

## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



### *THE HANSARD*

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2024**

**The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2:30 pm**

*The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen) in Chair*

### **PRAYER**

## **PAPERS**

### **Bursary Fund Management Report for Financial Years, 2022/2023 & 2023/2024**

**Chairperson *Ad Hoc* Committee on Bursary Fund Management**, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I beg to table the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Investigation of Bursary Fund Management for Financial Year 2022/2023 and Financial Year 203/2024.

Thank you Hon. Speaker.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **Bursary Fund Management Report for Financial Years, 2022/2023 & 2023/2024**

**Chairperson *Ad Hoc* Committee on Bursary Fund Management**, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Hon. Speaker, I beg to give a notice of the following Motion:

**THAT**, this House debates and approves the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Investigation of Bursary Fund Management for Financial Year 2022/2023 and Financial Year 203/2024.

## **STATEMENTS**

**MCA, Nachola Ward**, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, I have not seen a statement response for statement I sought from the Chairperson of Sectoral Committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resource, it has taken long and you lastly directed that if the response is not tabled by this time, we go to another level Mr. Speaker, I request for your direction

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Member, the response has already been tabled by Hon. Lemartile last week

*(Applause)*

But Hon. Lemartile, we agreed that you give Hon. Lorunyei a copy of the response

## **MOTION**

### **Bursary Fund Management Report for Financial Years, 2022/2023 & 2023/2024**

**Chairperson Committee on Budget and Appropriations,** (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion:

**THAT,** pursuant to Standing Orders No.47 the County Assembly debates and adopts the report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations in the consideration of The Samburu County Annual Development Plan for the Financial Year 2025/2026.

Thank you Hon. Speaker, I call upon Hon. Silapia to second the Motion

*(Hon. Silapia bows to second the Motion)*

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Members, I now propose the Motion; **THAT,** pursuant to Standing Orders No.47 the County Assembly debates and adopts the report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations in the consideration of The Samburu County Annual Development Plan for the Financial Year 2025/2026.

**Chairperson Committee on Budget and Appropriations,** (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Hon. Speaker, the Standing Orders No.195 outlines the roles of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations as follows:- investigate, inquire into and report all matters related to coordination, control, monitoring of the county budget, discuss, review the estimates, make recommendations to the County Assembly, examine the County Fiscal Strategy Paper presented to the County Assembly, examine Bills related to the county budget including Appropriations Bills, evaluate tax estimates, economic and Budgetary policies and programs with direct Budget outlays.

Hon. Speaker, in reviewing the Annual Development Plan for the Financial Year 2025/2026, the Committee held a number of sittings where it scrutinized, analyzed, interrogated and heard from the Sectoral Committee, the County Executive and members of the public on the positive aspects of the plan as well as on areas that would require improvement by this County Assembly. The Committee shall use this report to point out the same for adoption.

Hon. Speaker, if approved by this Hon. House Committee's recommendations will form the basis for the preparation of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2025. These recommendations were arrived at after a series of Committee meetings and intense consultative sessions.

Hon. Speaker, the Samburu County Integrated Development Plan 2023-2027 directly informs the sector priorities and strategies in the Samburu County Annual Development Plan for Financial Year 2025/2026 by providing a structured and strategic direction for the County's development agenda.

Hon. Speaker, consideration of Annual Development Plan for the Financial Year 2025/2026 marks the third time this Third Assembly has been called upon to consider and approve a plan which is meant to give life to the aspirations of Samburu people. Consideration of the Annual Development Plan as is the case with any other Budget related document has been engaging and this could not have been achieved without the dedication of various actors and stakeholders who individually and jointly made a contribution towards the successful completion of this review exercise.

Specifically; Hon. Speaker, the Committee wishes to acknowledge: -

- a) The Office of the Speaker for having accorded Members of the Committee and the County Assembly in general the time and resources to consider and report the Annual Development Plan
- b) The Sectoral Committee for fruitful deliberations they had with their sectors and for informative reports submitted to the Budget and Appropriation Committee
- c) The Office of the Clerk for all resources and guidance provided throughout the process. The Committee comments the role of the County Assembly Budget Office, Research Office and the Clerk Assistants of various Sectorial Committees during this review was invaluable
- d) The members of the public who honored the call of the County Assembly as well as gave their submissions which have been integral towards the finalization of the Annual Development Plan Report.

General Recommendations observed by the Committee:

1. The Committee emphasizes the need of the County Executive to recognize Wards in any planning at Departmental level. Further allocation to Wards should strictly be followed during execution of the Budget in accordance with the varying needs of each of the 15 Wards. In this one, we saw the need of the Executive to engage the people from Wards in anything they do especially during this planning exercise. As a Committee we saw that most of the times the Executive does this ADP they usually do copy pasting without involving the public. Again, we saw that there is a lot of variance especially in funding on the allocation of monies to these 15 Wards. There is no relative formula used to bring fairness, you get a Ward with a lot of money and another with less money.
2. Monitoring and evaluation emphasizes transparency, objectivity and stakeholder participation in broader comments of the development plan to foster an inclusive accountable and result oriented approach through systematic data collection rigorous analysis and continuous feedback loops which gives the way for evidence backed decision making strategic definement and achievement of people development aspiration. The Department of Finance, Economic Planning and ICT shall collect data from County Department and align the data and produce quarterly and annually reports that will be used to inform decisions, plans, budgets and policies options. The report shall not be disseminated to social media website, shall be disseminated through social media web sites and prints among other as feedback mechanisms.
3. Exploitation of untapped resources. The County is endowed with various vast resources; the County Government shall resource revenue, levies and products and services related to different economic activities in the county; exploitation of Natural Resources such as forest, escarpments and sceneries for tourist attraction.
4. The vision 2030 puts emphasis on mechanism that encourages only private partnership (PPP) in development strategy adopted. Consequently, County Government shall

replicate those mechanisms to ensure that most of the development interventions proposed to the CIDP are implemented under PPP to ensure faster development.

5. The County Government shall improve management and disbursement of funds through decision and reinforcement of result-based management practices and across the County Government departments to enhance delivery and tracking capacity, strengthening donor relations and influence systemized performance monitoring of governance.
6. The Samburu County Government shall strengthen mechanism mobilizing resources and putting in place management system structures that are efficient and effective by automating payment system and establishing internal control mechanism in the County and Financial functions.
7. The County Government shall explore financing of development programs and projects through Public Private Partnership in line with (PPP) 2012. Though domestication of the three Ps Act to establish required structure and system of engaging the private sector in the County Socio Economic Development a way to leverage private sector resource to achieve the county's development goals.
8. The County Executive shall ensure that there is a realistic budget internal development plan to reduce expenditure and budgets to ensure that there should be reduced pending bills that accrue every Financial Year due to poor Fiscal Planning.
9. The County Assembly approves the annual development plan 2025/2026 pursuant to provision of Section 126/3 of the PFM Act 2012.

As I conclude Mr. Speaker, the process the Committee undertook to examine the proposed annual development review for the 2023/2024 budget implementation of 2024/2025 budget and

overview of the proposed annual development plan 2025/2026 as illustrated here above. **Cognizant, THAT**, this report here the preparation of the crucial planning document including the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2025 which is due on February 28 2025 and Subsequently the annual budget estimates for the Financial Year 2025/2026 due on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Now therefore, the Committee urges this House to resolve as follows; **THAT**, the House approves the annual development plan 2025/2026 with the following recommendations;

1. The order of priority listed hereunder becomes the basis of distribution of resources in the annual development plan 2025/2026. The County Strategy Fiscal Paper 2025 and the annual budget estimates for the Financial Year 2025/2026 under number 1 ongoing project for Financial Year 2023/2024 and Financial Year 2024/2025 which may not have been completed by end of June 2025 shall be financed from their respective budget balances saved from project that may get new or phased allocation.
2. The Executive under the stewardship of the County Treasury should within two weeks upon approval of this report incorporate the recommendation amendments herein compile, produce, publish and publicize the approved annual budget plan 2025/2026.

Hon. Speaker. It is now my pleasant duty and honor on behalf of the Budget and Appropriation Committee to table the report and recommend it to the County Assembly for adoption, thank you so much Mr. Speaker.

**Specially Elected MCA**, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I take this opportunity to thank the Chair on Budget and Appropriation for the commitment he has taken to ensure that this report is in this House today. As a Member of the Budget and Appropriation I thank the Committee Members for their commitment to ensure that this report is in place and see that this County makes a step forward.

Mr. Speaker when you look at the coming years ADP it is even a plan. Personally, you must have a plan before you budget and that is why it is a need for this County to have a plan like now the ADP for 2025/2026 to be in place to make next year's budget. You have come across the recommendation on Ward based planning; when you look at the County Integrated Development Plan all Wards have put their priorities; the Department has gone through all those Wards and

collected the priorities of all the Wards and you will find them in CIDP but what we have been coming across when they make the Budget they do not follow the CIDP and the ADP.

I want to encourage the Hon. Members of this House that when you are making your budget even during making the Ward Fund project let us make sure that you go through the CIDP, look at the priority of your people and even the ADP so that you can come up with the project that is based on the Ward Fund same into the Department and even the sectorial committee.

It is good that when we are in process of making the Budget, is good that we go through all these documents because they are very important documents they have plans for these County, that shall enable this County to achieve what is the need for Samburu County, other thing Hon. Speaker we have even sat down and come up with the issue of revenue collection.

**Specially Elected Leader,** (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): We have seen that we have a lot of gaps on the issue of revenue collection because there is a partner that said if it is even in that report that Samburu has a capacity to collect more revenue than we do now if we put some measures in place to make sure that we will collect our revenue in a way that will help this county.

Again, when you look at the last financial year across all the Departments you will get a ward that is not even benefitting for example two different that will never get a project such that other ward benefits for example Wamba North Ward. When you look at the last project, Land Department there is no any Project and when you look at the CIDP you will see the priorities of those people but the Department just ignore to make sure that for example Maralal Ward, Baragoi- El'barta Ward.

Waso Ward places which has such urban areas that is where only the Department of Land is concentrating and leaving other Wards behind and that is why we see that there is a need for this Department to follow up the CIDP and also the Annual Development Plan (ADP).The other issue we have come across some projects the Department do not specify the projects, they just indicate we would drill 2 boreholes across the county, how do you know those boreholes if the Department will not specify, for example a borehole in Ngilai or a borehole in El- Barta Ward.

We have also come up with that recommendation that the executive should be specific on the projects that they will allocate each FY, so I call upon each Hon. Member to support the report as

it is because this is a guideline, it will guide us on how we are going to make our annual budget next year thank you.

**MCA Lodokejek Ward,** (Hon. Lekuchula David): Thank you Mr. Speaker I rise to join my colleagues from the committee of Budget and Appropriation to support the Motion. This is a critical document that should be looking into when we are doing the ADP public participation the critical issues that pertains planning of the projects this FY and Hon.

That time when we were denying H.E the governor to give the Hon. Members especially elected Members, when we denied to give the nominated Members Ward Fund that was the reason was that whenever Hon. Silapia writes this House to the floor of this House to defend issues or to comment on issues that pertains the development of this county she always mentions Wamba North or Ngilai.

I have never heard her mentioning the needs of people of Naiborkeju or Lodokejek Ward. That is the reason why we denied the governor to give Ward fund because maybe they would have considered their villages only, I know my brother Hon. Lenamparasio wa one of the champions who were denying the Hon. Member Silapia and I was the one who was seconding him because we wanted people who can just team the needs of people of Samburu equally without segregation thank Mr. Speaker. Join my colleagues to support the Motion.

**MCA Maralal Ward,** (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the scenario of this House, get me clearly because this is not the first thing I have seen this kind of report that the report is brought in the House, you adopt it you have not gone through how do you expect me to know what is the content in it without even discussing. I am not against this report but I am against the scenario that is going on in this particular House... what is it Hon. Lekuchula? Have not even finished my point...

*(Point of Information Hon. Speaker from Hon. Lekuchula)*

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Let Hon. Loloju finish, please just continue...

**MCA Maralal Ward,** (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Mr. Speaker you see the like of these are the interrupters, I normally call them the interrupters. You see Mr. Speaker it is good the County Department Committee has done its job they have gone through, but I as a Member I have not

seen it. I want to go through it and see the content in it. It should not be only this particular report any other particular report should be brought 2 days or 3 days before we discuss it and I think going forward that is the best thing we can do so that all of us shall be riding in the same boat Hon. Lekuchula I do not know what is itching you, wake up.

**MCA Lodokejek Ward**, (Hon. Lekuchula David): Mr. Speaker I was to rise for a Point of Information that the Hon. Member maybe he did not see when was this report tabled. This report was tabled on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. He had a full week to go through this document maybe I just want to inform my brother, that the report was tabled on 26<sup>th</sup>. Today we are just discussing and debating on the report thank you.

**MCA Maralal Ward**, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Allow me not go by his ruling...

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Order! Order! Hon. Loloju, let me now give you a chance you can now speak.

**MCA Maralal Ward**, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Thank you Mr. Speaker all I am saying is allow me not to go by his ruling or his words at all costs, (*I cannot go by your words you can get it from me*)

Mr. Speaker I want to go through this particular report personally because I am also attached by this particular sport. I know finance and budget are in tangle, so I am trying to avoid a scenario whereby things are being mixed up, the financial, the budget is here , so allow me if you roll it through the Chair to be given more time. Thank you.

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Chair.

**Chairperson, MCA Loosuk Ward**, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you so much Hon. Speaker, I just want to strengthen the point that the Hon. Lekuchula has just put across, that this Report we tabled it on 26<sup>th</sup> November, that is a week ago, if we table a report in the floor of this house, it the duty of every other member now to go through the report and then as for today as we debate, every Member gone through the report.

I do not see the reason as to why we can create more time for members to go through while we save given them a whole week to go through this report and bearing in mind that we only have tomorrow so that we go for the recess, I do not think we have more time to give members to go

through this Report. A week is enough for every member to go through the Report so that they can make their contribution at the floor of the House. Thank you.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Loloju

**MCA Maralal Ward,** (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Yes, I just want to obliged Hon. Lenamparasio but one thing that you ought to know that the moment you are table this Report and brought it to the floor of the House, we were not given and the problem is not you but I know I will obliged on personal level and we can add up to. Thank you.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you Hon. Loloju. Hon. Lemartile.

**MCA Wamba West Ward,** (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Hon. Speaker I was asking for a point of order so that the Hon Member should address the Chair and not the Hon. Member.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you. Members you are supposed to address the Chair, not the Hon. Members. Thank you Hon. Loloju. The Report was tabled on Tuesday last week and therefore we have a whole week to interrogate the document. Hon. Lorunyei.

**MCA Nachola Ward,** (Hon. Lorunyei Laurence): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I also add my voice to support the Report because this is the House of the rules and timelines and there is no options that we are there just to give way for the Country government to proceed and do their day to day work because without the approval of this House it means that we are going to leave everything at stand still. Having said that, I agree with the speakers they say that public participation should be undertaken in every Ward.

Because of this we cannot get the exact proposal in every ward because they are not given minutes. We need to correct this, the executive should be visiting so that we can correct and come up with the views of every ward. All has been collected but not to sub-county because when you are planning for every ward, then you collect the information from the Wards.

I congratulate the committee this time because they are alive and they are up to their task, previous years, we4 just approve and pass with without reading what is inside because we have been frame that what comes in this Honorable House we just approve it because our job is just to rubberstamp. But this time we have changed because the committee is very serious and they know what they are doing and I want to encourage them to go even forward and that spirit to

continue in every committee so that we can improve when doing things. We need to improve going to excellence. With that I support the Report. Thank you.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Members I now put the question that pursuant to standing order 47 the County Assembly of Samburu debates and adopt the Report of the committee on budget and appropriations on the consideration of the Samburu County annual development plan for the financial year 2025/2026.

*(The question was put and passed)*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Members, the 25minutes past 3 o'clock and there being no other business, this Assembly stands adjourned until Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, December 2024 at 9:30 am