored by the National Government, until the year 2013, when the County Government of Kitui took over its operation through construction of public toilets and installation of the fence. Upon its completion, the delegation established that, traders used it for some few months and eventually shifted again to open air market citing unfavorable competition from shop -owners.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations that;

1. There exists constant conflict between the shop-owners and grocery dealers.
2. There is acute water shortage and no electricity connection making the operations of the market difficult.
3. There are substantial pending bills owed by the local suppliers.
4. There is a deliberate attempt by the rogue locals to grab the land where the market sits as evidenced by illegal constructions within the market.

Specific Recommendations.

THAT; Ministry of Trade, Cooperatives and investments;

1. Formulates strategies on finding a lasting solution to rivalry between the two groups (shop owners and grocery dealers).
2. Undertakes payment of all Pending bills.

3. Ensure connection of electricity and constant water supply through extension of Masinga- Mwingi water pipeline to the market.
4. Ensures proper demarcation of the market.
5. Ensures immediate renovation of the market by installing metallic doors as well as reinforcing the fence.



2.2 MINISTRY OF BASIC EDUCATION, TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

2.2.0 Tanganyika Vocational Training Centre in Kwa Vonza/Yatta Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

According to the area Sub County Administrator, Mr. Mulevu the project was started in 2013 and completed the same year. Upon its completion the centre did not operate since no equipment and tools were supplied by the concerned Ministry.

The project was meant to absorb both graduands of primary and secondary schools within Kwa-Vonza and its environs with a sole purpose of equipping them with market-oriented skills and current technology.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

1. The center is not operational despite its completion. Members were informed that, upon its completion no staff neither equipment or tools were supplied to the center.

2. Window panes, doors and window grills had been vandalized.
3. There was only one toilet with worn-out doors.
4. The center lacked a standard fence thus exposing its property to theft and vandalism.

Specific Recommendations.

THAT the Ministry of Basic Education, Training and Skills Development;

1. Immediately employs staff to the centre.
2. Formulate strategies of the operationalization of the centre through replacing the vandalized window panes, doors and window grills.
3. Supplies appropriate tools and equipment to the centre.
4. Installation of a standard fence to prevent the destruction of its property and theft.



2.2.1 Kanyengya Youth Polytechnic in Tharaka Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

According to the Mr. Josphat Muriuki, the Manager of the institution, the project was initiated in Fy 2014/2015. Upon its completion the trainees' enrolment was low, since there were no staff as well as equipment for various courses which were being offered.

The project was meant to absorb both graduands of primary and secondary schools within Kanyengya and the entire Tharaka Ward with a sole purpose of equipping them with market-oriented skills and current technology. The enrolment as at the time of visit stood at fifty-three trainees.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observation, that;

1. The contractor did a complete shoddy fencing job which took two days to completion and was uncooperative with the key community stake holders.
2. The centre is facing acute staffing as there is only one trainer employed by the Ministry while the rests are currently three under the Board of Management.
3. The institution was supplied with outdated and sub-standard equipment and tools.
4. The institution has not received Ministry's capitation for the for the last two years.
5. The institution has only one toilet which is overstrained compared to the current enrolment.
6. The centre is not connected the National Grid and this hinders introduction of more courses.
7. There is acute water shortage in the institution.

Specific Recommendations.

THAT, the Ministry of Basic Education, Training and Skills Development;

1. Blacklists and prosecutes the contractor for the poor workmanship.
2. Employs more trainers and converts the current trainers into permanent and pensionable employees.
3. Rehabilitates the nearby borehole to supply water to the centre and installation of more water tanks to harvest rain water during the rain seasons.
4. Connects the centre to the national grid to attract more courses.
5. Puts up more toilets to accommodate the increased enrolment.



2.2.3 Katwala Youth Vocational Centre in Mbitini Ward

Katwala Vocational Training Centre was established in the year 2012 and later registered in 2017. The institution sits on a 0.5 acres piece of land and has a total enrolment of 116 trainees.

Specific Observations

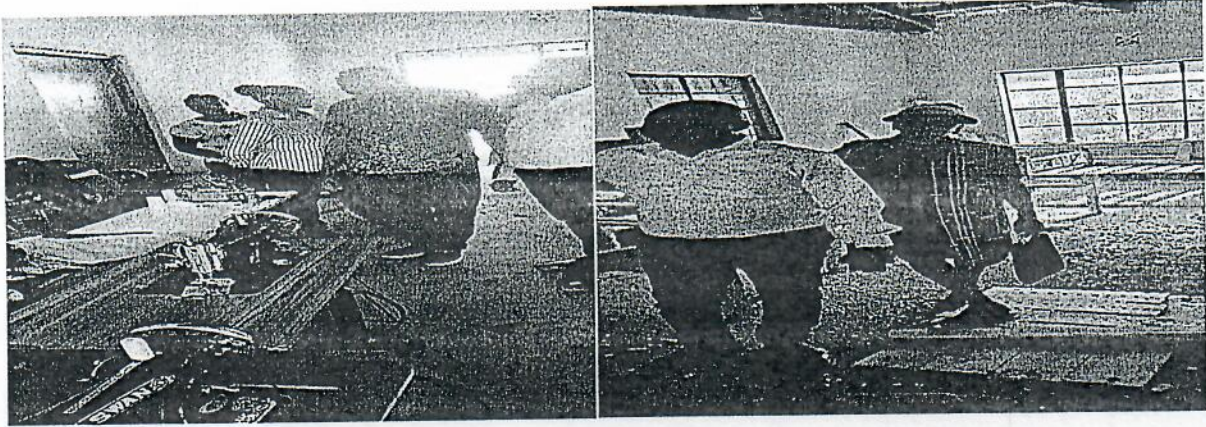
Members made the following observations, that;

1. There is an increased enrolment rate resulting to congestion in workshops and dormitories and some workshops have been converted into dormitories to accommodate the increasing enrolment.
2. The institution is connected to a single-phase power supply which is inadequate to power all lighting systems and machinery.
3. Some tools and equipment used for training are old and obsolete.
4. There is no computer laboratory leading to conversion of one workshop into a temporary computer laboratory.
5. There is serious understaffing in the Centre since there is only one trainer employed by the County Government while others are on casual basis.
6. The Centre lacks basic instructional and training equipment for most of the courses offered.
7. The institution has no land for expansion.
8. There is no proper organizational structure and chain of command due to lack of a proper legal institutional framework.

Specific Recommendations.

THAT, the Ministry of Basic Education, Training and Skills Development;

1. Makes a budgetary allocation towards investment and expansion of physical infrastructure of the Centre.
2. Purchases and replaces worn-out and obsolete tools and equipment.
3. Recruits qualified instructors and other personnel and develop a scheme of service to ensure continuous in-service training to the instructors.
4. Ensure security of the institution through proper documentation of land ownership.
5. Ensure timely disbursement of Vocational training centre capitation.



2.2.4 Ikuuni Vocational Training Centre in Waita Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir, according to the Institution's Manager, Ms. Kambua David, the vocational training Centre was started in the year 2015 by the County Government of Kitui. It has a total enrolment of 39 students, with one instructed under permanent and pensionable basis and two on casual basis.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

1. The institution is well fenced with security lights and CCTV camera installed.
2. There is inadequate land for expansion.
3. There is inadequate water storage facilities to store more water for consumption.
4. There is serious understaffing in the Centre thus hampering the
5. The workshops are inadequate as some have been converted into dormitories.
6. The Centre lacks basic instructional and training equipment.
7. The facility has no kitchen and the management has improvised a makeshift kitchen.
8. The institution is connected to a single- phase power supply which is inadequate to power all lighting systems and machinery and there is huge electricity bill amounting to kshs. 300,000.

Specific Recommendations.

THAT the Ministry of Basic Education, Training and Skills Development;

1. Makes budgetary allocations towards investment and expansion of physical infrastructure.

2. Purchases and replaces worn-out and obsolete tools and equipment.
3. Recruits qualified instructors and other personnel and equip them with relevant knowledge and skills that matches the current job market demands.
4. Ensures proper documentation of land ownership, registration, survey and fencing.



2.2.5 Mutwaathi Vocational Training Centre in Migwani Ward

The delegation visited Mutwaathi Vocational Training Center on 22nd March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Muthengi Ndagara and was received by Mr. Ndavuta, the Village Administrator.

Specific Observations

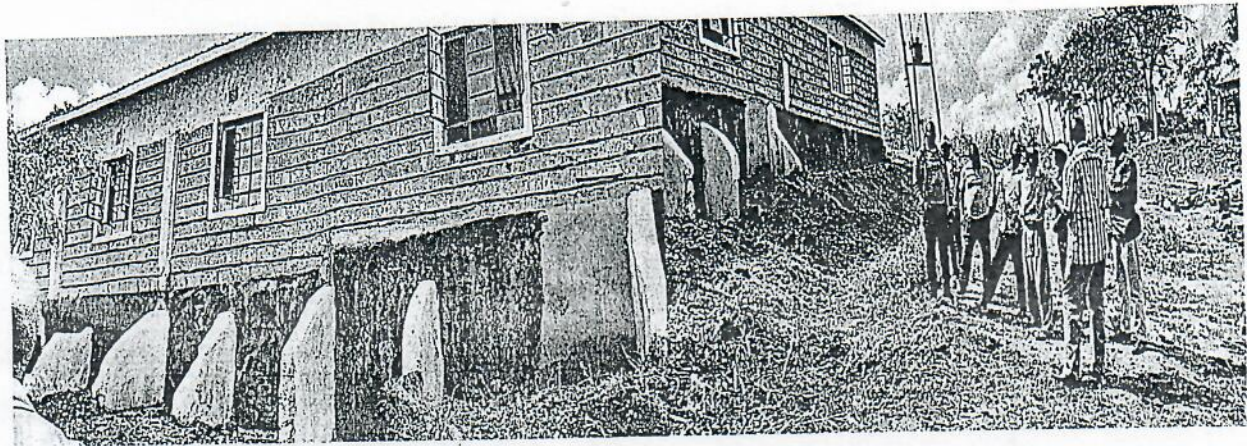
Members made the following observations, that;

1. The County Government in the 2020/2021 Financial Year constructed two classrooms and a hall.
2. The centre has a total enrolment of 76 trainees comprising of 41 boys and 35 girls.
3. The ICT department is not equipped.
4. The Centre doesn't have an existing Board of Management.
5. The Contractor assigned to the two classrooms did a shoddy work and at the time of this visit students had vacated the classrooms since they were almost collapsing.
6. The Centre doesn't have a playground.
7. The Centre doesn't have tanks for water storage.
8. The Centre is understaffed since it has only one instructor employed on permanent and pensionable basis and other three are on casual basis.
9. There is inadequate tools and equipment for training.

Specific Recommendations

THAT, the County Ministry of Education, Training and Skill Development;

1. Fences the center to keep off intruders.
2. Constructs toilets for the students and staff to improve on sanitation.
3. Level the playground to promote co-curriculum activities.
4. Provides tanks for water storage.
5. Equips the ICT workshop to expose the trainee to modern ICT course.
6. Recruits qualified instructors and other personnel and equip them with relevant knowledge and skills that matches the current job market demands.
7. Establish a board of Management



2.2.6 Kyuso Vocational Training Centre in Kyuso Ward

The delegation visited the Kyuso Vocational training Centre on Thursday 24th March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Dominic Mwamisi and was received by the Institutional Manager.

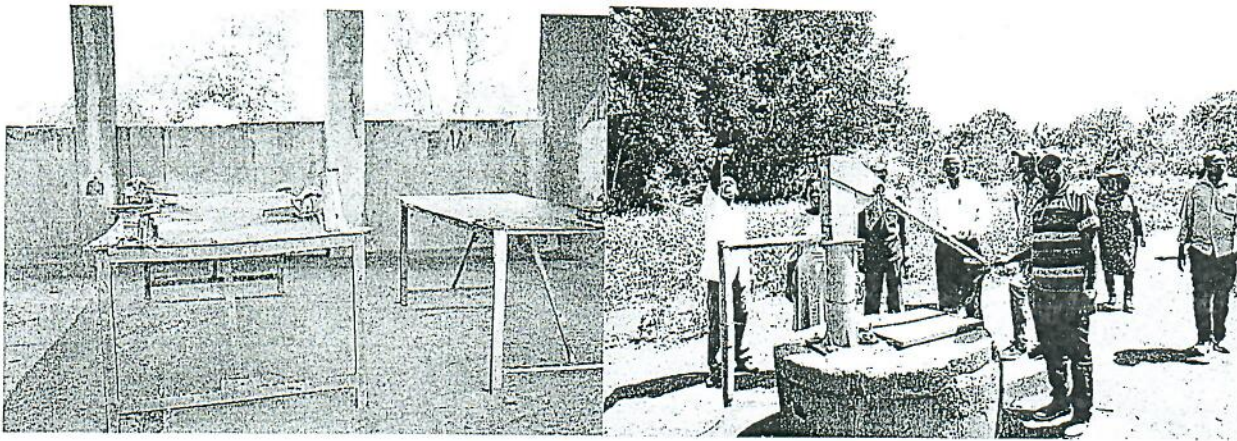
Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

1. The institution was started in the Year 1980 through a community initiative and support from Non-governmental Organization (NGOs) and faith-based institutions.
2. The institution has a total enrolment of 240 students.
3. According to the manager, in the 2018, the institution was identified among the centers to be upgraded as centers for excellency and subsequently allocated Kshs. 15

million in the 2018/2019 financial year budget. However, these funds were never released by the County Government.

4. The institution has a total land measuring 24 acres which is not fenced and has neither security lights installed thus paving way for intruders, land grabbers and livestock.
5. The institution has an earth dam which needs to be desilted and a purification machine installed.
6. Some buildings are in a poor and delapidated state. For instance, collapsing roofs and ceilings in one of the dormitories.
7. The institution is understaffed thus hampering introduction of new courses.
8. There is inadequate basic instructional and training equipment.



Specific Recommendations

THAT, the County Ministry of Education, Training and Skill Development;

1. Fences the center to keep off intruders, land grabbers and livestock.
2. Install security lights in the Center to enhance security within the centre.
3. Level the playground to promote co-curriculum activities.
4. Repair and renovate dilapidated structures.
5. Install water tanks for water storage.
6. Equips the Motor vehicle technology Department.
7. Employs more staff.
8. Provides training materials and tools and equipment.

2.2.7 Manyenyoni Resource Centre in Township Ward

Members of the County Assembly led by Hon. Daniel Ngoima visited Manyenyoni Resource Centre on Monday 20th March, 2023. The delegation of MCAs was received by enforcement officers whom they found at the site. The area appeared to be generally abandoned with few machines and concrete products on the ground.

The Resource Centre is located at the Manyenyoni Village in Kitui township ward, in a Five (5)-acre piece of land belonging to the County government part of which is currently occupied by Kitui Youth Skills and Enterprise Centre (KIYOSEC). Members learnt KIYOSEC focuses on training of Youth and production of concrete products such as cabro tiles, interlocking blocks, culverts among many others.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

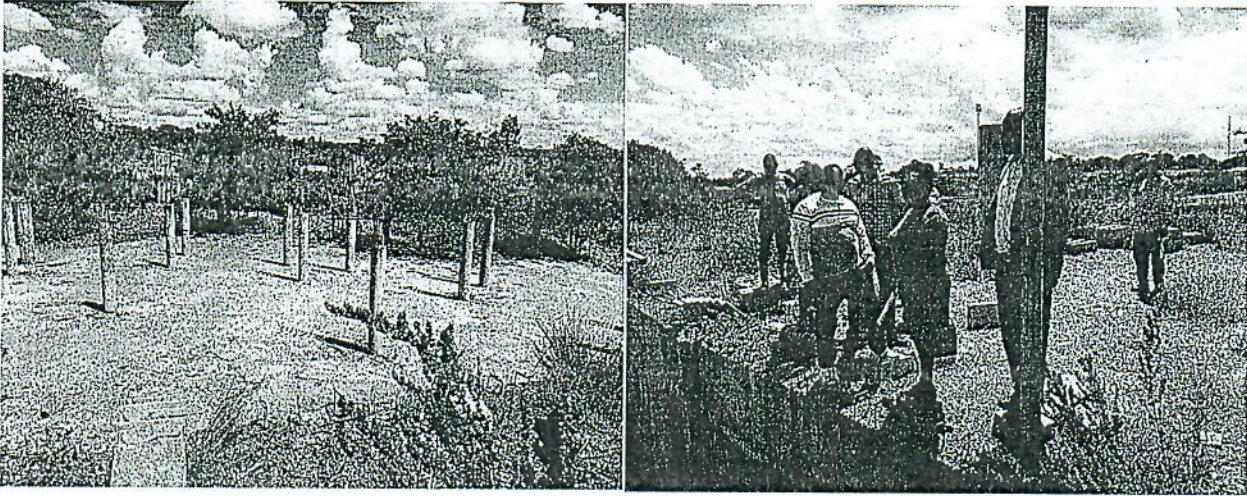
1. The building is stalled at slab level.
2. The fence had been vandalized.
3. Part of the compound was occupied by KIYOSEC (Kitui Youth Skills and Enterprise Centre) but at the time of visit there were no students or activities on the ground.
4. There were machines and concrete materials on site.

Specific Recommendations

The delegation made the following recommendations: -

THAT, the County Ministry of Education, Training and Skill Development;

1. Ensures that the Resource Centre is revived, completed and operationalized.
2. Ensures that the area is fenced.
3. Ensures that the material and equipment on ground for KIYOSEC (Kitui Youth Skills and Enterprise Centre) is retained and used by Home Craft Centres.



2.2.8 Kauwi Vocational Centre in Kauwi Ward

A section of Members of the County Assembly led by Hon. Gabriel Munyao visited Kauwi Vocational Centre on Wednesday 22nd March, 2023 and were received by Ms. Milka Martha Kimeli the school manager.

According to the manager, this project was meant to absorb the large number of primary and secondary school leavers who have missed the opportunity to join institutions of higher learning in order to equip them with market oriented and current technological skills.

Specific Observations

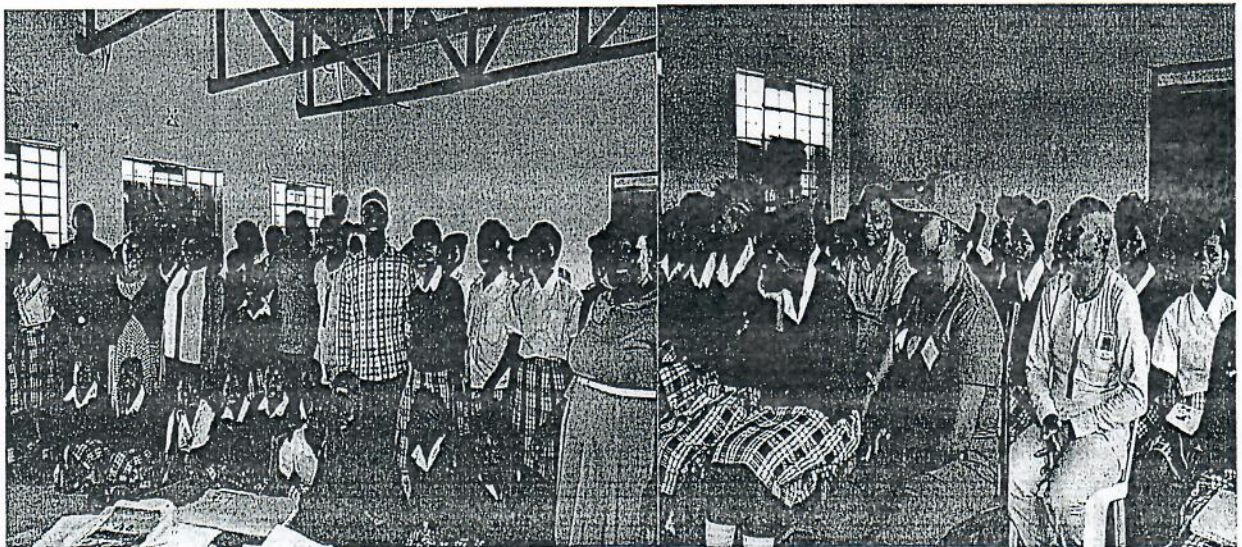
Members made the following observations, that;

1. Increased in enrollment rate has resulted in congestion in workshops and dormitories.
2. The school has ten instructors three of whom are employed by the County government and seven are on casual basis.
3. The administration block is small and not sufficient to host all employees.
4. There is no playground for the students.
5. There is no perimeter wall which poses a security challenge as the school is next to the road.
6. Lack of sufficient training and instruction materials as well as machines for all the courses.
7. The workshops and dormitories are inadequate.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of, Basic Education, Training and Skills Development;

1. Constructs additional dormitories for both girls and boys. Further to this, ensure that there is overall proper planning for the buildings in the compound so as to better utilize the available limited space.
2. Considers transfer of some of the courses to a satellite campus to ease congestion in the school.
3. Builds more classrooms to ease congestion and constructs a perimeter wall to improve security.
4. Ensures that the school is furnished with enough training materials and equipment.
5. Employs additional course instructors.



2.3 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SANITATION

2.3.1 Ikanga Health Centre in Ikanga Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Members of the County Assembly visited the above-mentioned health center and were received by the Dr. Vita Christopher. Members were informed that the facility is the only one of this status in the entire Ikanga Ward and as such it handles on average fifteen to twenty patients a day.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

1. There is serious understaffing especially in the following departments, Radiology, Nursing, Nutrition and Laboratory.
2. There is shortage of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies.
3. Delayed payments to the casuals working in the health facility has led to demoralization leading to poor service delivery.
4. The facility has very weak fence thus posing insecurity threat.
5. The facility lacks modern incinerators for waste disposal.
6. The facility lacks an ambulance for emergency cases.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Employs at least one staff in the following departments; Radiology, Nursing, Nutrition and Laboratory.
2. Ensures timely and adequate supplies for both pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical products.
3. Ensures timely and adequate funding in the facility.
4. Puts up a modern fence to secure the facility.
5. Constructs modern incinerators in all Health facilities for proper waste disposal.
6. Purchases an Ambulance to handle emergency cases.



2.3.2 Mbitini Health Centre in Mbitini Ward

Mbitini Health Centre started as a dispensary in the year 1968 in Mbitini Ward, Kitui Rural Constituency. The facility serves an average population of 11,643 -11,865 persons annually. This health facility has several operational departments including Maternity, OPD, MCH, CCC, laboratory, and Pharmacy. Members were informed that these departments were operating at their optimum level despite some notable challenges.

Specific Observations

The Members made the following observations, that;

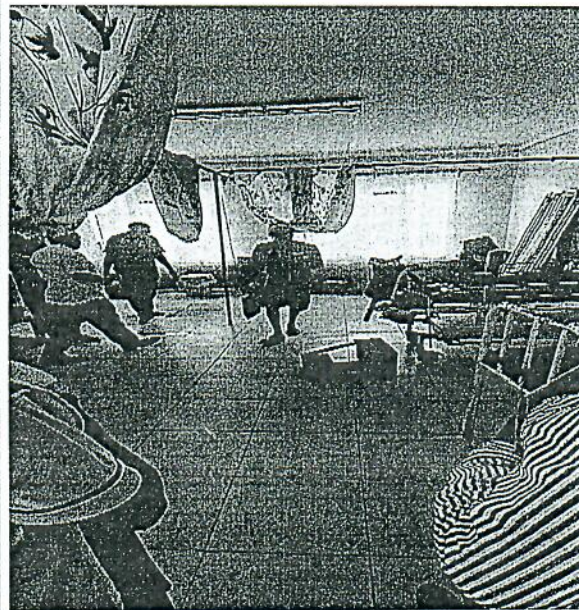
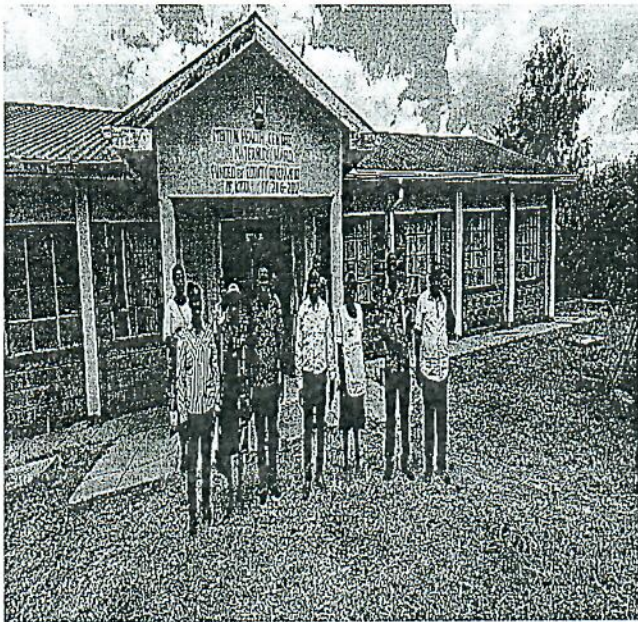
1. There is an acute shortage of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies in the facility.
2. There is serious underfunding in the facility which denies it the ability to operate at its optimal level. Further there are no staff houses in the facility hence making it hard for staff to attend to night duty calls.
3. The facility has a complete maternity block which was constructed in the financial year 2016/2017 but it's not equipped.
4. The facility has no ambulance for referral cases.
5. There is acute shortage of water in the facility as the pipeline extension is not connected.
6. The fridge for storing drugs and other reagents used in the laboratory has broken down.
7. The sanitary facilities are not adequate as there is only one pit latrine which is shared by both staffs and patients.
8. The Facility has no watchman and the fence has been vandalized leaving it insecure.
9. The Facility lacks modern incinerators for waste disposal.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Employs more hospital staffs in order to ensure proper and effective service delivery.

2. Establishes a revolving fund to cater for daily running of Hospital errands. For instance, payment of wages to casuals and security personnel.
3. Implementation of the Kitui County Health Facilities Management Bill so as to not only guide to guide in operations of all the health facilities in the County.
4. Completion and operationalization of the maternity wing so as to ensure that prenatal, antenatal and postnatal services are provided with ease.
5. Construction of Staff houses to respond to late night calls.
6. Sink a borehole and supply of plastic water tanks to solve acute water shortage.
7. Ensure regular supply of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceuticals supplies in the facility.
8. Fence and installed a gate to enhance security.



2.3.3 Mutomo Level IV Hospital in Mutomo/Kibwea Ward

Mutomo level IV hospital is situated in Kawelu Village in Mutomo/Kibwea Ward. The facility was constructed by the County Government of Kitui in the financial year 2016/2017. Currently, it offers outpatient and maternity services.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

1. The OPD block is only 10% complete at the foundation level thus the outpatient services are offered in the maternity block.

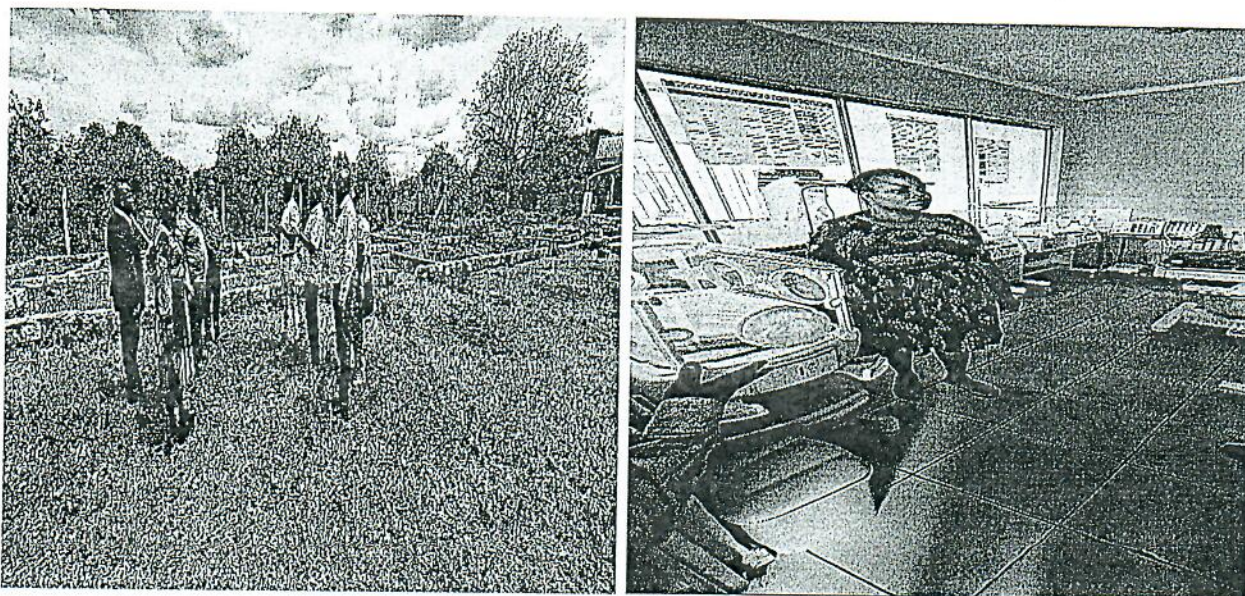
2. The facility has no adequate basic infrastructural facilities including pit latrines which require urgent intervention.
3. The health facility has no piped water hence it relies on commercial water boozers for water supply making it difficult to maintain high level of sanitation as required and making the commodity very expensive and unreliable.
4. The pharmacy department enjoys a relatively fair supply of drugs from KEMSA.
5. There is serious underfunding in the facility which denies it the ability to operate at its optimal level. Further there are no staff houses in the facility hence making it hard for staff to attend to night duty calls.
6. The facility is connected to a single- phase power supply which is inadequate to power all lighting systems and machinery.
7. There is no policy in place guiding the operations of the ambulances considering that the entire Kitui south region depends on a single ambulance which is also prone to frequent mechanical breakdowns.
8. The freezer in the mortuary has broken down.
9. The facility has no management board in place.
10. The facility is not fenced thus prone to intruders.
11. The facility theater is not operational following a transfer of some equipment to Tseikuru level IV Hospital.
12. The theater drainage system too is not in place.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Should move with speed to address the staffing and the structural needs of this new facility.
2. Should move with speed to constitute a management board to ensure proper management of the facility.
3. Should employ mechanisms to ensure a regular and smooth supply of drugs in this facility.

4. The facility should be supplied with water tanks and sink borehole to solve the water shortage problem. Further Plastic water storage tanks should be installed to harvest rain water as an immediate measure to arrest the perennial water shortage.
5. should be complete, equip and operationalized the OPD department to ease the current congestion in the facility.
6. repairs broken mortuary freezers as soon as possible to ensure that members of the public continue receiving these services.
7. Construct a perimeter wall around the facility to make it secure and control the movement of people.



2.3.4 Ngwate Dispensary in Ikutha/ Kasaala Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

According to the area Village Administrator, the facility was constructed in year 2010 and has not been operationalized since then which amounts to wastage of public resources.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

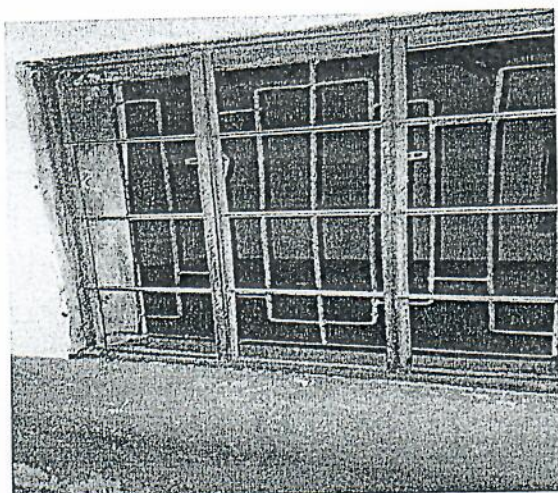
1. The facility is not fenced and no gate installed thus paving way for intruders, land grabbers and livestock.

2. The facility is not operational since no staff were deployed e.g., nurse in charge and other necessary support staff hence amounting to wastage of public resources.
3. The facility physical infrastructure is dilapidated and in pathetic condition.
4. Doors and windows have been vandalized.
5. There was severe water shortage occasioned by lack of pipeline extension and water tanks.
6. That medical equipment were transferred to Ikutha Level IV Hospital owing to the fact that the hospital lacked management.
7. The facility is not connected to the national grid.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Complete, equip and operationalizes the facility to bring services closer to residents and ensure no wastage of public resources.
2. Repairs and renovate the dilapidated structure.
3. Installs electricity and water harvesting structures to boost water supply to the dispensary.
4. Fence the facility to boost security.
5. Constructs new latrines and an incinerator for waste disposal.



2.3.5 Kiomo Dispensary in Kiomo/Kyethani Ward

The dispensary is funded by the county government. The facility is currently served by one nurse assisted by one casual and serves an average of 20- 25 persons on a daily basis. The Members were informed that this facility treats only minor ailments due to lack of laboratory services.

Specific Observations

The Members made the following observations, that;

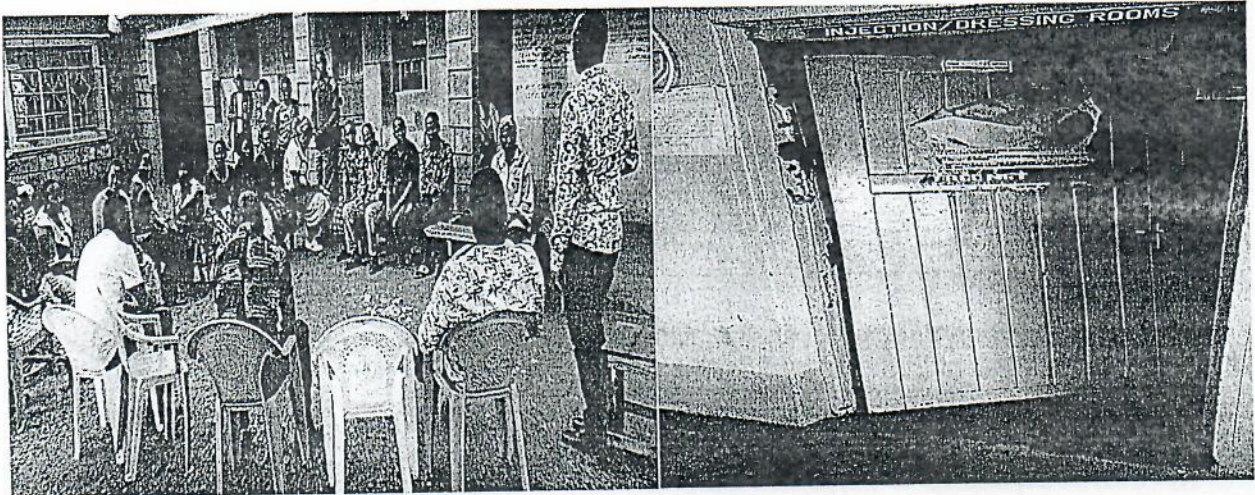
1. The facility is understaffed with the Nurse – in charge performing all duties including laboratory, outreach and outpatient services which are overwhelming. Further there are no staff quarters making it difficult to respond to late night emergency cases.
2. There is delay disbursement of wages to casual staffs stretching over 13 months which has affected their morale.
3. The facility has no ambulance to attend to emergency cases.
4. There is severe shortage of water and the facility relies on rain water stored in 10,000ltrs tank. During dry season water is usually purchased from the neighboring water source making it difficult to maintain high level of sanitation as required.
5. There is inadequate physical infrastructure in the hospital such as wards despite serving a large population.
6. The facility's electricity has been disconnected due to unpaid bills amounting to Kshs. 14,000.
7. The institution has no fence nor security lights installed thus paving way for intruders, land grabbers and livestock.
8. The facility has no pit latrine for patients and incinerators for waste disposal.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Upgrades the dispensary to a health centre to accommodate the increasing number of patients.
2. Installs water harvesting structures to boost water supply.

3. Fences the facility to boost security.
4. Constructs new latrines and incinerators for waste disposal to improve sanitation.
5. Recruits more staff to solve the challenge of understaffing and boost service delivery.
6. Ensures regular supply of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies.
7. Ensure timely remuneration of its casual workers.



2.3.6 Wikithuki Dispensary in Kiomo/Kyethani Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The facility is located in Wikithuki Village and is overstretched as it serves over 9,000 patients annually contrary to the threshold of 5,000 patients recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO). The facility has one nurse employed by the County Government, One casual and a watchman.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

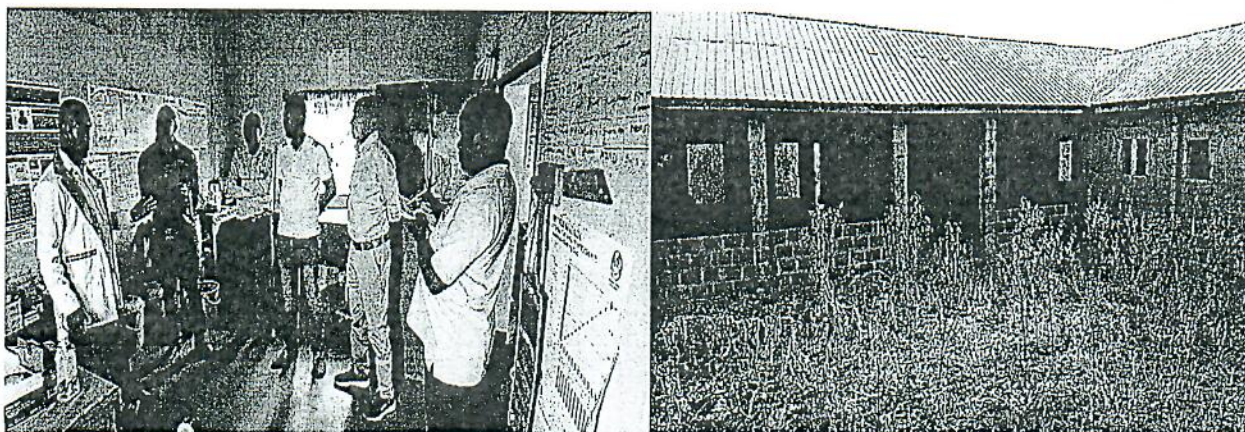
1. There is severe shortage of staff to an extent that once the nursing officer in -charge is out on official duty or personal issues, the facility remains Closed. In addition, the Nurse-in charge performs all the duties including lab service, outreach services and Outpatient duties which are overwhelming and hence being overworked.

2. The quantity of drugs supplied is not adequate as the facility attends to a large population with an average of 30 patients per day.
3. The maternity wing is not operational as it stalled since the financial year 2015/2016.
4. There is inadequate supply of water. The facility majorly depends on rain water stored in a 5000ltrs tank for utilization by the institution.
5. The facility is not connected to the national grid making storage of vaccines and other medical consumables difficult. Currently the fridge in place uses liquid petroleum gas which is expensive.
6. There is no incinerator for waste disposal.
7. The institution has no fence nor security lights thus paving way for intruders, land grabbers and livestock access to the facility posing security threats.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Upgrades the dispensary to a health centre to accommodate the increasing number of patients.
2. Installs water harvesting structures to boost water supply.
3. Fences the facility to boost security.
4. Constructs new latrines and incinerators for waste disposal to improve sanitation.
5. Recruits more staff to solve the challenge of understaffing and boost service delivery.
6. Ensures regular supply of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies.
7. Ensure timely remuneration of its casual workers.



2.3.7 Ithumbi Dispensary in Waita Ward

Specific Observations

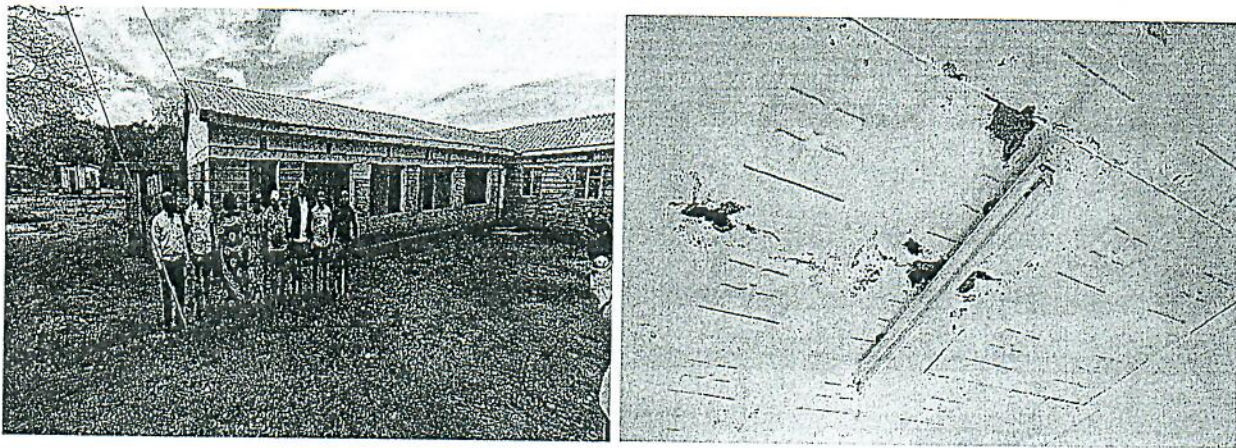
Members made the following observations, that;

1. The facility is not fenced and no gate installed thus paving way for intruders, land grabbers and livestock.
2. The facility is not operational since no staff were deployed e.g., nurse in charge and other necessary support staff hence amounting to wastage of public resources.
3. The facility physical infrastructure is dilapidated and in pathetic condition.
4. Doors and windows have been vandalized.
5. There was severe water shortage occasioned by lack of pipeline extension and water tanks.
6. That medical equipment was transferred to Mwingi Level IV Hospital owing to the fact that the hospital lacked management.
7. The facility is not connected to the national grid.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Completes, equips and operationalizes the facility to bring services closer to residents and ensure no wastage of public resources.
2. Repairs and renovate the dilapidated structure.
3. Installs electricity and water harvesting structures to boost water supply to the dispensary.
4. Fences the facility to boost security.
5. Constructs new latrines and an incinerator for waste disposal.



2.3.8 Katse Health Centre in Mumoni Ward

Katse is a level III hospital which serves the residents of Mumoni, Tharaka, and partly Kyuso Wards. The facility serves approximately 50-90 patients daily with the numbers fluctuating to the higher side on market days.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

1. The facility is understaffed with one (1) clinical officer, two (2) nurses, one (1) lab technician, one (1) public health officer, one (1) records officer, two (2) peer educators, two (2) casuals and one (1) mentor mother serving in the various departments.
2. The buildings are highly dilapidated, for instance, the ceiling of the maternity wing was almost collapsing, some doors and windows were broken.
3. The supply of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies was fairly good apart from rare cases of delays.
4. The pharmacy department has no pharmacist, dispensation of drugs is done by nurses under the guidance of a clinician.
5. The records department has one records officer assisted by casual workers.
6. The Maternity department is operational with a bed capacity of four, however the bed capacity is expected to increase upon the completion of the new maternity block.
7. The ambulance allocated to the facility is grounded. In the event of needy cases, the facility relies on Kyuso hospital's ambulance.

8. The facility has no adequate sanitary facilities and incinerator for waste disposal.
9. The facility is not fenced hence exposing it to intruders and vandalism.
10. The accrued hospital expenses such as the electricity bills are huge compared to the reimbursement made by the County government.



Maternity Project in Katse Level III Health Facility in Mumoni Ward

The maternity project was awarded to HEZIPHI construction co. ltd. 2016/2017 FY. The value of the project was kshs. 5,116,825.00. The scope of the works included walling, roofing, plastering, painting, general fittings, wiring and plumbing.

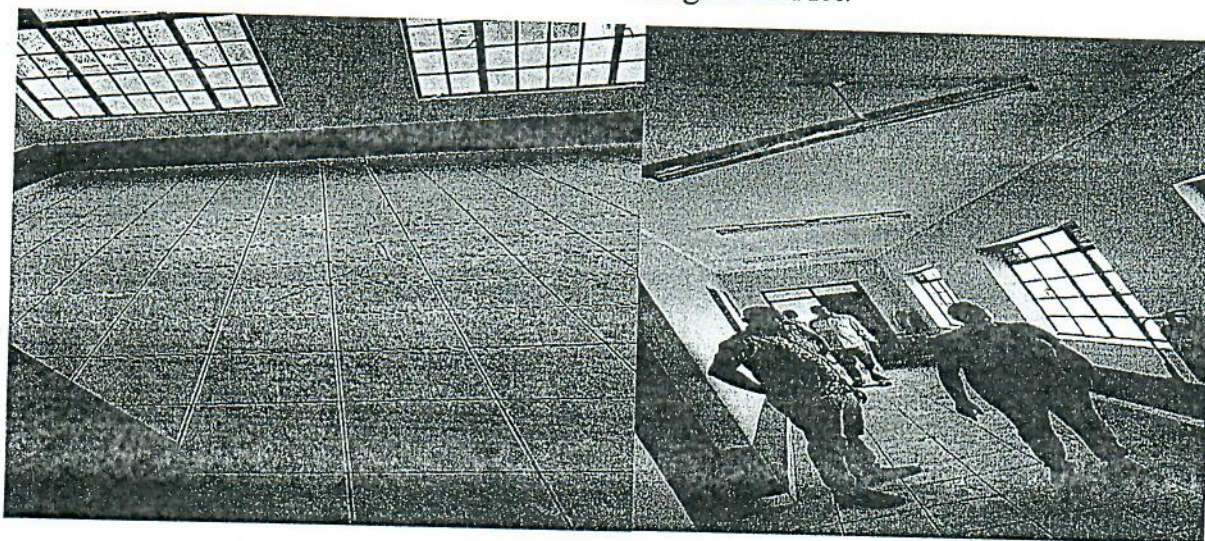
The works started in June 2017 but stalled soon after the foundation level due to fear of political uncertainties of 2017. The works resumed in February 2018 and continued smoothly till completion in March, 2019. All the finishing and the fittings were done well however, the building need some repairs as some doors have broken down, drainage has not been done well and the maternity has not been connected to electricity and water supply thus it remains unutilized.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Recruits more health staff as per the World Health Organization (WHO) staffing norms to match the demands of a level III hospital including night call duties.
2. New pit latrines and an incinerator be constructed for proper waste disposal.

3. Erect a fence to secure the facility's property and keep the compound safe.
4. Repair the ambulance in order to attend to emergency cases. Further, members recommend that there should be an imprest allocation to the facility to address such breakages in future without having to depend on the County Headquarters for minor repairs which goes through lengthy procurement procedures.
5. The facility leadership should move with speed to put in place a management board in line with the new health facilities management Act.



2.3.9 Kakithya Dispensary in Kanziko Ward

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

Kakithya dispensary was started by the County Government during the financial year 2016/2017. According to the area Ward Administrator Ms. Mary Musingi, the contractor reported to the site, did the foundation and walling up to the lintel level and thereafter abandoned the site.

Specific Observations

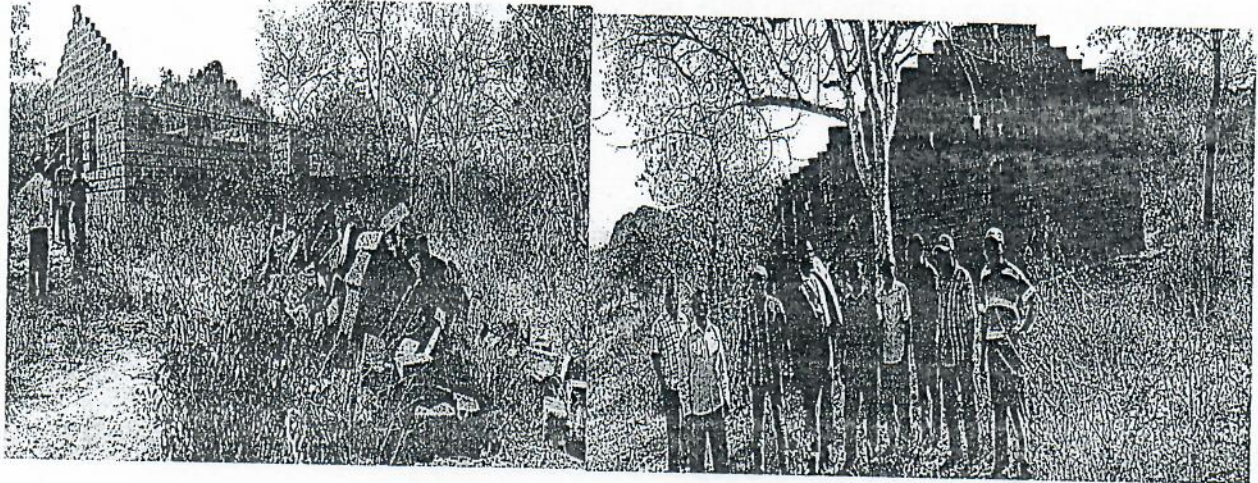
Members made the following observations, that;

1. The project was stalled and encroached by thickets.
2. The contractor had done a very shoddy work, including the fencing and construction of the septic tank.
3. According to the Ward administrator, the stalling and abandonment of the project was necessitated by depletion of funds due to under quotation.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Recalls the Contractor to re do the work to the completion.
2. Should supervise ongoing projects and appraise them thereafter before payments are made.
3. Completes the construction and operationalizes the facility.



2.3.10 Konyu Dispensary in Tharaka Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Members of the County Assembly visited the above-mentioned dispensary and were received by the Mrs. Jane Nyagah, the clinical officer in charge. Members were informed that the facility serves the three villages in the lower part of Tharaka Ward and as such it handles between forty to fifty patients a day.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

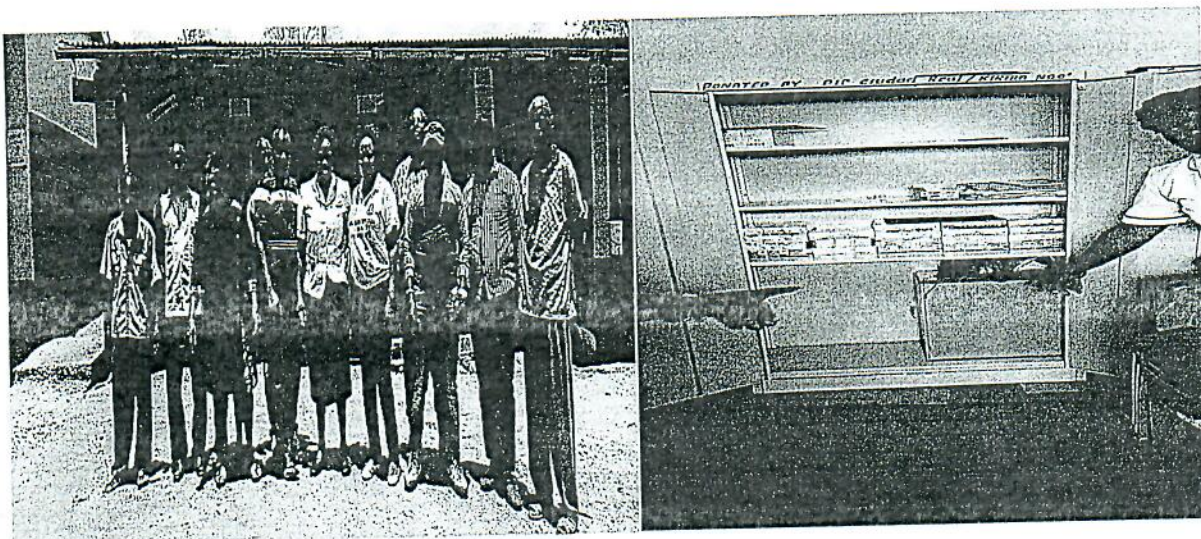
1. The facility was funded by the County government in 2014/2015 and also 2016/2017 FYs and is currently served by one nurse assisted by one casual worker.
2. The facility experiences irregular supply of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies.

3. The facility is not fenced thus exposing its property to theft and vandalism.
4. The facility lacks water and electricity connection thus making it hard to offer quality services to the residents.
5. The facility lacks an ambulance and finds it very difficult to address emergency cases.
6. The facility is under staffed with only one clinical officer in charge.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Addresses the staffing needs of this facility urgently to offer quality services.
2. Constructs Maternity and Laboratory blocks to serve the needs expectant mothers and other patients.
3. In conjunction with the County Ministry of Environment, Energy and Mineral Investments ensure the facility is connected to the national grid.
4. Erects a fence to secure the facility and its property.
5. Allocates at least one ambulance to serve the health facility.



2.3.11 Tharaka Health Centre in Tharaka Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The delegation also visited the above-mentioned health center and was received by the nurse in charge Mr. Paul Ikuli. They were informed that the facility is the only one in the entire Tharaka Ward and as such it handles an average of fifty to one hundred patients a day. The facility was initiated by the colonial Government back in the year 1951.

Specific Observations

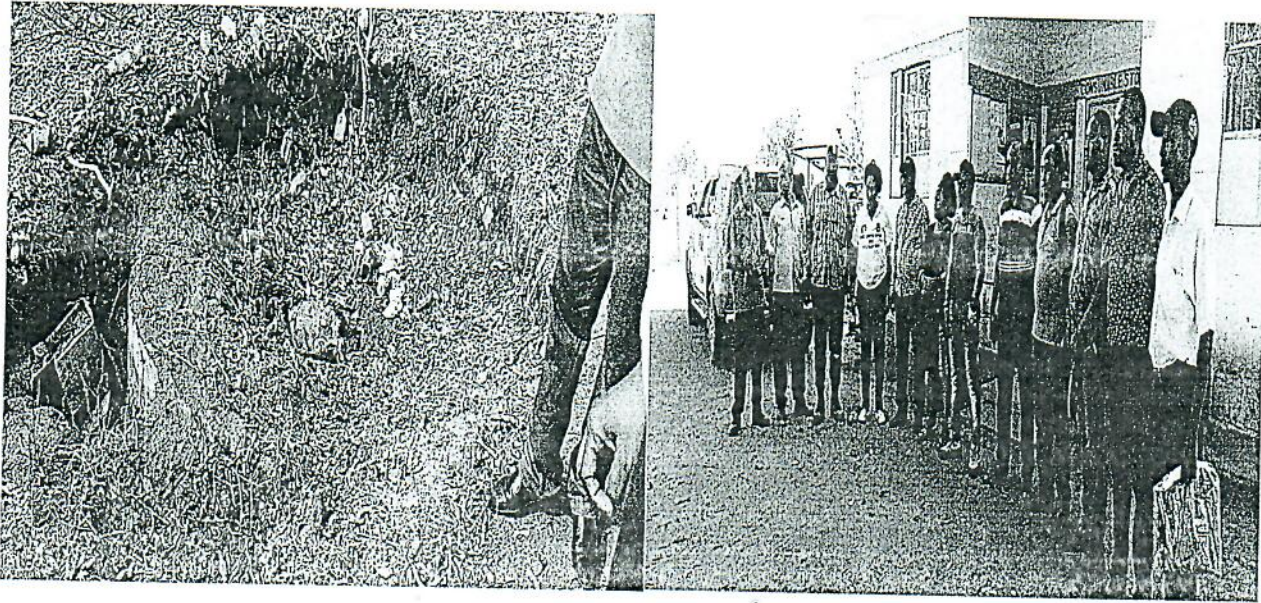
Members made the following observations, that;

1. Most of its physical infrastructure is dilapidated with cracked walls.
2. The facility is faced with acute shortage of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies.
3. There are delayed payments to the casual workers leading to demoralization and abandonment of work.
4. The facility's fence is a bad state and exposing its property to intruders and vandalism.
5. The health facility lacks a modern incinerator for Waste disposal.
6. The facility lacks an ambulance for emergency cases.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. As a matter of urgency, allocates adequate funds to undertake renovation its infrastructure.
2. Constructs a modern incinerator for proper waste disposal.
3. Employs more staff, paying special attention to nursing, clinicians and support staff and further ensure that they are properly remunerated and paid on time.
4. Purchases an ambulance for emergency cases.
5. Fences the facility.



2.3.12 Katulani Level Iv Hospital in Mulango Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The delegation visited Katulani Level IV Hospital on 20th March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Joseph Ngwele and was received by Mr. James Muli, the Clinical Officer on Duty that day.

Specific Observations.

Members made the following observations, that;

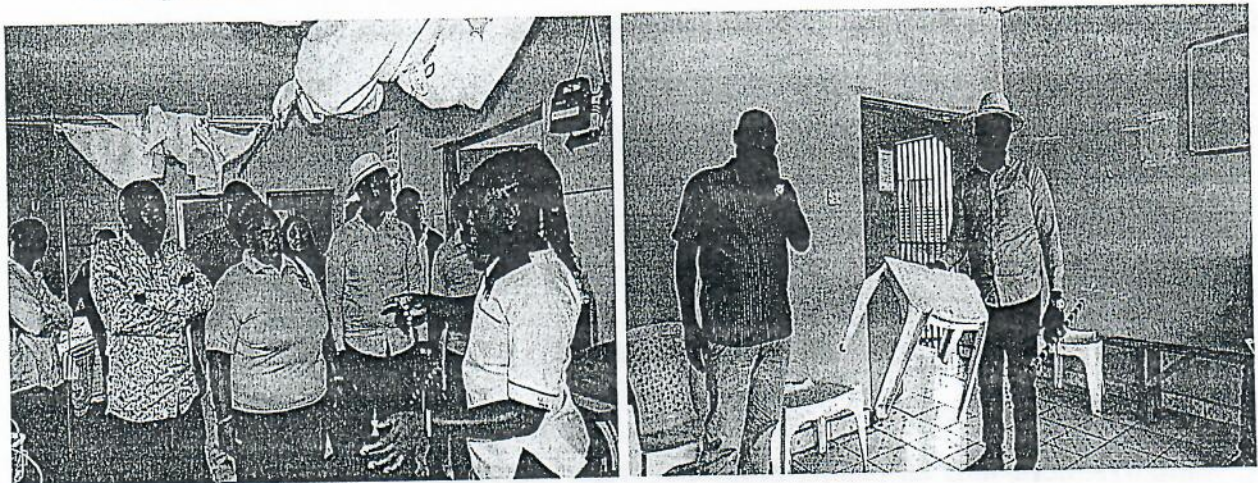
1. The facility does not have an ambulance. According to the Clinical Officer, the facility was allocated an ambulance during the previous government that was never delivered up to date.
2. The facility has a standby generator that is used during periods of power outages. However, most of the time the generator lacks fuel which paralyses the hospital operations.
3. The facility has no furniture both in the Offices and in the Wards. A big percentage of the furniture in the Hospital is old and broken beyond repair.
4. The facility does not have a permanent water supply system. The KITWASCO Water supply line was disconnected during the former regime when the government

- drilled a borehole to supply the Hospital with water which later broke down and was never repaired. They are supplied water using a hired tuktuk.
5. The facility has inadequate staff with only one lab technician, one physiotherapist and no occupational therapist.
 6. There is regular absenteeism of senior officials a case in point being the administrator who is occasionally absent for unknown reasons.
 7. There is Inadequate supply of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies.
 8. There is Inadequate office space with a department such as the Comprehensive Care Clinic (CCC) being housed in a tent.
 9. Delay in payment of casual workers leading to wage arrears and demoralization.

Specific Recommendations

THAT, the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Construct a building to house the CCC department.
2. Roofs the pavements around the facility to enable troling of patients even during the rainy seasons.
3. Pays casual workers on time to motivate them.
4. Employs more staff especially in the Laboratory and physiotherapy departments.
5. Houses the physiotherapy department in a bigger room to accommodate machines and space for exercise.



2.3.13 Yanzuu Health Centre in Chuluni Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The delegation visited Yanzuu Health Centre on 21st March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Sammy Munyithya and was received by the Nursing Officer on duty.

Specific Observations.

Members made the following observations, that;

1. The facility is under staffed with 1 Clinical Officer, 2 Nurses, 1 lab technician and 2 casual workers. However, during the time of visit one casual worker, the watchman had left for not being paid for 6 months.
2. The maternity wing is not operational due to lack of sterilized equipment.
3. The facility doesn't have a water supply system.
4. The staff toilets are in a dilapidated state with broken doors and a sagging roof.
5. Drugs supply is still a big challenge forcing patients to purchase drugs elsewhere. Some crucial drugs such as anti-histamine, drugs for hypertension and anti-venom are not in place.
6. The laboratory is housed in a small unventilated room and faces a challenge of reagent supplies.
7. The facility is in a dilapidated state with broken doors, torn ceilings and an un-operational kitchen.

Specific Recommendations

THAT, the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Renovates and fences the facility.
2. Employs more staff especially in the Laboratory department.
3. Pays casuals on time.
4. Ensures prompt delivery of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies.
5. Operationalizes the facility's Kitchen.
6. Houses the Laboratory department in a bigger room.

7. Constructs a new toilet block for the staff.

2.3.14 Migwani Level Iv Hospital in Migwani Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The delegation visited Migwani Level IV Hospital on 21st March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Muthengi Ndagara and was received by Dr. Musyoka, the Medical Superintendent.

Specific Observations.

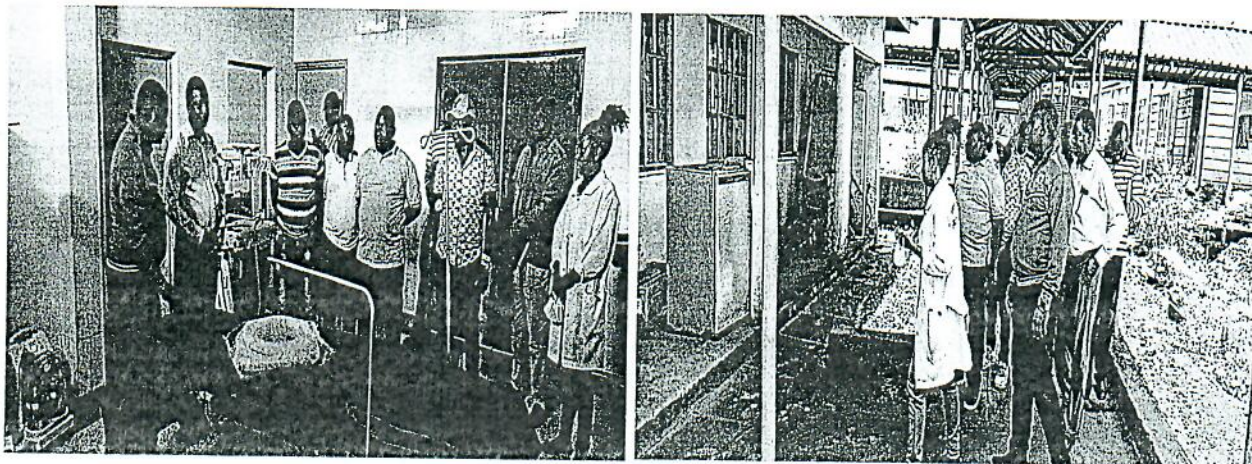
Members made the following observations, that;

1. The facility has two operational ambulances well serviced and in good condition.
2. The hospital morgue is operational with a capacity of 18 bodies but the delegation was informed it can accommodate up to 35 bodies. It is important to note that the morgue has no coolers but uses formalin to preserve the bodies.
3. That the facility has enough supply of water from the borehole and the supply of water from Kalimbui pipeline extension.
4. The hospital theatre is not operational due to lack of specialized staff.
5. The facility Kitchen was constructed by the National Government and was left incomplete.
6. The X-ray machine is operational and was bought by the national government.
7. The facility has an old incinerator.
8. The facility's anesthetic machine is old with worn out parts.
9. The delegation was informed that drugs were in good stock and the hospital had received more drugs the same day the delegation visited the facility.

Specific Recommendations

THAT, the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Employs more specialized doctors to operationalize the hospital theater.
2. Renovates and operationalizes the Kitchen.
3. Constructs a new laundry block.
4. Constructs a new incinerator.



2.3.15 Mumbuni Dispensary in Migwani Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The delegation visited Mumbuni Dispensary on 22nd March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Muthengi Ndagara and was received by the Ms. Rebecca, the Nursing Officer in charge.

Specific Observations.

Members made the following observations, that;

1. The facility is a project of the Mwingi South CDF.
2. The Facility is understaffed with only 1 Nurse and 2 Casuals.
3. The casual workers had not received their dues for 12 months.
4. The facility has a maternity that was constructed in 2020/2021 Financial Year but not equipped.
5. The main building was in a bad state with broken doors and collapsing roof tops.
6. The facility had a patient turnover of over 60 patients per day.
7. That the supplies are done quarterly but, in some events, essential drugs such as for hypertension and diabetics are never supplied.



Specific Recommendations

THAT, the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Operationalizes the Maternity Wing.
2. Employs an additional Nurse and 3 Casuals workers.
3. Renovates the Main building.
4. Installs water tanks for the maternity block.
5. Pays wage arrears for the casual workers.
6. Ensures timely delivery of drugs and other supplies.

2.3.16 Nzeluni Health Centre in Migwani Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The delegation visited Nzeluni Health Centre on 22nd March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Muthengi Ndagara and was received by the Mr. Alex Mutia, the Clinical Officer in charge.

Specific Observations.

Members made the following observations, that;

1. The Hospital is a level III facility.
2. The facility is understaffed with only 1 clinical officer, 2 nurses, 1 lab technician and 2 casual workers.

3. The maternity is functioning well.
4. The Facility has a mortuary that is not functional. According to the Clinical Officer in Charge, the morgue is also a project of the Mwingi south CDF and has never operated since then.
5. The facility doesn't have a fence therefore prone to intruders and livestock.
6. All the buildings in the facility are in a delapidated state especially the roofs, doors and cabinets.

Specific Recommendations

THAT, the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Operationalizes the Mortuary.
2. Fences the Facility.
3. Employs additional 3 Nurses.
4. Renovates the Main building.
5. Installs water tanks for the maternity block.
6. Pays the wage arrears for the casual workers.
7. Ensures timely delivery of drugs and other supplies.



2.3.17 Nzanzeni Dispensary in Tseikuru Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The delegation visited the Nzanzeni Dispensary on Thursday 24th March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Dominic Mwamisi and was received by the area Chief.

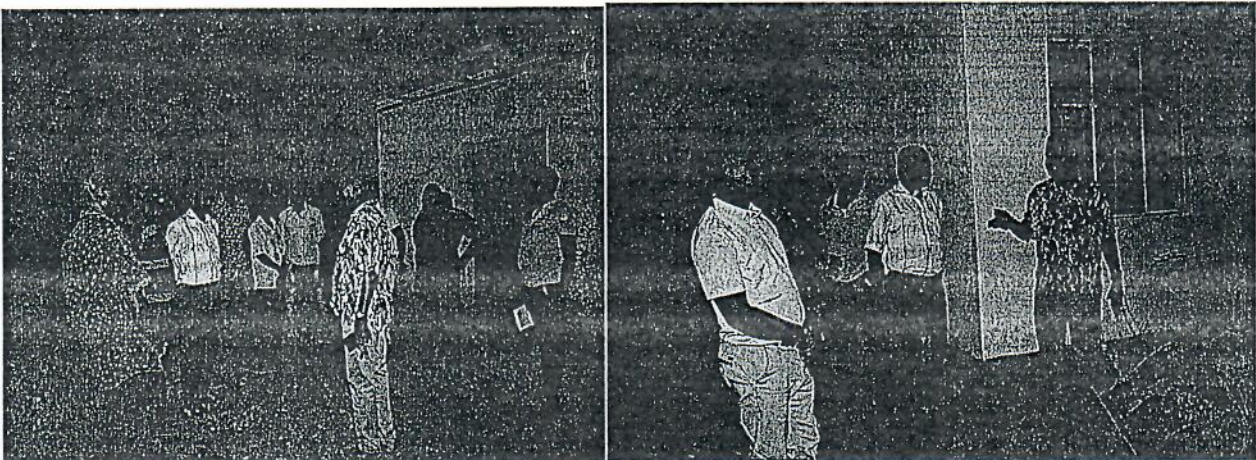
Specific Observations.

Members made the following observations, that;

1. The dispensary is a LATF project done by the defunct Mwingi County Council.
2. The project is complete but not operational.
3. The dispensary is served by a water pipeline from a nearby borehole.
4. The chief informed the delegation that in his area of jurisdiction there are other two facilities namely Kyenini and Katumbi which have been built to completion but not operational.

Specific Recommendations.

THAT, the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation operationalizes the dispensary.



2.3.18 Nuu Sub County Hospital in Nuu Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The delegation visited Nuu Sub County Hospital in on Friday 25th March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Harrison Maluki and was received by the Mr. Maxwell, the Clinical Officer on duty.

Specific Observations.

Members made the following observations, that;

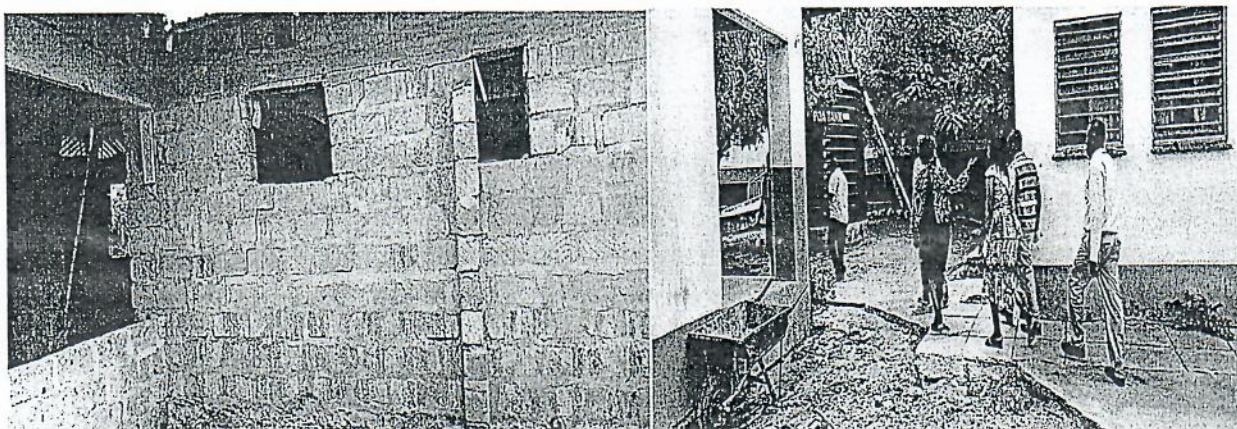
1. According to the ward administrator, the facility started in 1973 as a dispensary by the Kitui County Council.
2. The facility has grown, to a health center, and to date a Sub County Hospital.
3. The facility has a Maternity wing that was initiated by the first County Government in the 2015/2016 Financial Year but stalled due to reasons not known by the Hospital Administration.
4. The Hospital is an outpatient facility with critical conditions been referred to Mwingi Level IV Hospital.
5. According to the Clinical Officer on duty, the facility has one ward that serves both genders on the basis of first come first served.
6. The facility does not have an ambulance.
7. The X-ray department does not have a technician.
8. The facility is understaffed with 29 employees including 8 casual workers.
9. At the time of visit, the facility had employed new casual workers and the old one dismissed without pay.
10. The mortuary is operational but only served by 1 attendant.
11. The pharmacy has only one employee.
12. The Facility has a standby generator that has broken down with no substitute for power in cases of outages.

Specific Recommendations.

THAT, the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Completes and Operationalize the Maternity Wing.
2. Repairs the standby generator.
3. Purchases an ambulance for the hospital.
4. Employs additional staff especially in the Xray and pharmaceuticals Departments.
5. Renovates the hospital buildings.
6. Constructs an extra ward.

7. Pay wage arrears for the casual workers.
8. Ensures timely delivery of drugs and other supplies.



2.3.19 Mutyangome Dispensary in Nuu Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The delegation visited Mutyangome Dispensary on Friday 25th March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Harrison Maluki and was received by the Clinical Officer in charge.

Specific Observations.

Members made the following observations, that;

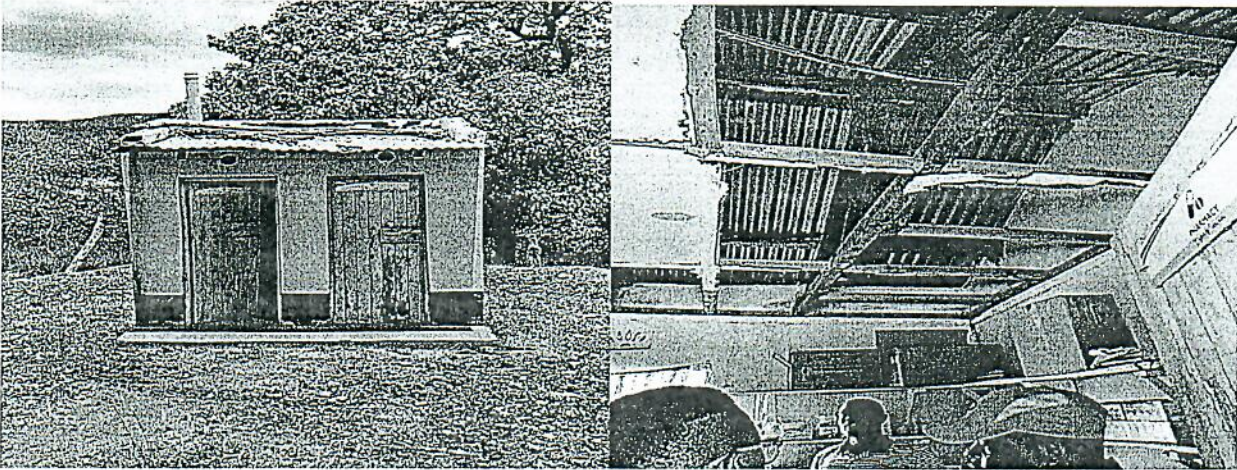
1. The facility is a Mwingi South CDF project constructed in 2003.
2. The power supply in the facility was disconnected in 2021 by Kenya Power and Lightening Company due huge unpaid bills.
3. The maternity wing is well equipped but not operational.
4. The facility is understaffed with 1 Nurse in charge and 2 casual workers.
5. The facility does not have a water supply system.

Specific Recommendations.

THAT, the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Completes and Operationalize the Maternity Wing.
2. Reconnect the power supply.
3. Employs an additional staff.
4. Renovates the Hospital buildings.

5. Pays wage arrears for the casual workers.
6. Ensure timely delivery of drugs and other supplies.



2.3.20 Kyuso Level Iv Hospital. In Kyuso Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The delegation visited Kyuso Level IV Hospital on 23rd March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Dominic Mwamisi and was received by the Medical Superintendent.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

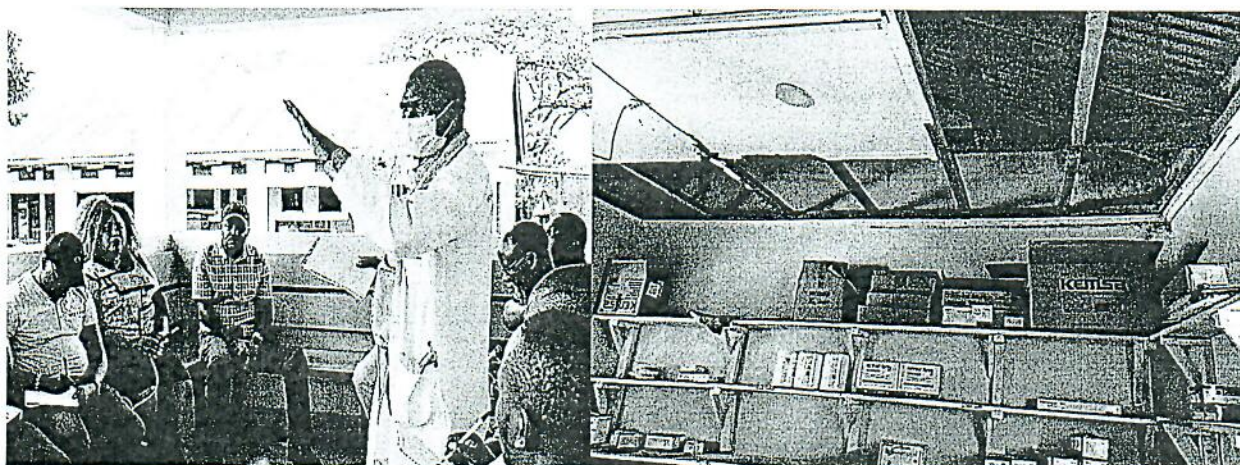
1. The facility has two old ambulances which occasionally break down during their operations.
2. There is an old building roofed with asbestos which is a health hazard.
3. The facility is not fenced.
4. The hospital morgue is operational with a body capacity of 24. The morgue coolers are broken down beyond repair and uses formalin to preserve the bodies.
5. The facility doesn't have an operational pediatrics department.
6. The facility has an acute shortage of working space.
7. The facility has a challenge of meals. However, the Doctor in charge informed the delegation that patients have never missed a meal.

8. The Doctor in charge informed the delegation that in 2019 during a health workers conference, some machines were stolen from the facility and the matter is before the court.
9. The Xray machine is not operational.
10. The facility is understaffed in all the departments.
11. The facility does not have an operational theater and all cases are referred to Mwingi Level IV Hospital.
12. The facility doesn't have a laundry.
13. The kitchen is old without modern cooking facilities.
14. The facility doesn't have enough water supply.
15. Drugs and other supplies were out of stock.
16. The ultra sound machine is working and in good condition.

Specific Recommendations.

THAT, the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Constructs a theater.
2. Operationalizes the pediatrics department.
3. Replaces the main building asbestos roof.
4. Renovates and installs new kitchen facilities.
5. Fences the facility.
6. Replaces mortuary coolers.
7. Purchases a new ambulance for the facility.
8. Constructs a new laundry.
9. Purchases a new X-ray machine.



2.3.21 Miambani Health Centre in Ward – Miambani

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The delegation led by Hon. Mathew Ngovi Vuthi visited the health center on Monday 20th March, 2023 and was received by the nurse in charge Mr. Boniface Kavuu.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations that: -

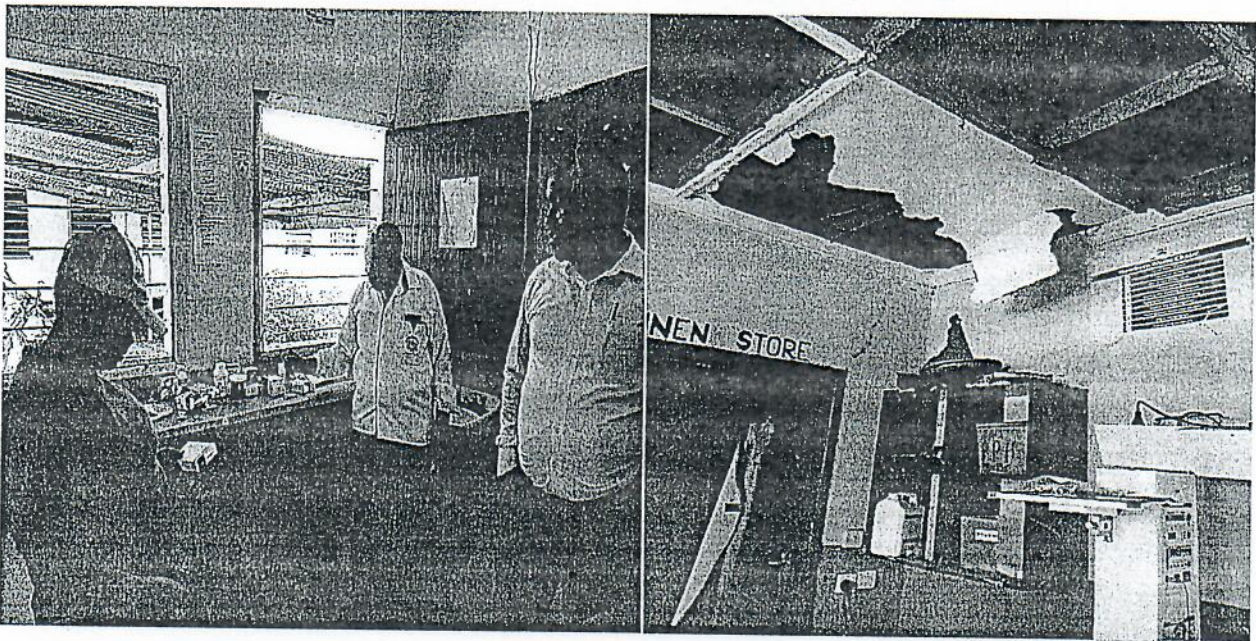
1. The health center has an acute shortage of drugs. It had only received drugs once since inception of this new government.
2. There hasn't been any casual worker for the last one year which has contributed to the general uncleanliness and dilapidation of the facility.
3. The facility has no watchman posing a security gap leading to vandalism of hospital equipment in the wards.
4. The sterilization room is not functional despite the sterilization equipment being in place. This is because the room is in an extremely poor state with the ceiling falling off and is also termite infested.
5. The maternity wing is not operational due to lack of clean running water and casual workers to offer cleaning support. Consequently, the prenatal ward, postnatal ward and kitchen are not in use.

6. The hospital has a mortuary block which was constructed in the year 2014 funded by the national government. However, it is not functional as it has never been opened due to lack of water, electricity, equipment and staffing.

Specific Recommendations

THAT, the Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Increases the number of medical staff for efficient provision of service. The ministry should also reinstate the casual staff, that is, cleaners and a watchman to restore cleanliness and security in the facility.
2. Furnishes the health Centre with the necessary drugs and lab reagents.
3. Overhauls the entire hospital infrastructure, that is, repair of the collapsing ceilings, expansion of the maternity wing, installation of electricity, water and staffing of the mortuary.
4. Sinks a borehole and installs enough water tanks to ensure enough supply and storage of water and to operationalize the maternity wing.



2.3.22 Kauwi Level 4 Hospital in Kauwi Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The delegation led by Hon. Gabriel Munyao visited the hospital on Wednesday 22nd March, 2023 and were received by Dr. Paul Nzomo the Sub County Public Health Officer, Ms.

Beatrice Ngomo Nurse in charge Mr. Mbivya Muthui Hospital management committee member and Mr. Solomon Mwendwa the Ward Administrator.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations that: -

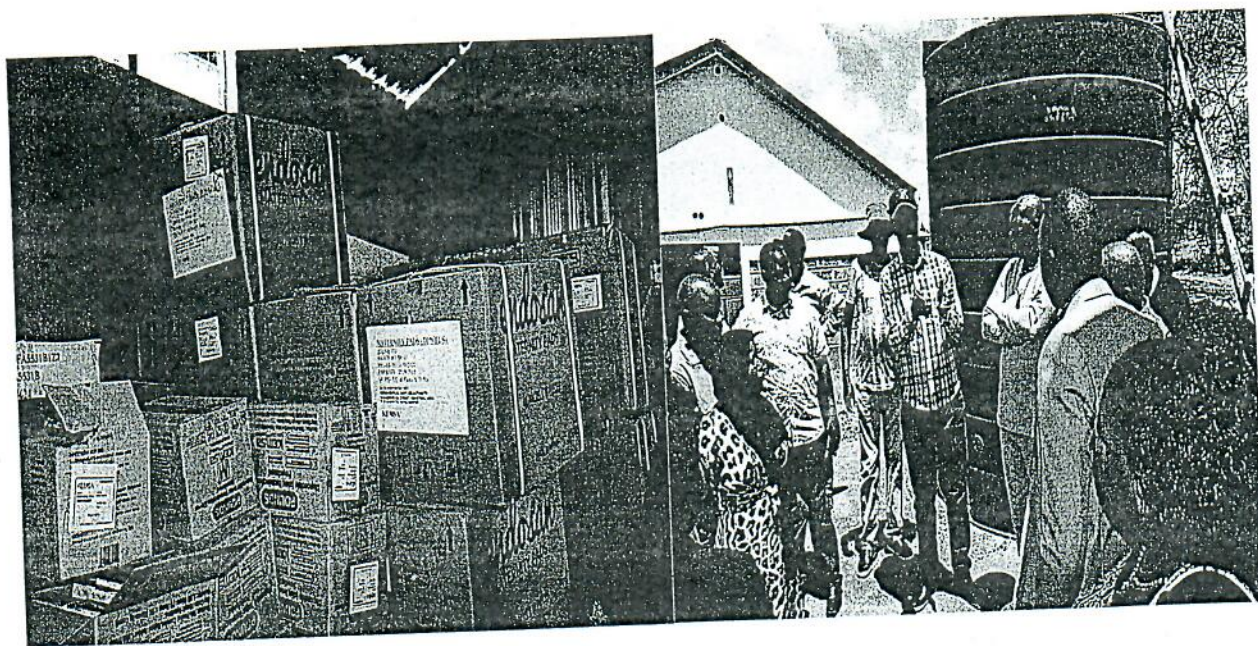
1. The hospital is inadequately staffed.
2. The hospital is dusty during dry seasons as there are no cabro in the compound.
3. There is a radiology building which is 90% complete with an x-ray machine which is not installed, the building was constructed three years ago.
4. The current administration block is not big enough to host the management staff.
5. The maternity wing is small causing the medical officers to improvise other rooms. The hospital receives an average of 100 deliveries per month.
6. The water supply is not consistent; the hospital receives water three times per week. They have three 10,000 litres water tanks which are not sufficient. The tanks also need to be place at a central area and elevated for ease of collection and distribution of water.
7. In addition, the hospital is in need of a bore hole to supplement the supply of water.
8. The inpatient ward is small with a capacity of twenty-three beds only.
9. The casualty room is small with a bed capacity of only two people which also doubles up as a minor theatre room.
10. The hospitals laboratory is also very small and lacks important machines such as an ultra sound.
11. The maternal child health unit is small. The pediatric and women's ward are also combined due to lack of space.
12. The hospital is mostly roofed with asbestos which are not ideal for water harvesting
13. There is no shade on the pathway to the wards and patients get rained on while being transferred there.

14. The hospital does not have a male ward. Male in patients are normally referred to Kitui County Hospital.
15. The store lacks shelves and racks for proper arrangement and storage of drugs and pharmaceutical supplies.
16. The hospital recently received enough drugs supplied for three months and a one-month buffer.
17. The hospital has only one functional ambulance and two utility vehicle which have stalled for two years.

Specific Recommendations

THAT the Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Employs four more medical officers, two clinical officers, eight nurses, four pharm technicians, two physiotherapists, two nutritionists, two medical social workers and two medical engineering technologists.
2. Installs cabro on the hospital pavements to mitigate dust.
3. Completes the radiology building, the x-ray machine installed and staff deployed.
4. Sinks a borehole to ensure constant supply of water in the hospital.
5. Constructs a modern outpatient block, pharmacy and a spacious laboratory.
6. Constructs a female and male ward.
7. Installs three phased electricity which can support heavy duty hospital equipment such washing machines and driers.
8. Procures a fully equipped additional ambulance and utility vehicle.
9. Constructs a dental clinic.



2.3.23 Tulia Health Centre in Mutonguni Ward

Members of the County Assembly led by Hon. Benjamin Mulandi visited Tulia Health Centre on Wednesday 22nd March, 2023 and were received by Ms. Winnie Kivingo the Clinical Officer Incharge and Ms. Teckla Njeru the nurse in charge.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations that: -

1. The hospital building is generally small with poor roofing condition which leaks during rainy season.
2. The hospital is very old and it used to be a social hall. It is partitioned by cardboards which are infested with termites.
3. There is lack of basic lab equipment such as a staining sink, full hemorrhage test machine and reagents.
4. Lack of essential drugs such as antibiotics, antihistamines and anti-venoms.
5. There is a maternity wing which was built in 2018, it handles three to four patients per month. The bathroom drainage is poor, there is also need for installation of doors and curtain partitions.
6. There are no proper functioning pit latrine toilets, the existing one is in poor condition and caving in.

7. The land is small with no room for expansion and building of more hospital structures.
8. The hospital benefits from Kenya Red cross program which supplies them with nutrition food.

Specific Recommendations

THAT, The Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Relocates the health Centre to a bigger land area to allow for construction of a standard hospital as a long-term solution.
2. Constructs a standard pit latrine and the maternity bathroom drainage fixed. The maternity wing should also be fixed with doors, bed partitioning and hospital beddings.
3. Repairs the main building beginning with the roofing as a matter of urgency to solve the leaking issue now that the county is experiencing rains.
4. Ensures that the lab is furnished with the necessary equipment and reagents.



2.3.24 Nguni Health Centre in Nguni Ward

The delegation of Members of the County Assembly led by Hon. Jeremiah Mutua visited the Health Centre on Thursday 23rd March, 2023 and were received by Mr. Joseph Maundu the Clinical Officer.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations that: -

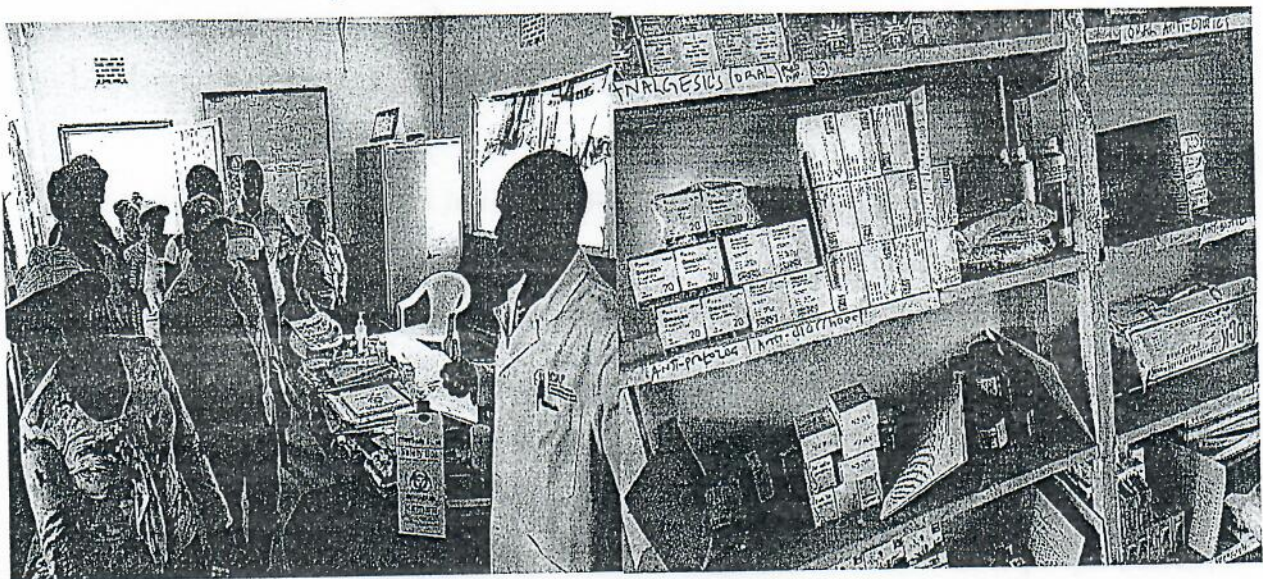
1. The hospital has no waiting bay for patients. The waiting bay is made of a few benches positioned outside under a tree.
2. The hospital has no running water.
3. The hospital rooms are generally small with no privacy, that is the consultation room, the HIV testing room, dressing room and pharmacy.
4. The hospital store is small with no shelves, there is also shortage of important drugs like antibiotics, antihistamine and anti-venom; patients have to buy over 70% of drugs prescribed to them.
5. The hospital did not receive all the drugs they ordered; this has been the trend for some years with accusations of theft of drugs by the hospital staff by the area citizen.
6. The hospital buildings are generally in bad shape with ceilings falling off.
7. The laboratory lacks basic equipment such as a microscope, reagents, clean running water, sterilization equipment, soap, shelves to store equipment.
8. There are no casual staff to clean the area contributing to the overall poor state of the hospital.
9. The hospital has a borehole but it is not functional, members were however informed that the borehole has a lot of water but in need of repair.
10. The hospital does not have an incinerator for disposing contagious waste which poses a health risk.
11. The latrines are in poor condition and are almost full
12. The water tanks are not sufficient and there is also need for installation of gutters to collect rain water.
13. The maternity wing is small and lacks proper beds, beddings and privacy partitioning. The maternity has been closed down for the past two years due to lack of water.
14. There is not watchman and the gate is also broken which poses a security challenge in the hospital.

15. The hospital management board is not in place as their tenure expired one year ago.

Specific Recommendations

THAT, the Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Furnishes this health Centre with a generator or solar panels to supplement power in the hospital.
2. Employs at least two casuals to aid in maintaining cleanliness and hygiene.
3. Renovates the borehole in place restores is as it still has plenty of water.
4. Constructs a modern laboratory and equip it fully.
5. Restructures and reconstructs the hospital building to provide for bigger rooms as well as the patients waiting area.
6. Equips the maternity wing with four more delivery packs to be able to serve more expectant mothers at one time.
7. Employs a watchman and constructs a gatehouse to house the watchman to improve on security.
8. Furnishes the hospital with an ambulance to be used in case of emergencies and transfer of patients.
9. Ensures that a new hospital management board is elected as soon as practicable as the existing one's term expired.



2.3.25 Mwingi County Referral Hospital in Mwingi Central Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The delegation of Members of the County Assembly led by the Speaker Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya and area MCA Hon. Bernard Munyasya visited the Mwingi County Referral Hospital on Friday 24th March, 2023 and were received by Dr. Evans Mumo the medical superintendent.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations that: -

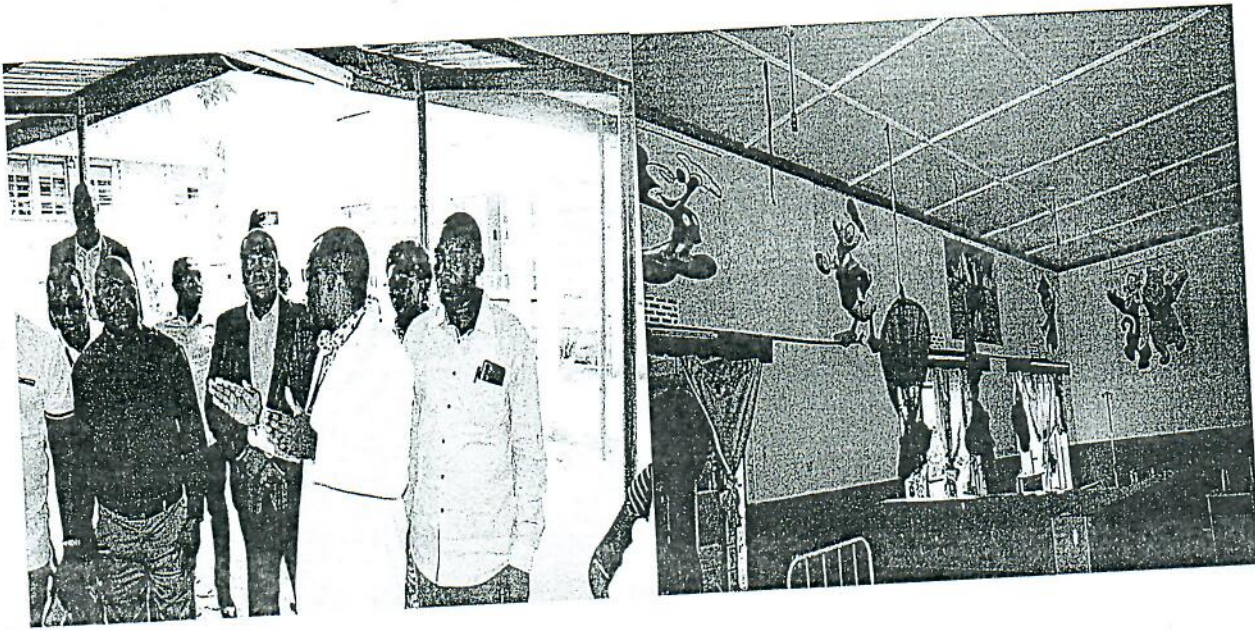
1. The hospital does not have adequate medical staff both doctors and nurses. Inadequate staffing forces the hospital to hire doctors and nurses on locum basis. The hospital has 247 permanent members of staff and 100 casual staff.
2. The hospital has an ongoing project of fencing the area.
3. The inpatient bed capacity is little forcing patients to share beds.
4. The hospital lacks a newborn unit.
5. There is a new mortuary building which has stalled for years, the construction is at 90%.
6. The existing mortuary building does not have freezers. The ones that in place are broken due to storage of an overwhelming number of bodies which occurred during the river Enziu tragedy.
7. There is an amenity ward which was constructed but is not equipped. It has a bed capacity of twenty-four beds.
8. Lack of a blood transfusion unit. The hospital receives a lot of cases in need of blood transfusion from accident victims since it is strategically situated along Mwingi – Garrissa highway. The hospital relies on blood supply from Kitui General hospital.
9. There is an oxygen generation plant in place but it lacks equipment.
10. The hospital has water challenges. It utilizes approximately kshs. 500,000 on water bills. It consumes a lot of the water meant to serve Mwingi town contributing to water shortages in the area.

11. There is a mother and child Centre building project which was started in the financial year 2017 – 2018 that was budgeted for kshs. 30M with a bed capacity of 100 beds. The project stalled at foundation level.
12. The hospital lacks an incinerator to dispose of contagious waste posing a health risk.
13. The hospital only has three ambulances of which only one is equipped.
14. The laboratory lacks reagents.

Specific Recommendations

THAT, the Ministry of Health and Sanitation;

1. Sinks a borehole to supplement water and reduce water consumption so as not to cause water shortage in Mwingi town area. Further, ensure that the hospital utilizes water from the stone catchment area that is near the hospital through installation of pipes and necessary equipment. In addition, see to it that the hospital also utilize water from the borehole at Tyaa area by desilting it and installation of a water pump.
2. Completes the following stalled projects: -
 - a. The amenity ward by equipping it with beds and hospital equipment approximated to cost 24M.
 - b. The Mother and Child Center Block approximated to cost 30M.
 - c. Completing, equipping and staffing the new mortuary building.
3. Ensures that the oxygen plant is equipped.
4. Employs more medical staff, that is, doctors and nurses to curb the shortage.
5. Constructs and equips a blood transfusion unit to cater for the need which is brought about by mothers delivering through C – Section and victims of road accidents along Mwingi – Garrissa road.
6. Equips two ambulances at the hospital.
7. Constructs an incinerator to dispose of contagious waste.



2.4 MINISTRY OF WATER AND IRRIGATION

2.4.1 Kwa Savi Borehole Ward - Nzambani

A section of members of the County Assembly led by Hon. Joseph Musyoka Mbite visited the borehole on Tuesday 21st March, 2023 and were received by the owner of the land hosting the borehole Mr. Christopher Savi.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

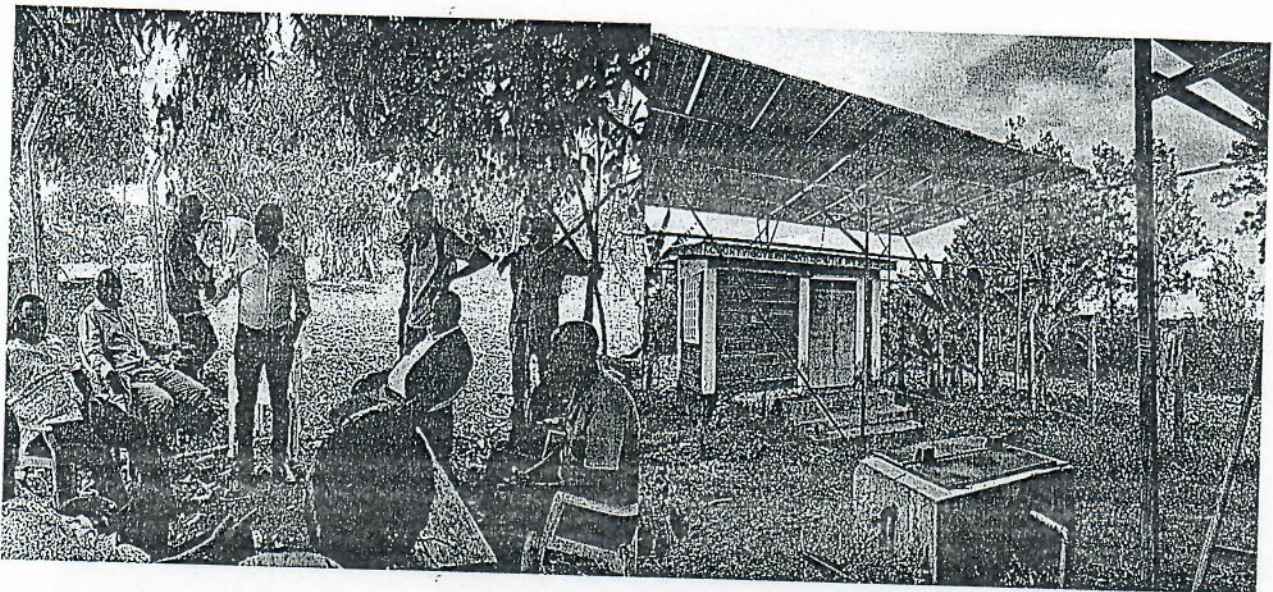
- i. There are two boreholes in the area, the first one was done in financial year 2015/2016 and the second one was done in 2019.
- ii. There is a committee established for the water project.
- iii. The first borehole has a capacity of yielding over 50.3 m³ per hour (50,000 litres) while the second one produces 78 m³ (78,000 litres).
- iv. No piping was done on the second borehole despite the contractor having been paid the full contractual amount.
- v. Water is pumped by use of solar power with the aid of a stand by generator which was not operational at the time of the visit.

- vi. The first borehole was handed over to the family, under unclear circumstances. The community uses water from the second borehole.
- vii. The second borehole was handed over to KITWASCO which has its own workers who manage the water.
- viii. This water source is one of the high yielding boreholes whose potential has been underutilized considering that if this full potential is exploited, the borehole has a capacity of supplying water in the whole of Nzambani ward and the neighboring wards.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Water and Irrigation;

- i. Provide an additional water tank to boost storage and supply of water in the neighboring villages.
- ii. Ensures that proper water piping extension is done for both the boreholes so as to maximize water distribution in Nzambani Ward, Ngangani and Ithumula Villages in Mbitini Ward.
- iii. undertakes an enquiry into the handing over agreement of the first borehole to the Savi family to establish if the right procedure was followed to avoid waste of public funds.



2.4.2 Kwa Kivondo Earth Dam in Nzambani Ward

A section of members of the County Assembly led by Hon. Joseph Musyoka Mbite visited the borehole on Tuesday 21st March, 2023 and were received by area residents.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

1. It is small in size and shallow due to accumulation of silt.
2. The dam has been without water for almost due siltation.
3. There is no fence around the dam.
4. The access road leading to the dam is in poor condition.
5. The dam does not have a water draw point area posing health challenges and risks to users.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Water and Irrigation;

- i. Ensures fencing of the area for safety of both people and livestock from drowning as well as to keep the dam clean.
- ii. Desilts and deepens the dam for it to be able to hold more water.
- iii. Grades the access road leading to the dam and a drift fitted where necessary.
- iv. Constructs a water draw point.



2.4.3 Kyalamoko Borehole Project in Nguni Ward.

A delegation of Members of the County Assembly led by Hon. Jeremiah Mutua visited the Borehole on Thursday 23rd March, 2023 and were received by the borehole management committee.

Specific Observations

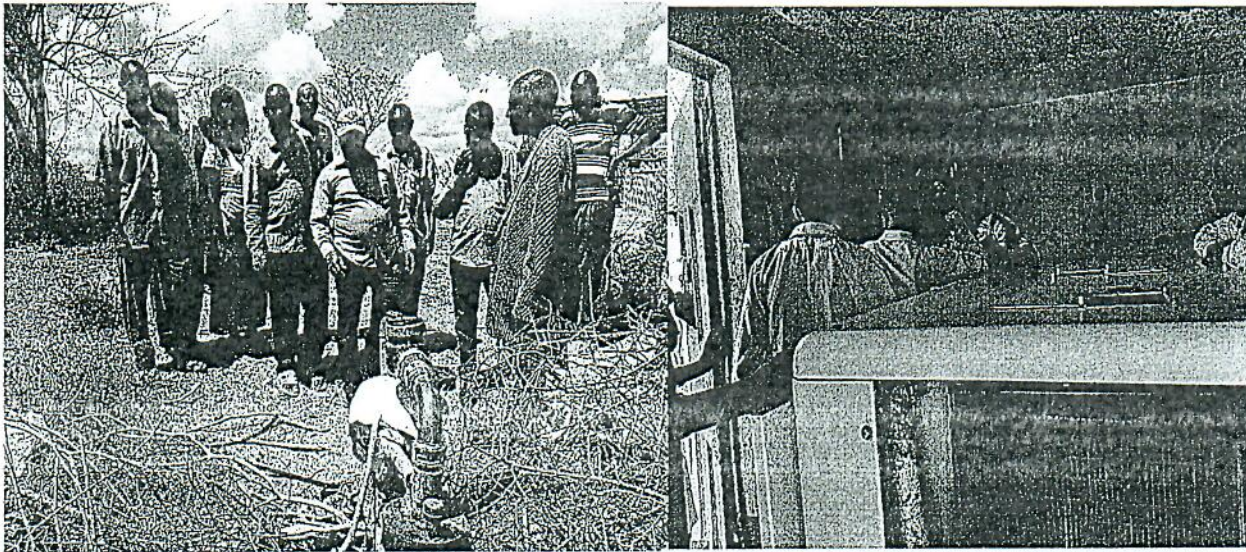
Members made the following observations, that;

1. The borehole has a capacity of yielding over 39.0 m³ per hour.
2. The water retails at kshs. 3.00 per 20litre jerrican and the project is self-sufficient and is able to pay workers as well as purchase fuel for the water pump.
3. The solar energy has not been in use since 2017 as the inverter malfunctioned and has never been replaced.
4. The existing steel tank is rusted and poses a health risk.
5. The water pump area is not fenced.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Water and Irrigation;

1. Replaces the solar inverter.
2. Installs additional water tank of 108,000 cubic meters to enable the project a larger catchment area such as Nguuni, Mbuvu and Ukasi.
3. Installs pipeline water extensions from Tivae – Kyange – Ngoni area and another one from Tivae – Mioni - Sosoma area.
4. Set up more water outlets and water kiosks.



2.4.4 Kithyoko- Kakululo water pipeline extension in Nguutani Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

According to the area Village Administrator Mr. Mbithi Mutungi the project was initiated in the financial year 2020/2021. Members were informed that the extension of the pipeline started from Kithyoko market and the pipes were installed in private commercial plots. The residents of Nguutani ward never benefited from this project as the pipes were vandalized at Ngumula area in Kithyoko Market by Machakos County residents citing inability to access adequate water because of the extension of the pipeline.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

1. The initial pipeline extension was diverted to pass through private lands resulting into constant water blockages.
2. That the people of Nzalae- Kakululo, Nguutani, Mukauni and Katuyu Villages travel for more than five kilometre daily in search of this rare commodity.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Water and Irrigation;

1. Revert to earlier proposed pipeline extension running from Nzalae- Nguutani Market to ensure all the above-mentioned villages receive constant and reliable water supply.

2. Holds consultative meetings with the wrangling camps with a view to amicably solve the stalemate.
3. The area leaders initiate talks with the Kitui Mwingi Company (KIMWASCO) aiming at installing large pipeline extension.



2.4.5 Mwola Kaai Kathanze water project in Nuu Ward

The delegation visited Mwola Kaai Kathanze Water Project on Friday 24th March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Harrison Maluki and was received by the Ward Administrator.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

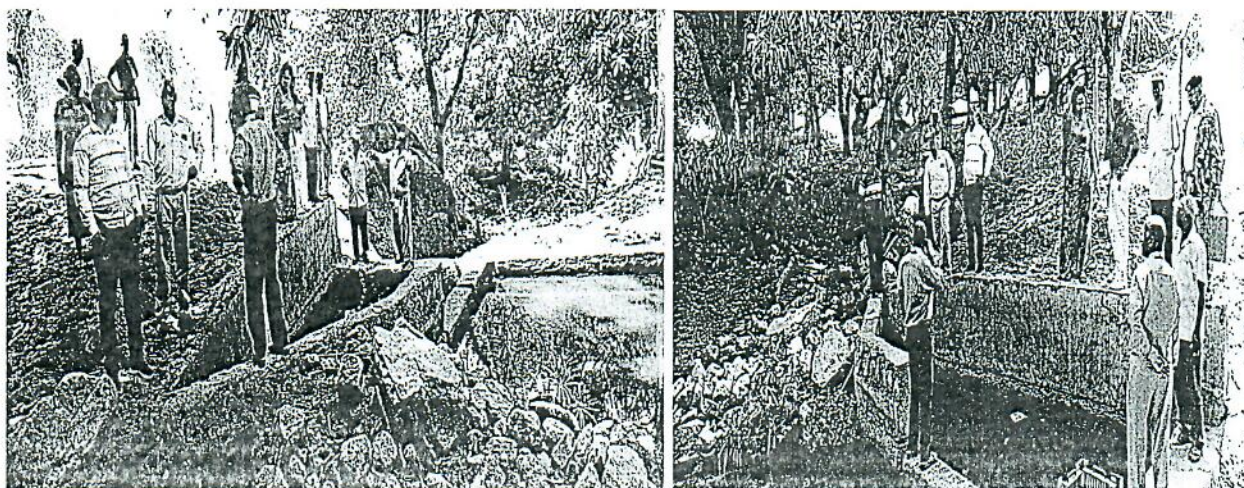
1. The water project has a management committee which oversees the day-to-day operations of this project.
2. The project has thirteen (13) water kiosks which are evenly distributed to serve three villages in the ward including; Kyangati, Mutyangome and Kingati villages.
3. The project serves at least three quarters of the Nuu.
4. The water resource is open and exposed to contamination, siltation of the catchment due to animal and human activities.

5. The water levels in this project were going down an effect that has seen many kiosks missing water supply in that only three (3) out of the thirteen (13) kiosks are functional with only 60 out of the 108 households getting rationed water.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Water and Irrigation;

1. Fences the water source so as to prevent invasion by human and livestock.
2. Provides more water storage tanks to boost water storage.
3. Repair the entire water pipeline extension to minimize water leakages as well as ensure constant water supply the area.
4. Constructs a pit latrine at the water point to improve on sanitation.
5. Regularly offers financial support for maintenance and sustainability of the project.



2.4.6 Migwani water pipeline extension - Kalebwani water point Migwani Ward

The delegation visited Migwani Water Pipeline Extension - Kalebwani Water Point on 22nd March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Muthengi Ndagara and was received by the Mr. Bernard Mulungi, Ward Administrator.

Specific Observations

The members made the following observations, that;

1. The Kalebwani water point has its source in Kalimbui Borehole in Thitani, Kyome Thaana Ward.

2. According to the Ward Administrator, the Kalimbui water pipelines has another water point at Kaikungu Market.
3. The pipeline extension is also connected to a reservoir tank in Migwani town which serves the water points at Migwani Catholic Church and Posta area.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Water and Irrigation;

1. Extends the water pipeline to Kalembwa Primary School.
2. Construct another high raised reservoir tank at Migwani Level IV hospital with a well-positioned outlet.



2.4.7 Makutano - Katalwa pipeline extension Migwani Ward

The delegation visited Mumbuni- Makutano - Katalwa Water distribution point on 22nd March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Muthengi Ndagara and was received by the Mr. Kyalo Kyalya.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

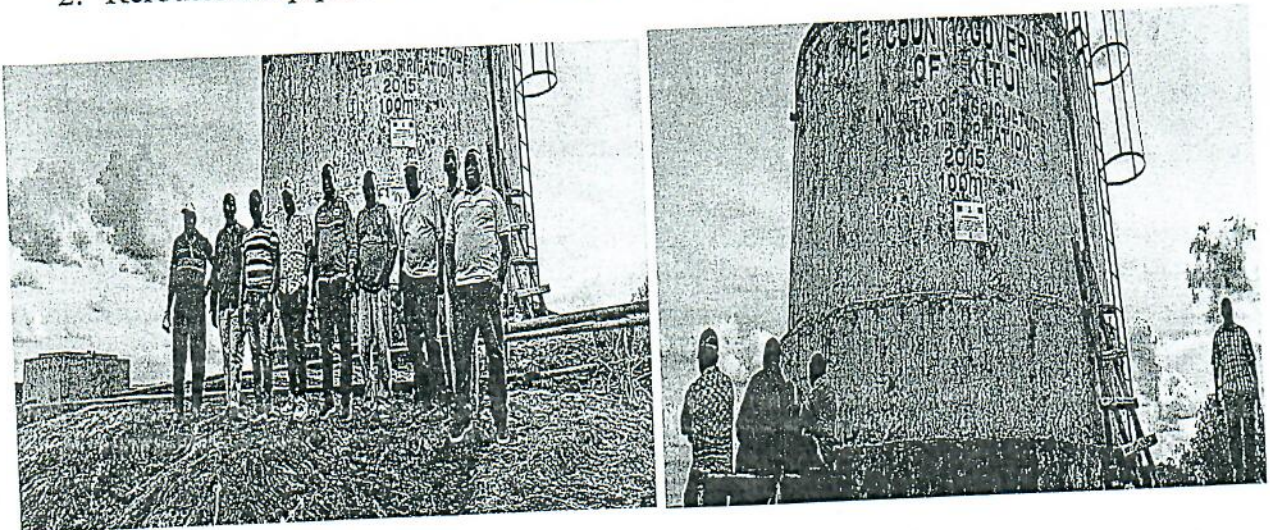
1. The project was done by the County Government of kitui in the 2020/2021 Financial Year.
2. The pipeline extension is served by the line running from Mumbuni distribution center to Makutano.
3. The County Government of kitui in the 2015/2016 Financial year constructed a reservoir tank at Mumbuni market to increase on the water distribution since the line has 16 collection points.

4. That a private bore hole was sank nearby reducing the water level of the Community borehole.
5. The borehole has two sources of power supply, electricity and solar power.
6. That the engineer installed a small outlet on the reservoir tank making it hard for water to gather enough pressure and reach all the distribution points.
7. The pipeline passes through people gardens exposing them to vandalism.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Water and Irrigation;

1. Constructs another high raised reservoir tank at Mumbuni with a bigger outlet.
2. Reroutes the pipeline to follow the main road.



2.4.8 Ithumula Borehole in Chuluni ward

The delegation visited Ithumula Community Borehole in Chuluni Ward on 21st March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Sammy Muniyithya and was received by the Village Administrator.

Specific Observations

The members made the following observations, that;

1. The Community borehole was done by the County Government of kitui on the 2021/2022 Financial Year.

2. The borehole has been operational since it was handed over to the Community. However, broke down 4 months before the time of the visit.
3. There is no a proper and organized committee to manage the operations of the borehole.
4. The borehole had only one distribution point.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Water and Irrigation;

1. Establishes water management committee to oversee the operations of the project.
2. Repairs the broken pump motor.



2.4.9 Kwa Mbiti earth dam in Tseikuru Ward

The delegation visited Kwa Mbiti Earth Dam on Thursday 24th March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Dominic Mwamisi and was received by Village Administrator.

Specific Observations

The members made the following observations, that;

1. According to the Community chairman, the county government in the Financial Year 2019/2020 desilted the dam, fenced, constructed toilets and drawing troughs for livestock but did not connect them to the water source. Adding on the same the

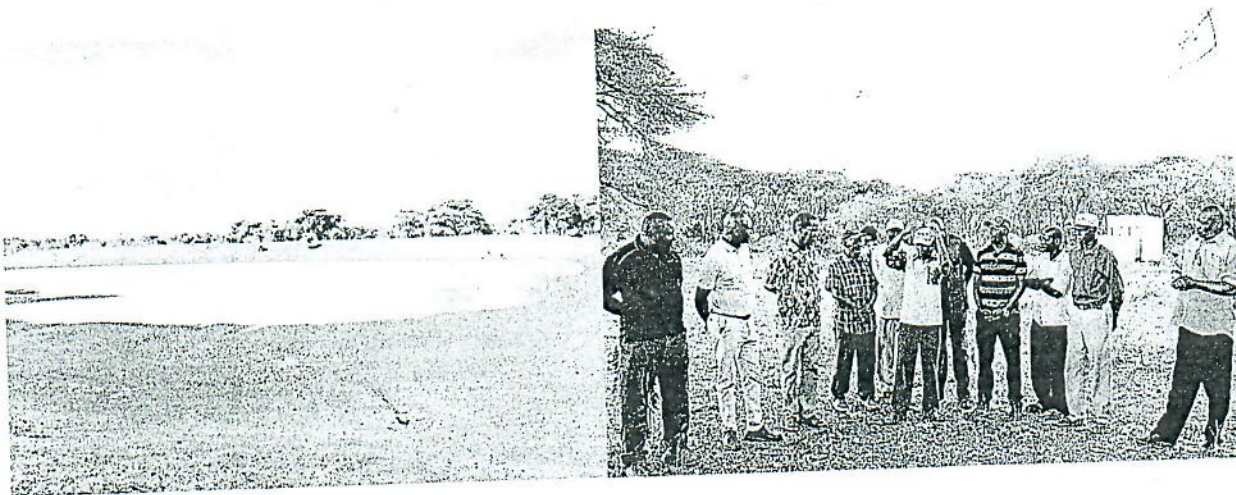
contractor was to construct a water kiosk which did not happen and the project was incompletely launched and handed over.

2. The dam lacks silt tracks at the inlet.
3. The chain-link and fencing posts have been vandalized.
4. The gabion at the spillway has been washed away.
5. The contractor changed the spillway that has contributed to the dam drying early before the rains.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Water and Irrigation;

1. Desilts the dam and changes the outlets to its initial position.
2. Installs silt tracks at the inlet to prevent the dam being silted again in the near future.
3. Construct a water point at the dam as well connect the water troughs to avoid animals from contaminating the water.



2.4.10 Yumbu Earth Dam in Athi Ward

The dam sits on a 7 acres piece of land which was donated by the villagers. It has a capacity of 80,000 m³ which makes it one of the medium size earth dams in Kitui County. On arrival the Members were met by the management of the dam who informed them that the dam was constructed for only 3 days before the contractor abandoning the site.

Specific Observations

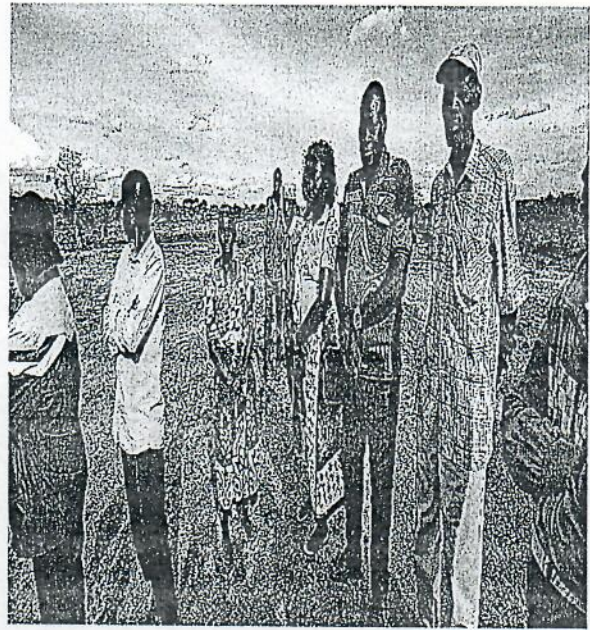
Members made the following observations, that;

1. The dam is not fenced making it accessible to livestock resulting to siltation of the dam as well as exposing members of the community to danger of drowning.
2. The dam has a huge catchment area from the nearby hill.
3. The earth dam had no drawing area which exposed the residents to a risk of contamination and drowning.
4. There were no latrines posing a health hazard.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Water and Irrigation;

1. Construction of permanent pit latrines to improve on sanitation.
2. Expands the dam since it has a huge catchment area from the nearby hills.
3. Install gates from different points of the earth dam, to allow members of the community access water with ease.
4. Installation of a fence to prevent siltation of the dam caused by livestock and other human activities.



2.5 MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH, SPORTS, GENDER

2.5.1 Nthangani stadium in Tharaka Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

According to the area County Village Administrator Mr. Joseph Mwambia the project was initiated during the financial year 2021/2022. The project' Bill of Quantity (B/Q) comprised of levelling of the playing ground, erection of V.I.P dias, drainage, latrine, installation of goals post and volley ball posts for both Men and Women.

The project once complete was intended to host major games and sports tournament for the entire Thagicu Sub- County.

Specific Observations

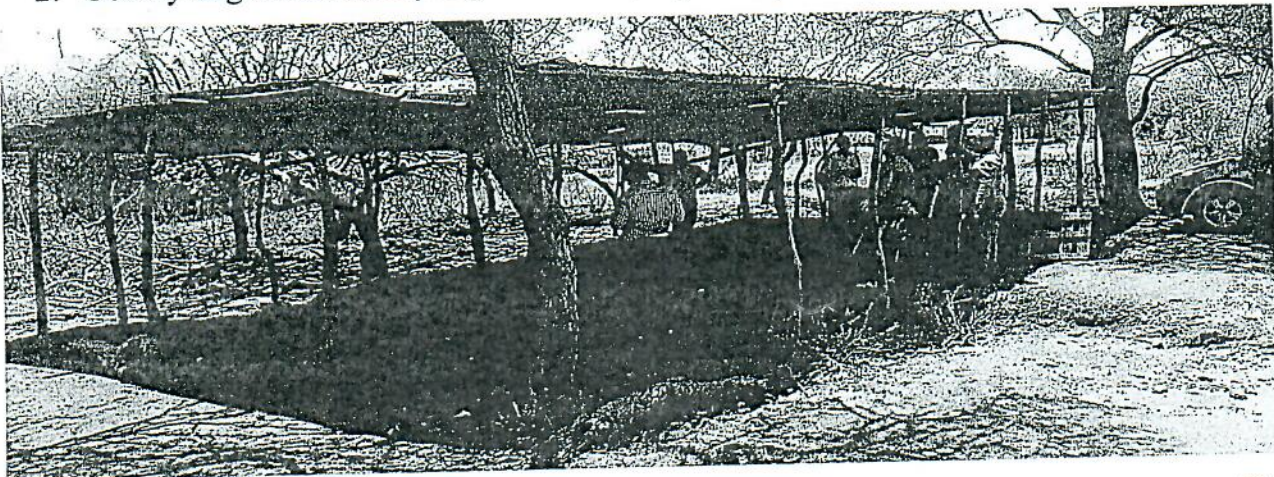
Members made the following observations, that;

1. The contractor did a shoddy job to an extend that no B/Q was availed to stakeholders to ascertain the scope of the work.
2. The ground levelling was poorly done.
3. The field size done was too small making it difficult to fit the standard 400 m track athletic event.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Culture, Youth, Sports and Gender;

1. Should recall the contractors to redo the project to completion.
2. County engineers strictly supervise the project implementation.



2.5.2 Kyuso Stadium in Kyuso Ward

The delegation visited Kyuso Stadium on Thursday 24th March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Dominic Mwamisi and was received by the Village Admin. The project has since stalled due to an ongoing court case.

Specific Observations

Members made the following observations, that;

1. The stadium gate and the fence were vandalized.
2. The stadium doesn't have a dais and toilets.
3. The project is stalled.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the Ministry of Culture, Youth, Sports and Gender;

1. Repairs the vandalized fence and gate.
2. Construct a dais and a modern toilet.
3. Fast tract the ongoing court case to ensure completion of the stadium.

2.6 MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND MINERAL INVESTMENTS DEVELOPMENT

2.6.1 Twimuma Limestone Mining Zone in Kyuso Ward

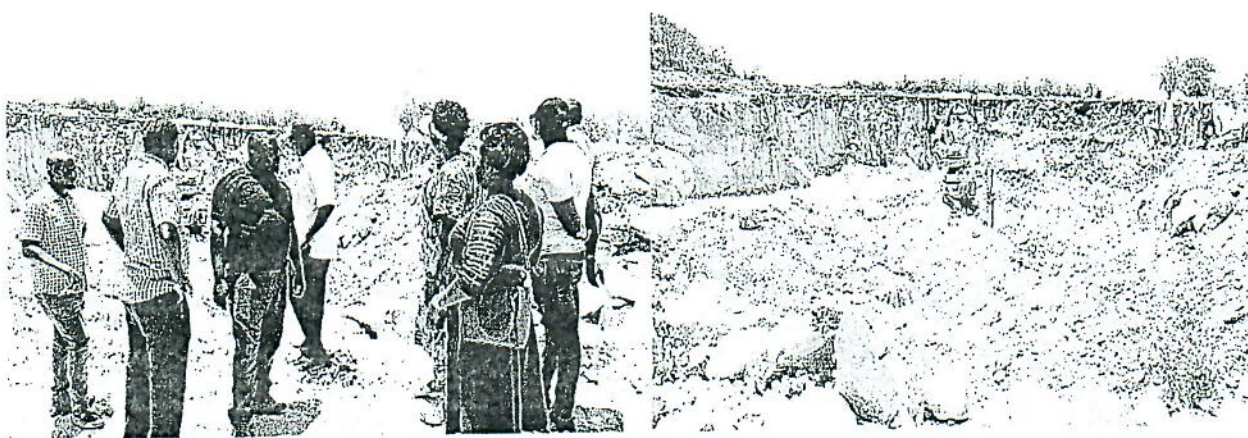
The delegation visited Twimuma limestone Mining area on Thursday 24th March, 2023 led by the team leader Hon. Dominic Mwamisi and was received by the site manager.

Specific Observations

The members made the following observations, that;

1. The County Government of Kitui is in Court with Company over cess issue and no transportation of the raw material is currently taking place.
2. There is no County Government official on site to ascertain the number of tracks entering and leaving the Mining site.
3. The company is planning to construct a processing plant at the site to provide employment opportunities to the locals.

4. The Kenya Roads Authority denies the company from doing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities such as repairing roads around the area.
5. The company has a plan to make roads beside the main Road to be used by tracks ferrying the raw material to avoid destroying the tarmac road already upgraded to bitumen standards.
6. There more than three liaison community committees with different interests hence making decision making a problem.



Specific Recommendations

THAT; the County Ministry of Environment and Energy and Mineral Investments;

1. In Conjunction with the National Government and other stake holders work together in the mineral exploitation.
2. Ensures that the Company undertakes land reclamation and rehabilitation.
3. Allocate a County Government Official on the mining site to look on the checks and balances.
4. To enter in a Memorandum of Understanding with the company for sustainable mineral exploitation.

2.7 MINISTRY OF LANDS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND URBAN DEVELOPEMNT

2.7.1 Kwa Ilate Drift Ward – Mutonguni.

Members of the County Assembly led by Hon. Benjamin Mulandi visited Kwa Ilate drift on Wednesday 22nd March, 2023 and were received by the area's development committee

led by the chairperson Mr. Makau Mutisya and Mr. Patrick Kimanzi the secretary to the committee.

Specific Observations

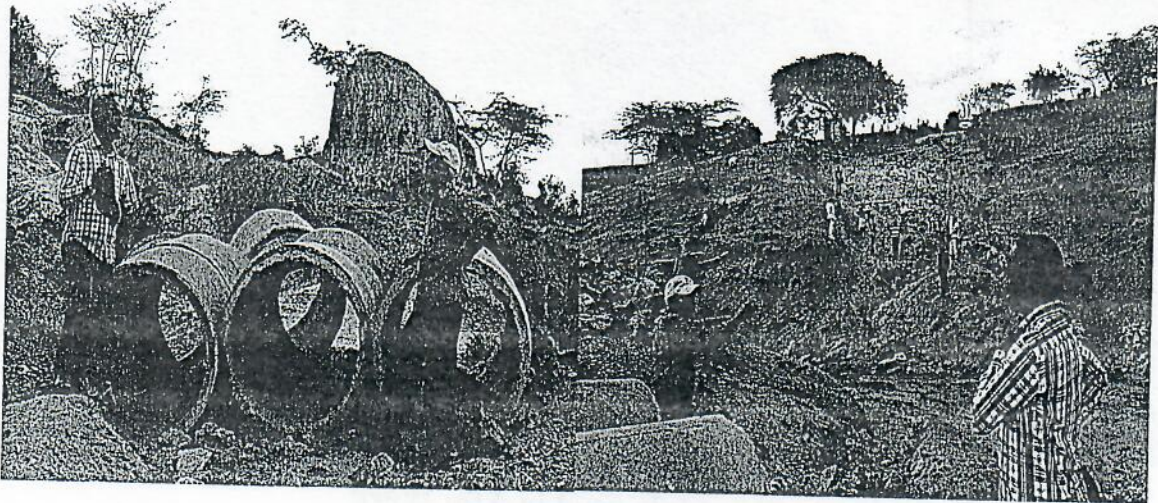
The members made the following observations, that;

- i. The drift is supposed to connect two villages, that is, Kutha village and Kangii Village.
- ii. The project had stalled mid-way and most of the materials left on site were vandalized.
- iii. The access road connecting the drift is in poor condition due to irregular grading and maintenance.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the County Ministry of Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development;

- i. Puts this project into consideration and revives it with adequate financing to see it to completion.
- ii. Ensures that the contractor is recalled to redo the work to completion.
- iii. County engineers strictly supervise the project implementation.



2.7.2 Katse – Musyosya -thua road and drift in Mumoni Ward.

The road connects Tharaka, Embu and Meru Counties.

Specific Observations

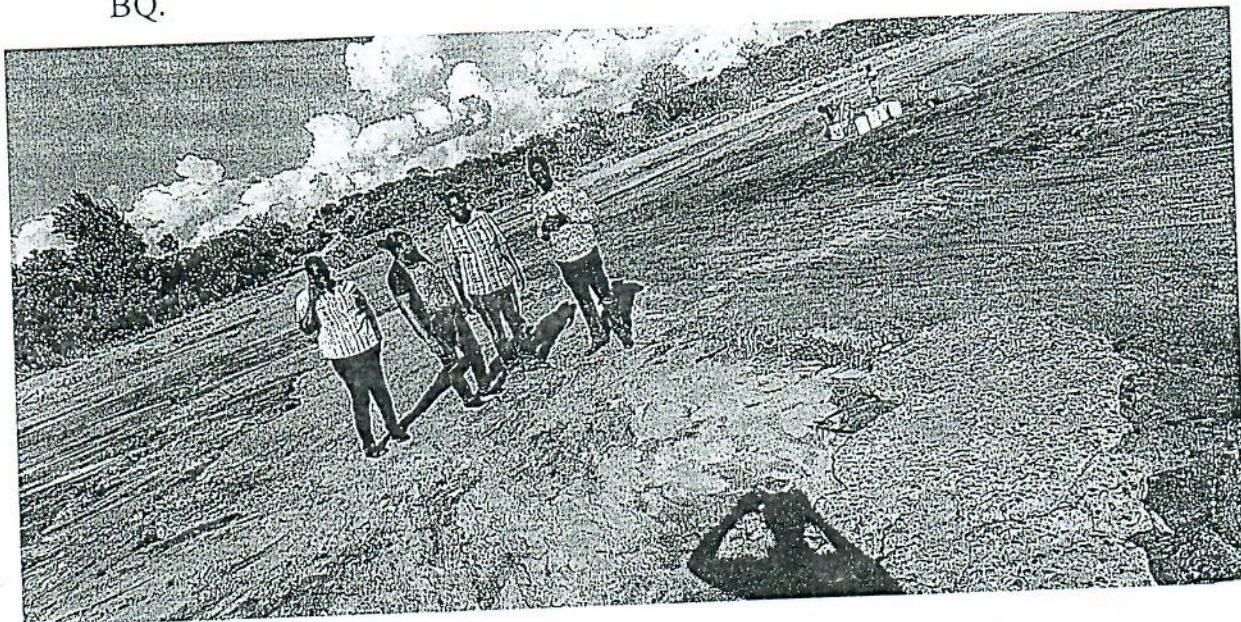
The members made the following observations, that;

1. The road is in a bad state and impassable as the the drift constructed in the Katse River had been swept away by heavy rains.
2. The was poor workmanship and use of substandard construction materials.

Specific Recommendations

THAT; the County Ministry of Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development;

1. Heavy grading, gravelling and installation of gabions to increase its durability should be done on the road as soon as possible considering that the road links Mumoni ward with Meru, Embu and Tharaka Counties.
2. The tendering laws should be adhered to enhance proper workmanship.
3. The County Engineer should strictly supervise the works to ensure adherence to the BQ.



2.7.3 Makutano -Kamutei – Kyandula road in Athi Ward

The road links Kamutei Market and Ikutha Ward. It's in bad state as it was poorly done.

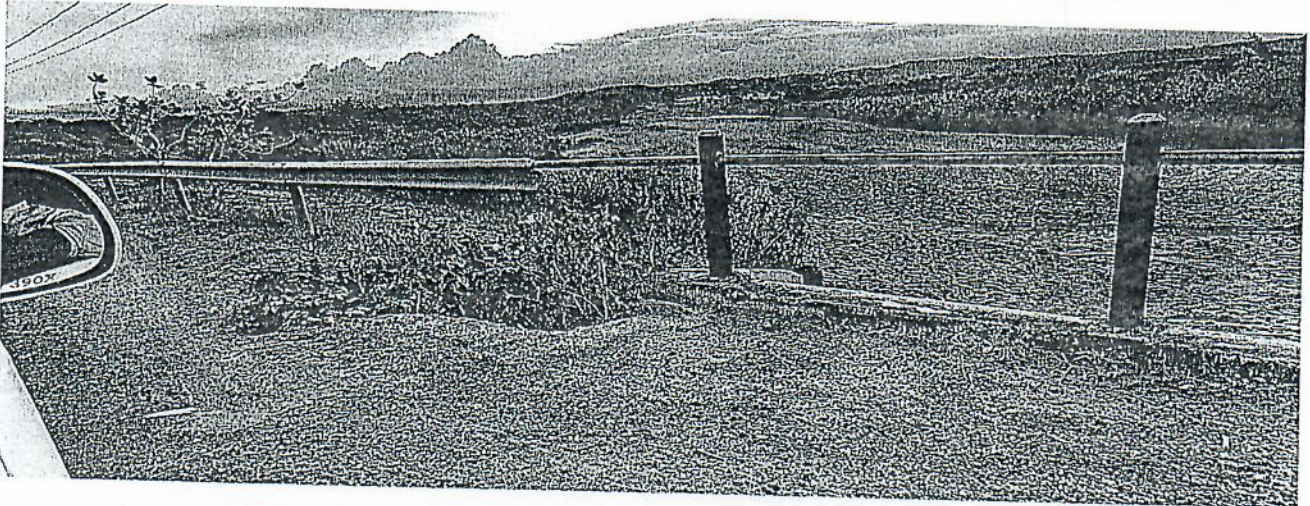
Specific Observations

The members made the following observations, that;

1. The are huge pot holes and some of the culverts have clogged.
2. The road to be widened, addition drifts constructed and the blocked/broken culverts unclogged/re-constructed.

Specific Recommendations.

1. The members recommends that the tendering laws should be adhered to ensure qualified contractors are awarded the works.
2. The County Engineers should strictly supervise the works to ensure all the provisions in the BoQs are adhered to.



CHAPTER THREE

3.0 GENERAL SECTOR OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

3.1 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SANITATION.

General Observations

Mr. Speaker Sir,

1. Members observed that there is serious understaffing across all the health facilities in the County which denies them an opportunity to operate at their optimal level. For instance, in most dispensaries the Nurse – In Charge performs all the duties including outpatient duties, laboratory and outreach services which are overwhelming.
2. Further cross-examination of the patients available in most facilities informed Members that the residents were dissatisfied with the long durations of time spent on the queues when seeking treatment which was attributed to understaffing.
3. Members noted that across all the health facilities visited there is acute shortage of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies.
4. As witnessed by the members, buildings in most health facilities across the County are highly dilapidated and in pathetic condition as most buildings have cracks, the ceiling are almost collapsing, doors and windows are broken. A case in point, in Katse Health Centre in Mumoni ward and Tharaka health centre in Tharaka ward.
5. Members further observed that there many stalled projects which require completion and operationalization before new ones are initiated. For example, Kakithya dispensary in Kanziko ward the project was abandoned at lintel level while Ithumbi dispensary in Kivou Ward the project was completed and no nurse was posted to the facility amounting to wastage of public resources.
6. Members established that it is very difficult to address emergency and referral cases as most of health facilities lack ambulances. Most ambulances have been grounded and thus the patients are left with no alternative means in the event of emergencies.
7. Members observed that there is delayed payment to casuals stretching to over thirteen months which has led to demoralization.

8. Members established that most facility lack modern incinerators and ablution blocks for waste disposal thus exposing most patients to unhygienic environment.
9. Members established that most health facilities are not connected to the national grid, this makes it difficult to store vaccines as well as power some equipment.
10. Members noted that most facilities are not fenced exposing properties to vandalism and theft
11. It is difficult to maintain high level of sanitation and hygiene as most facilities lack piped water and relies on the expensive and unreliable commercial water boozers.

General Recommendations

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Members recommend that;

1. For the County health facilities to operate at their optimal level the County Ministry on Health and Sanitation should employ more health staff according to the World Health Organization (WHO) staffing norms to match the demands of the facilities.
2. The County Ministry of Health and Sanitation should ensure timely and adequate supply of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies across the County to avoid stock outs.
3. As a matter of urgency, the County ministry of Health and sanitation should allocate funds to repair and renovated dilapidated infrastructure in the health facilities.
4. The County ministry of Health and Sanitation should prioritize completion of stalled health projects before initiating new ones to avoid waste of public funds.
5. The ministry of Health and Sanitation should employ adequate casuals in all health facilities and further ensure they are properly remunerated and paid on time.
6. The Ministry of health and sanitation should repair all grounded ambulances and ensure that there is at least one operational ambulance in each ward to handle emergency and referral cases.
7. The County ministry of health and sanitation should construct modern incinerators and ablution blocks in all health facilities for proper waste disposal.

8. All health facilities should be fenced in order to secure the facilities together with their property.
9. The Ministry of Health and Sanitation in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Irrigation should ensure all facilities are connected to clean and piped water.
10. The County Ministry of Health and Sanitation in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Mineral investments should ensure electricity connectivity to all Health Facilities in the County.

3.2 BASIC EDUCATION, I.C.T AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

General Observations

Mr. Speaker Sir, Members made the following observations;

1. There is inadequate physical infrastructural facilities across all the vocational training centers visited, resulting into congestion in dormitories and workshops.
2. There is understaffing in most vocational training hampering the introduction of new courses and quality of service offered.
3. Some equipment and tools supplied by the concerned ministry are obsolete and some substandard thus affecting the delivery of the curriculum.
4. Members further observed that many projects under ministry are stalled. For instance, Tanganyika vocational training centre in Kwa Vonza Yatta ward.
5. There is no proper organization structure and chain of command in most vocational centre due to lack of a proper legal institutional framework.

General Recommendations

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Members recommend that County Ministry of Education, polytechnic and Home crafts Centre; -

1. Makes budgetary allocations towards investment and expansion of physical infrastructure. This will significantly assist trainees to have a decent, secure and habitable environment for training.
2. Replaces the worn-out and obsolete tools and equipment in the vocational training centre workshops.

3. Recruit adequate instructors and other personnel and equip them with relevant knowledge and skills that matches the current job market demand. Further the Ministry should expose trainers to continuous in-service training and establish comprehensive scheme of service.
4. Complete and operationalization of all stalled projects and institutions.
5. Come up with strategies of providing clean and adequate water to all learning institutions.
6. Formulate and operationalize a legal institutional framework to assist in smooth running of all the Centers in the County.

3.3 MINISTRY OF WATER AND IRRIGATION

General Observations

Mr. Speaker Sir, Members made the following observations;

1. There has been no involvement of the local community in the project identification and implementation which has led to contractors vacating the site without having properly completed and handed over the projects to the Community. For instance, Kithyoko -kakululo water project in Nguutani Ward.
2. There is poor workmanship and no clear -structured project supervision in almost all water projects visited amounting to misuse of public funds.
3. In all the projects visited, it was observed that diesel water pumps are uneconomical and difficult to manage. Further the solar panel installed in some of the projects are non-functional. A point of case being Kyala Moko in Nguni Ward.
4. Members further observed that there many stalled water projects. For instance, Yumbu earth dam in Athi ward where the contractor abandoned the site upon commencement of the project.
5. Members noted that some of water tanks are of small sizes compared the to the demands of the community.
6. The members also established that most earth dams had no drawing area exposing the residents to a risk of contamination and drowning. Further most dams are silted.

General Recommendations

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Members recommend that County Ministry of Water and Irrigation;

1. Should ensure that the community is fully involved in project identification, implementation and handing over once completed to guarantee that there is prudent use of public funds.
2. Should ensure adherence to Procurement and tendering laws aimed at guaranteed proper workmanship.
3. Promote green energy through Installation of solar water pumping system in place of diesel pumps to cut on cost.
4. Implements the following on earth dams; -
 - i. Install sanction points.
 - ii. Construct permanent abluion blocks.
 - iii. Desilt of the dams.
 - iv. Erect fences to prevent siltation of the dams caused by livestock and other human activities.
5. Completes and operationalizes all stalled water projects.

3.4 LANDS INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

General observations

Mr. Speaker Sir, Members made the following observations;

1. There has been little involvement of the local community in the process of project implementation which has led to contractors abandoning the site without having properly completed and handed over the projects.
2. There is poor workmanship in almost all the projects visited amounting imprudence use of public funds.
3. Most road are in bad state and impassable owing to irregular grading and some have been washed away by surface run off.
4. That most drift constructed had been washed away due to poor workmanship and use of substandard construction material.

General Recommendations

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Members recommend that County Ministry of Lands, infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development;

1. Ensures that the local community is fully involved in project identification, implementation and handing over once completed to ensure value for money is realized.
2. The tendering laws should be adhered to, to ensure proper workmanship is realized.
3. The County Engineers should strictly supervise the works to ensure all the provisions in the BQs are adhered to.
4. Formulates road maintenance schedules so as to ensure that the existing are maintained in good condition.

3.5 MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND MINING

General observations

Mr. Speaker Sir, Members made the following observations;

1. That there are no mining liaison committees to address challenges arising from mining activities.
2. It was noted that there is a serious gap in terms of civic education that's needs to be addressed.
3. Members noted that the amount of revenue generated by the mining companies is not commensurate with the license fee paid to the County Government.
4. The mining activities have resulted to increased carbon emissions contributing to global warming.
5. Members observed that the mining activities have led to severe land degradation in the mining areas.

General Recommendations

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Members recommend that County Ministry of Environment, Energy, Forestry, Natural and Mineral Resources;

1. Collaborates with the National Government in carrying out Environment Impact Assess (EIA) before issuing mining licenses and permits to mining companies.
2. Recommend formation of mining Liaison Committees to champion and articulate issues surrounding mining.
3. Recommend undertaking of civic education to the residents within the mining areas.
4. Recommends that the National Government and County Government should develop long term structured plans for sustainable use of extractive revenues.

3.6 MINISTRY OF TRADE, ICT AND COOPERATIVE INVESTMENTS

General observations

Mr. Speaker Sir, Members made the following observations;

1. That there was general improvement in market facilities across the County, although quite a number of similar projects had stalled as implementation of the projects had fallen behind schedule.
2. Members noted that views of the public were not taken into account during identification and construction of market shades.
3. The Committee revealed that the operation of the Kitui County Textile Centre (KICOTEC) stalled in the year 2022 due to unpaid electricity bills and accrued workers' wages.
4. That the stone ballast crusher in Yatta/Kwa Vonza Ward non-operational owing to accumulated electricity bills and non-serviced equipment e.g., Excavators, Wheel loaders, Dozers amongst others.

General Recommendations

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Members recommend that County Ministry of Trade, ICT and Cooperative Investments;

1. Takes over the operations of the stone ballast crusher and other County investments as well as privatizing KICOTEC to enable the County Government recoup the funds channeled into the entity.
2. Prioritizes completion and operationalization of all stalled projects before initiating news ones to ensure prudent use of public funds.
3. Involve the public in project identification and implementation as provided for in Article 196 of the Kenya Constitution, 2010.

3.7 MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

General observations

Mr. Speaker Sir, Members made the following observations;

1. Most Cess points Lack roadblock metallic spikes leading to many vehicles passing evading payment of cess
2. That the revenue collection system is not automated.
3. Most Cess point do not have decent social amenities for instance ablution blocks.

General Recommendations

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Members recommend that County Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning;

1. That all revenue collection points be automated to curb tax evasion, corruption, revenue leakages in order to improve own source revenue (OSR).
2. Constructs permanent and spacious cess collection booths, offices and improve on social amenities.
3. Installs key tools and equipment such as CCTVS cameras, metallic spikes amongst others.
4. Fast tracks the implementation of the Finance Bill.

3.8 MINISTRY OF CULTURE, SPORTS, GENDER, ICT AND SOCIAL SERVICES

General observations

Mr. Speaker Sir, Members made the following observations;

1. That the community was dissatisfied with the quality of work done owing to poor workmanship by the contactors and non-involvement of the public in project identification and implementation.
2. That there were many stalled projects under the ministry for instance Manyenyoni Resource Centre in Kitui Township Ward and Kyuso Stadium in Kyuso Ward.
3. That most of the playing grounds inspected were poorly graded.
4. That there was no greening program done in most of the playing grounds thus they remain susceptible to soil erosion once heavy rains pour.

General Recommendations

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Members recommend that County Ministry of Culture, Sports, Gender, ICT and Social Services;

1. Immediate completion and operationalization of stalled projects before new ones are initiated for instance, Manyenyoni Resource Centre in Kitui Township Ward and Kyuso Stadium in Kyuso Ward.
2. Undertakes disciplinary action against any officer found to have neglected their duty or acted unprofessionally in executing their duty especially in developing the Bill of Quantities (BoQs) and during the inspection of projects.
3. Ensure that all the playing grounds are properly fenced, gates installed and trees planted along the perimeter of the playing grounds as well as planting grass especially on football pitches to control soil erosion.

CHAPTER FOUR

4.0 CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker Sir,

In conclusion, the projects inspection tour served as an eye opener which provided members with an opportunity to comprehensively understand the status of the projects across the County and identify areas that required improvement. The House strongly believes that once the recommendations captured herein are implanted, the livelihoods of Kitui County citizenry will improve tremendously both socially and economically. This Honorable House recommends that the County Assembly Implementation Committee ensures that the resolutions made through this report are implemented to the latter by the Executive arm of the County Government.

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