

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 15th February, 2017

The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 9:00 a.m.

The Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe) in the Chair

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order Number 47 and 121/4, I beg to move a motion that this House debates and approves the report of the Annual Development Plan 2016. I beg to move. I call upon hon. Lemoosa to second.

(Hon. Lemoosa bows in seconding)

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Thank you hon. Members, Pursuant to Standing Order Number 47 and 121/4, this House debates and approves the report of the Annual Development Plan 2016.

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you Mr. Speaker, the Annual Development Plan for 2017/2018 was tabled on the floor of this House on the month of November and we had to deliberate as a House. We suspended the putting of the question because the findings and observations of the Members found it necessary to add some recommendations to the report. The Committee met and deliberated and added the recommendations as deemed by the House. I read the recommendations as it is in the report:

1. The Committee recommends the County Government to urge the National Government through the CAF forums for every Constituency to increase the construction of classrooms in their respective Constituencies in order to accommodate the increased number of students joining secondary schools per year.
2. That the department should ensure that they complete the intended projects and programs during the financial year under review.
3. That the department should ensure that they increase the funding on software to take into account the policies and laws, training grounds for groups economic empowerment in sanitation and awareness.
4. That the executive should try to see that the successful implementation of projects and programs contained in the annual development plan will contribute to better service delivery and employment creation, fast economic growth as well as poverty reduction in the County.

Those are the recommendations that the Committee felt should be included in the report. Thank you hon. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): If there is no other contribution we will proceed to put the question.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. It is indicated in the second recommendation that the department should ensure that they complete the intended projects /programs during the financial year under review. I do not know if it is only in the papers because it has not been acted upon. This House is being used as a rubberstamp to pass things. (*Applause*) That is my issue in this hon. House, Thank you.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Irene Leshore): Thank you Mr. Speaker. This document came to this House in November where we gave so many recommendations to the Committee. I remember talking about mobile schools or “*Lchekuti*” Nomadic Education to be included. This did not even make to the recommendations of the Committee. These documents are meant to help our people. This House passed a motion in 2015 to establish Nomadic Schools but we did not have any legal framework to do it. I told my colleagues who would come back to this House to ensure that this is done for the interest of the children of Samburu County. When we talk of hardware for building Houses, our children are not attending classes even when there are classes. It has been proved that Nomadic Education is a good way to encourage our children to go to school.

We will not go anywhere as a County if we are not going to improve our literacy levels. There for to me it is really a big surprise to see that the Committee did not see it as an important issue to be added in this report. Some of us will not be in the next House. We want to make a difference while we are still here. I do not know for those who will come. If it does not make it to this paper that I am sure will be passed, I plead with the ones who will come back in the House to ensure that this is done for the children of this County. If it is possible for it to be done, I urge the Chair of the Committee to find it in their hearts to include this so that our efforts will not be in vain. Four years down the line the motion has been passed with no policy and up to now it has not made it to the Annual Development Plan 2017/2018. Thank you.

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon. Elly Loldepe): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the motion on the report as tabled by the Hon. Being a Member of this Committee, I stand to support the report. Hon. Lorunyei's sentiments are valid that departments should ensure that these projects be implemented so that we may not have white elephant projects as a concern raised by some of the Hon. Members. It is up to every Chair and every sectoral Committee should ensure that they are aware of what is happening in their departments. When we look at this report we ask ourselves what is happening within this department.

As raised by hon. Irene, there are issues that were passed. The Committee did not include the recommendations in this report. We passed the motion and yet there are no policy guidelines. The hon. Chair for Education, the Chair for Delegation Affairs and the Chair for Implementation is within the House. They should take into consideration that there are motions passed in regards to their departments and ought to have followed up with the department in order for us to have these policy guidelines for the motions passed to have seen the light of the day.

Hon. Irene's concerns were valid. We did not put it here because without the implementation Committee delegated legislation and even the sectoral Committee on Education should follow up on those issues keenly so that our children actually benefit. I urge the hon. Members to support the motion and the report as it is because we did the best that we could under the circumstances. Thank you.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Osman Dube): Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Naunga mkono budget hili. Ninakumbuka katika budget ya 2013 kwamba walemavu wamezingatiwa katika jambo fulani. Lakini baada ya kupanga budget, hatuoni mambo ambayo tulipitisha kuwa yazingatiwe. Tunasema lipitishwe vile ilivyo ili isaidie watu wote. Haifai kubadilishwa baada ya sisi kutoka hapa. Tunataka sifa ili hata nitakapotoka bunge hili lisemekane kuwa nilifanya jambo fuulani.

Nyiro Ward MCA, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank you hon. Speaker Sir. I stand to support the report and plead with the hon. Members to pass the report as it is. We are not turning a blind eye to the sentiments echoed by the hon. Members. We have several

Committees with different roles. We have the Implementation Committee (*Applause*) whose roles are to see to it that what this hon. House passes is actually implemented. As a Member of this particular Committee and Chair to the Budget Committee, I want to assure the hon. Irene that this report tabling the strategy paper for the budget 2017/2018, the Committee will interrogate this paper in the next one or two days to come. I wish to guarantee that since it is important and it touches lives.

I assure the hon. Members that we will include or bring to light the issues of “*Lchekuti*” in this report that guides the 2017/2018 budget. I plead with the hon. Members to support this document. The other issues raised are valid and we will enlighten these concerns, thank you Speaker.

Loosuk Ward MCA, (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you hon. Speaker. I rise to support the report. As the Liaison Chair, I would like to comment that we had committed every sectoral Chair to organize and move around the County to enable each Committee to bring the project status. In my ward, all the sanitary blocks are not complete. When we go round again at the end of this year, the community will bring up the same issues. We had budgeted for the pending bills, I hope that this will also take care of that. As a result of the “*Lchekuti*” program, we will be able to interact and check on what the policy guidelines are on whether it is in line with our devolved functions.

The Constitution also expects the County Assemblies to pass laws that will not be in conflict with the existing laws. We need to acknowledge that this is a very sensitive area and we agree that our pastoral Counties are very unique due to the nature of their nomadic lifestyle. The Education Chair should note that and liaise with the CEC to come up with the policy and can be taken care of under the supplementary budget. Thank you.

Suguta Mar Mar Ward MCA, (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Thank you hon. Speaker. I want to pass information on the issue of “*Lchekuti*”. I think that the Committee is well aware that we deliberated largely on that and we called stakeholders meeting pertaining the same. It was very technical that we were not able to incorporate issues of “*Lchekuti*”. There is no standing framework that will guide the National Government either that will guide the National Government. It is not recognized and we are put on task to be able...

(Point of Information by Hon. Irene Leshore)

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Irene Leshore): I would like to inform the hon. Member that there is a National Government Policy on Nomadic Education that was passed in 2009. This is why the National Government is funding full 10 Nomadic classes even in Samburu County. One of the classes is in the hon. Chair for Finance ward. Thank you.

Hon. Lesoipa: Thank you for the information, as you put it, it is not yet devolved. There is no way that it cuts itself into an integrated part of the County Government for issues that are not devolved.

Nachola Ward MCA, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): We are here to improve any situation for us to advance. Education is one way of improving the Standards of our County. Hon. Irene has indicated that the framework is there and we only have to incorporate. Our County is one of the samples of Nomadic districts. This shows that we are not making any efforts. We need cheap schools “*Lorora*” (*inaudible*)” and “*Lchekuti*” schools so that we can at least give our communities education. The Chair should think on how we can incorporate on what hon. Irene has said so that we can leave record for the years to come for our communities to come.

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Thank you hon. Members. I now give the Chair to reply.

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you hon. Speaker. I want to thank the hon. Members who have contributed in support of this report. Hon. Irene has indicated that the Chair for Finance is here and has acknowledged this year’s budget, the program will be incorporated. The passing and adoption of this report will help in the preparation of the budget for 2017/2018. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

The Speaker, (Mr. Steve Lelegwe): Thank you hon. Members. I now proceed to put the question that this House debates and approves the report of the Annual Development Plan 2017/2018.

(The question was put and passed)

Hon. Members, the time being 24 minutes past 10 o'clock and there being no other business, this Assembly stands adjourned until Wednesday 5th February at 2:30 pm.