## STATEMENT REQUEST ON THE STATUS OF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF 100M3 MASONRY TANK AT MISEWANI VILLAGE IN KYANGWITHYA EAST WARD AND OTHER WATER **PROJECTS**

Mr. Speaker Sir,

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d like to 4/12/24 Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No 41 (2) (c), I would like to request for a statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Water and Irrigation on the status of the proposed construction of masonry tank (100m³) at Misewani village in Kyangwithya East Ward and other water projects.

Whether the Chairperson is aware that the contractor of the proposed 100m<sup>3</sup> Masonry tank in Misewani Village was awarded the tender and after site handing over the contractor abandoned the site. This has left the community struggling with water shortages, especially those relying on Masinga water supply due to lack of storage.

Whether he is further aware that Mutuni and Katia pipeline extensions were left incomplete resulting to imprudent use of public funds.

Whether he is also aware that Museve Borehole which was funded by Non-Governmental Organisation, that is UNICEF and is managed by Kitui Water and Sanitation Company (KITWASCO), remains underutilized due to lack of solar power installation to pump the water, as it is currently operated using a generator which turns out to be very expensive to operate due to high cost of fuel.

Concerned that, Mutulukuni Secondary School borehole, awarded under the Community Level Infrastructure Development Programme (CLIDP) in the Financial Year 2023/2024 at a cost of Kshs 1,996,265 has not been drilled up to date considering that transparency and accountability in the execution of public funded projects are critical.

**Mr. Speaker sir,** pursuant to the provisions of Article 43(d) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, water is a basic right whose access should be guaranteed. Lack of access to clean and safe water in adequate quantities infringes on the rights of the residents of Museve and Kyangwithya East ward at large.

## Mr. Speaker Sir,

I seek a response from the Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Water and Irrigation within twenty-one (21) days on the following concerns: -

- i. An inquiry as to what led to the stalling of the construction of 100m<sup>3</sup> masonry water tank in Misewani Village.
- ii. The measures that the relevant County Ministry is putting in place to ensure the stalled projects are completed.
- iii. Provide a timeline for the solarization of the Museve borehole and the pipeline extensions to Mutuni and Katia markets.
- iv. Strategies that the line ministry is employing to address the pipeline bursts affecting Misewani and Museve Village to restore water supply to Kwa- Ukungu and Waluku residents.
- v. Launch an investigation into why the project was not implemented despite being allocated funds, provide the name of the contractor awarded the borehole and finally clarify the time frame provided for such contracts to be implemented or cancelled for non-compliance.

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HON. BONIFACE MAUNDU KATUMBI.

MCA- KYANGWITYA EAST WARD.

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI.**