

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 31st October, 2023

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2:30 p.m.

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

PRAYER

PAPERS

INVESTIGATION OF ECD FEEDING PROGRAM AND NONE EXISTING SCHOOLS

Chairperson, Committee on Education and Vocational Training, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Hon. Speaker, I beg to table a report of the Committee of Education and Vocational Training on the Early Childhood Schools Visit to Investigate the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Feeding Program and None Existing Schools within Samburu County.

(Chairperson tables the Report)

NOTICES OF MOTION

Chairperson, Committee on Education and Vocational Training, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Hon. Speaker, I beg to give a Notice of the following Motion:

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order No. 48, the County Assembly debates and adopt the Report of the Committee on Education and Vocational Training on the investigation of ECD schools feeding programs and none-existing ECD schools within Samburu County, thank you Hon. Speaker.

STATEMENTS

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): It is notified **THAT,** pursuant to Standing Order 45 (1) (c), the Speaker has approved the following tentative request for statements for Tuesday 31st October, 2023:

1. Statement No. 0024/2023, requested by Hon. Lekuchula David to the Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary Services, Irrigation and Fisheries regarding distribution of livestock breed during the Financial Year 2022/2023

Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary Services, Irrigation and Fisheries, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Hon. Speaker I rise here to respond to a statement by

the Hon Member for Lodokejek Ward regarding the distribution of livestock breeds and budget for the Financial Year 2022/2023 allocated to the same items.

Following the request referenced No. SBU/CK/SCA/LF/VOL.2/023/2023 dated 23rd October, 2023 I stand here to respond to the statement asked by Hon. Member pate the following questions:

1. What was the total number of sahiwal, camels and goats distributed by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, veterinary Services, Irrigation and Fisheries during the last fiscal year?
2. What was the budget allocation for the distribution of livestock in Agriculture for the Financial Year 2022/2023 programs and the budget allocated?
3. The Committee to provide the list of beneficiaries and their respective Wards who received the livestock
4. Provide the criteria used in identifying the beneficiaries

Mr. Speaker I start with the first question; the total number of Somali Camels and Sahiwal and the budgets allocated. On Somali Camels, during the year under review the Department procured and distributed a total of number of 225 Somali Camels worth KSHs. 18 million. Out of it Twenty-Five Camels were procured under Wamba East Ward development fund, we have the tables for those members who have the list; table one and two.

Tables one, two and three below summarizes the distribution of camels in terms of target areas per Sub-County, the number of heifers and bulls.

Table four summarizes the total number of Somali Camels procured and distributed in the County and the details of beneficiaries are attached. I am going to read as per the Wards, the targets sites and the number of heifers and bulls for the camel first.

Table 1.1; camel distribution in Samburu East Sub-County. In Waso Ward the target areas were: Lerata, Laresoro and Archer's Post. 19 heifers and one bull were distributed.

In Wamba East, the target areas were: Golgoltim, Lkisin, Wamba Town, Koitim, Lpashe and Matakwani, 41 heifers and two bulls totaling to 43 of Somali Camels were distributed.

In Wamba West, the target areas were: Reisin, Lpus, Lodung'okwe, Remot and Sesia. 28 heifers and one bull totaling to 29 were distributed

In Wamba North, the target areas were Raraiti, Nairimirimo, Suari and Lorok onyokie. 19 heifers and one bull totaling to 20 were distributed. A sub-total of 112 of Somali Camels were distributed across Samburu East Sub-County

Table 1.2 displays the distribution in Samburu North Sub-County. In Angata Nanyokie, the target areas were: Lpusi, Lulu and Barsaloi. A total number of 14 heifers and one bull totaling to 15 Somali Camels were distributed

In Baawa Ward, the target areas were: Opiroi, Lorok lolmong'o, Noonkeek, Moru, Mabati and Moruankai. 14 heifers and one bull totaling to 15 Somali Camels were distributed

In Elbarata Ward, Target areas were: Bendera, Ngilai, Soit Naibor, Mbagas, Nteremka, Simiti, Soit Ng'iro and Lorian. 20 heifers and one bull totaling to 21 Somali Camels were distributed

In Nachola Ward, target areas were: Nawakui, Natiiti, Lenkima, Natir, Nachola, Senkenke, Lomerok, Kampala and Long'orikit. 17 heifers and one bull totaling to 18 were distributed

In Ndoto Ward, targeted areas were: Loibor nkare, Latakweny, Lodua, Ura, Loruko, Matepes, Loidong'o, Mpaash, Lchalai, Sererit and Loikumkum. 17 heifers and one bull totaling to 18 were distributed

In Nyiro Ward, the targeted areas were: Sarima, Parikati, Loruko, Seleyian, Kurungu, Anderi, Lauragi, Tuum, Neriwe, Kitepes, South Horr, Loonjorin, Ntaletiani, Muran Ejuk and Lamanira. Total number of 18 heifers and one bull totaling to 18 were distributed. The Sub-total of Samburu North Sub-County are 99 heifers and six bulls, totaling to 105.

Table 1.3 displays the number of Camels distributed in Samburu Central with one Ward being targeted; that is Lodokejek Ward. Areas targeted in Lodokejek Ward are: Mugar, Loluaa and

Sura Adoru, 7 heifers of Camels and one bull were distributed. So, the total number in Samburu Central Sub-County were 8.

Table 1.4 displays the total number of Camels distributed per Sub- County. Samburu Central 8, Samburu East 112, Samburu North 105, totaling to 225.

During the year under review, the Department procured and distributed 100 number of Sahiwals bulls and heifers with a total cost of KSHs. 10 million. Table 1.5 and 1.6 summarizes the distribution in terms of Wards because the bulls were meant for Samburu Central and some few Wards in Samburu North.

The first Ward was Loosuk Ward, targeted sites were: Tinga Sub-Location, Malaso Sub-Location, Pura Sub-Location and Loosuk Sub-Location were zero number of heifers were distributed and 11 total number of bulls were distributed.

In Poro Ward, the target areas were: Siambu, Loiting, Noontoto, Lporokwai, Lemisigio, Seketet, Sirata and Nkeju e Muny. Zero number of heifers were distributed and 15 bulls in total were distributed

In Baawa, the target area was Baawa zero heifers were distributed and 8 bulls were distributed. Suguta Marmar Ward; Kitobor, Logurate, Lolmolog, Lorukoti, Loongewan, Amayia, Nkutot Arus, Angata Rongai and Njororo were target areas with a total number of 14 bulls and zero heifers distributed there.

In Maralal Ward, the targeted areas were: Shabaa, Ledero, Ngari, Lpartuk, Lkuroto, Mtaro and sagumai. Zero number of heifers and 14 bulls were distributed. Lodokejek Ward, the target areas were Lodokejek, zero number of heifers and 12 bulls were distributed. The Sub-total number for Samburu Central Sub-County Shaws is 74.

Table 6 shows the distribution of Shawl cattle in Angata Nanyokie and Maralal Noomotio farm. In Ang'ata Nanyokie, the target areas were: Angata Nanyokie, zero heifers and four bulls, in Noomotio farm; 20 heifers and six bulls were distributed.

Table 7 displays total number of distribution in Samburu Central and Samburu North all together. In Samburu Central, a total number of 68 bulls and heifers were distributed and in Samburu North 12 of them hence bringing a total number of 100.

Now we go to the criteria used in identifying the beneficiaries. Following the Departmental planning meeting convened by the Chief Executive Committee Member (CEC) for Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary Services, Irrigation and Fisheries on Wednesday 7th November, 2022 the following criteria was adopted:

1. The team agreed that identifying the beneficiaries should be participatory by holding Ward *barazas* in target areas.
2. The Village Council of Elders, Village Administrators, Assistant Chiefs, Ward Administrators and Sub-County Administrators to assist in mobilizing the public to attend the *barazas*. These teams being in direct contact with the community are better placed to know their people, hence very instrumental in identifying the beneficiaries at the targeted village communities.
3. The area Member of County Assembly (MCA) with oversight role and faith based organizations were informed to attend the *barazas* meetings.
4. The team agreed that the beneficiary should be somebody who owns one to five number of animals.
5. In the past, the community used to identify very poor from the society and due to the camels' prolonged period to produce milk; beneficiaries are always tempted to take these camels to market and sell them cheaply. To curb this, the team agreed that the camel to be issued to a beneficiary for both Department and Ward Fund who can contribute either five goats or sheep two to three years old, these five goats or sheep will then be given to a beneficiary from a poor family in the community, hence one camel benefiting two beneficiaries identified by the team above. The issue of contributing five goats or sheep for a camel will go a long way to enhance camel ownership and project sustainability and the same time, the very poor who benefit from the goats or the sheep will only wait for five months to start milking.

6. Each camel beneficiary should be willing to join a Common Interest Group (CIG) or Camel Producer Group and should have not benefitted from the previous distribution and they should also abide by the existing by laws of the group governing the management of the camel.
7. The beneficiary identified should be interested in the project and should not be a public servant.
8. Gender and youth inclusivity should be considered.
9. The beneficiary should possess basic skills in camel keeping and take day to day care of the breeding stock, including; feeding, breeding, disease control, security and record keeping.
10. The team agreed that incase of the Ward funded camels, the area MCA should oversee the selection and vetting of the beneficiary list from the Ward.
11. The *baraza* to select and validate the beneficiaries and all successful beneficiaries to be captured in the beneficiary form prepared by the Department then undersigned by the Ward or Village Administrators and countersigned by the Livestock Production Officer.

I think that was the last question that touched on the criteria that was used. That was the criteria used in identifying the camel beneficiaries. There was another criterion for shawl or the cattle, on the same Wednesday 7th November, 2022, the team as well agreed on the following resolutions on shawl cattle:

1. The team agreed that the process should be participatory so a Ward *baraza* should be held and for mobilization the following to assist; the existing Village Council of Elders, Village Administrators, Provincial Administration, Assistant Chiefs, Ward Administrators and Sub- County Administrators. These teams being in direct contact with the community, will be essential to assist the Department in identifying beneficiaries in target communities. Also, the area MCA and Faith based Organizations should be informed to attend the meetings.
2. The beneficiary should have one acre of feed, a minimum of 25 local cattle and maintain a feeding record for the bull,

3. The bull should rotate within the community around.
4. The beneficiary of the bull should be declared the owner in the fifth year.
5. The bull will be withdrawn from the beneficiary when poor management is noted.
6. The beneficiary should have not benefited from previous distribution.
7. The beneficiary should not be a public servant.
8. The team agreed that capacity building should be done before distribution.
9. The team agreed that incase it is Ward funded, the area MCA should oversee the selection and vetting of the beneficiary's list from the Ward.
10. The *baraza* to select and validate the beneficiaries and all the successful beneficiaries to be captured in the distribution list prepared by the Department and the undersigned by the Ward or Village Administrators and countersigned by Livestock Production Officer.

Those were the four questions asked and the attached is the list from all the Wards showing the beneficiaries of either the camel or the shawl, that bore the name, identity card number and the telephone number, the village and the signature of the beneficiary. It is countersigned by the Sub-County Livestock Production Officer, Village and Ward Administrators differ, you find other copies signed either of them especially for the camels, and then for the bulls the same thing so, thank you so much Mr. Speaker and that is the response from me and I now beg to seat.

Majority Leader, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Let me appreciate the Chair for furnishing this House with the information required by the Hon. Members from this House; but I have just pointed out some few issues that the Chairman has just indicated that even the Hon. Member was involved in the selection or identification of the beneficiaries. This is the first time for me to know who are the beneficiaries from my Ward.

I urge the Hon. Members, when information like these are brought from the Executive, we should interrogate the CECs or the Departmental heads because by just saying the Members of County Assembly were involved in the identification is misleading and should be condemned. I say this because these things never happened in our Wards; none of our Members and the community was involved, this list was just generated from the office.

I just want to say categorically without fear or contradiction and I want to speak on behalf of my people since I represent my Ward that nobody was involved, the list was generated from the office. Without going further this thing is wrong, I have just gone through the list. I just acknowledge the names in the list are true members of my Ward but the information that the Village Council and Ward Administrators none of them were there in the public Baraza to identify the beneficiaries.

Secondly, the Chair also said the Village Councils were also present which I think they are no longer of that nature since there are no Village Council as at now and even when the list was generated, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Chairperson, Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary Services, Irrigation and Fisheries, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Hon. Speaker I am just getting the list of Wamba North but before I get there I think on Camel distribution because I think Wamba North only benefited from Camel and the third resolution from the meeting because you know this meeting was held on November 7th 2022 and I think involvement of the area MCA the resolution here is that they just be notified because they play oversight.

When you look at the third resolution is that also the area MCA with the oversight role and Faith Based Organization also informed to attend the Barazas. It is prudent that we can only do oversight, I stand guided when I think that we as Hon. Members are to also be involved in selecting these community members and we may not do our oversight role again perfectly. I did not say that the area MCA or the Baraza attended and elected the beneficiaries but it was resolved that the area MCA to be notified just for oversight and to make sure that maybe those people who are selected are from that Ward.

It is good that the Hon. Majority Leader has said that all the members in the list are from his Ward; I just want to see who signed from Wamba North because those are the people that we should now task because they signed that they were involved in this selection. There is someone by the name Evelyne Lekamario who is a Village Admin and I do not know from which place. She is a lady and I believe the Majority Leader knows that person well and she signed; these are

the people to be help capable to tell if these Barzas were done or not since she has signed that this is the list of members. I do not get what the Member said because I only raised on the MCA's involvement in selection.

It is very clear that we should not even be involved in the selection of these member so that when we want to do our oversight we may do it freely. If we get involved then they may say that it is the MCA who brought all these members but I stand guided. Maybe the Majority Leader could just kindly repeat the second question so that I may respond.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Take your seat Chairman. Repeat the question Hon. Majority Leader.

Majority Leader, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just reacted on how the Hon. Chair just explained the identification of the beneficiaries; he is now putting it clear that he said that by the resolution of the Department that the area MCA should be notified in which on my side I was not notified.

Secondly the person who signed Evelyne Lekamario is a Village Admin in Ngare Narok and the members in the list are not from that village they are from Raraiti, Nairimirimo and Lorok Onyokie and it is even indicated here. We know that we have Ward Administrators who should sign on behalf of the Ward but this one Evelyne Lekamario is a Village Admin from a different Village and so none of the residents of Nkare Narok benefited from the Camels. I do not know where Evelyne Lekamario comes from when her village did not benefit. I also know when Evelyne appended her signature during the day the Camels were being distributed but not when the beneficiaries were being identified, thank you.

Chairperson, Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary Services, Irrigation and Fisheries, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think there is a question that the Hon. Member asked that I just remembered about the Village Councils because he said that there are no Village Councils existing; you know those who were there basically will be in office until the new ones comes in but it depends on the Wards we come from and not unless the new Village Councils are selected or appointed the ones there may act until the new ones come in.

On the Village Admin's signature, the last resolution here was that the Committee or the Department agreed that after the selection and validation of beneficiaries of all successful beneficiaries the form prepared by the Department will be undersigned by either a Ward or a Village Administrator that is as per their resolutions, I am just reading what they resolved from here that it is either a Ward or a Village Administrator. They have not narrowed down here to explain and then maybe a Village Administrator from Loosuk is the beneficiary from Loosuk is the Village Administrator from Loosuk signs.

I think what went wrong here is that from the day that these resolutions were made that is where things went wrong because they could have narrowed down here that if maybe you are not from the Village that benefited that Village Admin or the Ward Admin should not sign. But the last resolution here was that either the Ward Admin or the Village Admin should counter sign the list of beneficiaries. I am only reading about what was resolved and what had been done by that time. Majority Leader that is just what I am reading here. I may not understand what...

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Order Chairman. You need to address me and not the Majority Leader. Hon. Lemartile.

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to appreciate the Chair for Agriculture for the response given because as per the question asked and the first question was the number of Sahiwal, Camels and goats and I think that is sufficient and he has given the correct figures, the second question was on the Budget allocation and we agree with that. The list of beneficiaries is where we are coming to and the criteria used to generate this list.

As the Majority Leader has said the resolution passed by the Department is good and very clear but on the ground that is not what was done. The list of beneficiaries was generated within the Department here because in my Ward the Ward Administrator was not aware, the eleven Village Administrators and eleven Sub Chiefs were never aware, so who gave this names to the Department? That is why we are saying that the Department lied to this House by giving wrong information because this is not what was done on the ground.

Mr. Speaker we need your guidance here because the people who are concerned have lied tied to us. They have set the rules on how to identify the beneficiaries yet that was not what was done on the ground. The Department should be clear. These names were cooked somewhere. If I go through the list from my Ward they are interchanging, someone from Lpus is being put to Lodung'okwe and so the list is not really clear and so the Department should come out clear on how they generated this list on the Ward list of beneficiaries, thank you Mr. Speaker.

MCA Nyiro Ward, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also echo the similar Statement by appreciating the Chair and the Department for the information that has been sought. Just as the Majority Leader has said that we represent different Wards. I can affirm that in Nyiro Ward that I represent we received 17 heifers and one bull that totals to 18; I was personally notified of the 18 and the criteria sought in Nyiro and signed by one Village Admin Fredrick Leng'aur and the technical officer Patrick Lesamaja.

I have no query on that because I was notified. We made a resolution that those who lost their animals in the event of cattle rustling which happened during the time they benefited and they can affirm that those Turkana communities from Sarima and Parikati. I can affirm that the 18 are from my Ward and the Criteria was the resolution of Nyiro and especially in Tuum benefited, those who lost their animals. A few others since the number was huge were still to benefit from whatever the County Government was going to give.

It is needless for me to refute the information that I was not consulted personally that would be lying to myself and I would be giving misleading information since I have the information. I am not disputing the other Wards but for Nyiro that is exactly what happened and these are the names signed by the technical officer Patrick and the Village Admin on behalf of others Fred Leng'aur of Tuum village and I have no problem, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Dube Osman): Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Namwongezea pongezi Mwenyekiti hata ingawa najua hajawai kuona ngamia. Kuna wakati tuliketi na mwenyekiti na hajawai pia kunywa maziwa ya ngamia, alipokunywa alisema nitamu kama maziwa ya ng'ombe. Mwenyekiti amesema Somali Camel na hakuna kitu inaitwa Somali Camel.

Kuna aina mbili ya ngamia na sijui kama wanaweka ngamia fake, wa kwanza ikona maziwa mengi na inaitwa Horki ya pili inaitwa Geilap ambayo akona maziwa kidogo nani mkonde kimwili. Mwenyekiti hatujajua ni ngamia gani, tunataka kujua amenunua gani, ni Horki amd Geilap, asante Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Chairman which kind of Camel did you buy?

Chairperson, Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary Services, Irrigation and Fisheries, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Thank you Mr. Speaker and also to Hon. Dube who made me drink Camel's milk last week while we were in Nakuru, I had never tested Camel's milk since I was born. There are a lot of specifications placed on an advert by the Executive and they specified that the Camel's that we wanted to be brought are Somali Camels and I am just saying as per how it was.

I think there is a breed called Somali Camel, but I am not sure about these that my Hon. Dube is saying. The advert said Somali Camels. They believe they are very good and produce a lot of milk and that is why they are referred as Somali Camels, thank you Mr. Speaker.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I take this opportunity to thank the Chairperson for giving us the report on time, reading the report as it is because it was requested from the Department and he is reporting to the Department. I was consulted in my Ward, I participated and the Village Admin signed, not the Ward Admin.

Per the resolution and the guidelines, it would be followed as it is there but Mr. Speaker aware that there are Members who were not informed which is also a concern; we need to be equal in this Hon. House, being given the information equally and doing our work fairly for the people we represent.

We have individual responsibility since we have been elected from individual Wards. We have collective responsibility as the County Assembly of Samburu. This means that we are not living according to the guidelines given. What is in the guidelines is different from the practice and that is why I say that there are concerns from our fellow MCAs, they were not notified.

We have three arms of the Government and the County Has two arms of the Government and we have separate work to do where we put policies and they apply, this does not mean that we are not collaborating, consulting or working together. There is no line that says we are separate. We overlap like now consultation.

This brings division in this Hon. House saying I am the favored one and my fellow MCAs are not favored which is not good also to this Hon. House. As a pastoralist and to my level of understanding there are two kinds generally but not in the tribal line just as Hon. Dube has said. There are two types the Turkana and the Somali Camels. The Turkana Camels are very small and the Somali Camels are very...because we are the only communities who are rearing Camels as per my understanding.

Going down to the communities it divides just as Hon. Dube has said which we appreciate Mr. Speaker. To my submissions, you are our head, spokesman and you are the one who connects us with the other Departments in this Hon. House; our concern is that we need the Department to live according to the Guidelines written and not waking up on their own and doing things.

Secondly, we need to be treated equally and given dignity equally, let us all be consulted, thank you Mr. Speaker.

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Before I give my contribution this House has rules and regulations and I am seeing some colleagues are dressed improperly...

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Leleruk, come clearly

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. Leleruk James): Mr. Speaker I said this house has rules and a dressing code and I see some colleagues are improperly dressed. So, before I give my contribution I wanted to bring that to your attention.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Majority leader do you have something to say?

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Mr. Speaker, the honorable member should be clear on what he is saying because I do not see anybody who is improperly

dressed. Unless he points out the specific members that is the only way this house will know who is not properly dressed. I also do not know the dress code of this house. I see men in ties. As for women, I do not know their official attire. I do not know....

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Leleruk just guide the Speaker because the Speaker does not have eyes.

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. Leleruk James): Mr. Speaker, when I refer to a male honorable member he must be dressed in a tie. Some members of this house are not properly dressed, they do not have ties. We want to discourage that, Mr. Speaker. The rules and regulations of this house must be maintained. I am talking about the MCAs of Elbarta and Baawa.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): MCA Elbarta, MCA Baawa, I am informed because I do not see you, that you are not properly dressed. Hon. Leleruk you can now continue.

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Chairperson for committee on agriculture for bringing this comprehensive report. I must point out that I was involved in the identification of the beneficiaries in my Ward, Suguta Ward. What amazes me Mr. Speaker, and this should not go unnoticed because this is a public document. If it goes to the public as it is, some of our colleagues will be accused of not giving the community what they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, what I can confirm and defend from my Ward is that I gotten bulls, not fourteen as indicated. Now that the report shows that my Ward was allocated fourteen bulls yet I received ten, then I must demand the remaining four so that I can deliver to Suguta Ward. That is just my concern. Otherwise I would like to congratulate the Chair for bringing us evidence because I only saw the ten bulls delivered to Suguta Ward and I can confirm that the beneficiaries are from my ward. I want to get clarity from the Chairman about the four bulls for my Ward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Chair do you have list of the beneficiaries? Let him clarify first about the fourteen...

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Hon. Speaker from the list of beneficiaries I have here, I can only see one list of seven people from Suguta Marmar Ward. I think I should confirm from the department then respond to the Hon. Member. I only see one list with seven beneficiaries. I do not know if it is an issue of photocopying and was left somewhere. From the response here, the bulls that were distributed to Suguta Marmar are fourteen but on the list I can only see seven beneficiaries.

I think you should give me time, maybe tomorrow to confirm with the department if they have retained another copy because the list has only serials one to seven. Maybe there were two copies. I do not know. I just do not want to lie to this house. So, I will respond to this maybe tomorrow in the afternoon. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Is that okay, Hon. Leleruk?

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. Leleruk James): Mr. Speaker, I am eagerly waiting to see what will be added to the list because I only saw ten beneficiaries. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MCA Poro Ward, (Hon. Leerte Patrick): Mheshimiwa Spika, pia mi napongeza mwenyekiti wa kamati ya kilimo kwa kulete hiyo ripoti. Vile naunga mkono alivyosema Mheshimiwa Lorunyei kuhusu fahali waliotolewa kwa wodi yangu. Nilihusishwa kwa kuchagua watu waliopewa hao mafali. Kluukuwa na kamati ya kuchagua waliofaidi. Kwa hivyo tulikuwa tumehusika kwa kugawa hao mafahali.

Niliwatembelea waliopewa fahali na nina uhakika kuwa ni kumi. Cha kushangaza ni kuwa ritpoti inaonesha kuwa wodi yangu ilipewa fahali kumi na tano. Ningependa kuomba mwenyekiti wangu aniulilizie hao fahali watano waliobaki wako wapi. Asante.

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

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Nimekubaliana na Mheshimiwa Leerte kuwa nitamjibu kesho pamoja na Mheshimiwa Leleruk.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): And if possible you come with the names of the beneficiaries.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to shed some light on the same matter. The honorable Chair read the report given by the department. It is not the Chair who did the report but the department that did. Being a committee member, we should sit with the department and follow up on the issues arising from the statement and then bring it to the house as early as possible. Let me thank the department and the committee at large for ensuring that this response has been brought to this house as early as possible as it is now. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Lekuchula David): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am very happy to be here because I almost missed this session but only to realize that the statement that I requested is in the order paper. In the first place we discussed issues concerning the statements when we were in an informal meeting in the morning. When I see this document here being a response to what I asked and hearing a few members stating that the number of bulls distributed to beneficiaries in their wards do not tally with the numbers indicated in the report.

I was consulted by the department on the list of beneficiaries in my Ward. The names appearing on the list are exactly the names I gave to the department. However, it is unfortunate that none of the beneficiaries listed have received any bulls. This house needs to get serious. The department seems to be playing a hide and seek game. I want to challenge the Chair for committee on agriculture. How did you distribute the bulls without informing the full house?

How does the department distribute the bulls without informing the whole house? Some members say they were called on different days about the distribution. Why did the department not do the exercise the way the distribution of camels was done earlier on when all the honorable members were told to collect their camels at Archer's Post? Why was the distribution not done on the same day and at the same venue so that everyone can see what was distributed and to whom? Mr. Speaker, it is very shameful for the department to bring this response yet they none of the listed beneficiaries from my Ward have received any bull. I want the Chair to tell me why

the distribution was not done on the same day. He was the first one to pick the bulls for his ward followed by Hon. Leleruk.

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Take your seat, Hon. Lekuchula.

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Mr. Speaker, the honorable member should address you instead of addressing the Chairperson. He should also know that the Chair is reporting what the department has done. The committee did not do the distribution.

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Lekuchula David): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am addressing you. It is only that I am referring to the other members because the Chairman is the one responsible for that department. We are discussing nothing here. There is no need for us to discuss this document here. Let us summon the CECs and the Cos of that department so they can explain how they reached here. They have already signed this document. You can easily see that the signatures here were done by one person. Hon. Speaker, I am not satisfied and I am not ready to accept this nonsense here.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lekuchula you mean the twelve beneficiaries did not receive any bulls? None of them received any bull?

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Lekuchula David): No one.

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Thank you. Hon. Speaker. I think one thing the member should know that he should not just come here with his feelings and talk just the way he wants. He should just address his issues amicably and honorably. For one, I am not the CEC for agriculture nor am I the CO. I am not mandated to go and distribute bulls or camels as you are saying but I am only chairing the committee.

Hon. Speaker there is just one thing I do not want to admit. I just want to get information from the department that all the beneficiaries here with their names, identification numbers and telephone numbers who have not received the bulls. I want to get correct information. I am certain that they cannot just have all these names, all these ID numbers, all these telephone

numbers, all these signatures without the twelve of them having received the bulls. I agree with Hon. Leerte and Hon. Leleruk that maybe on the beneficiary list there are fourteen bulls but there are ten beneficiaries. I agree with you that I have to go back and ask where the remaining five bulls are.

For an honorable member to say that I was the first one to pick the bulls from the farm, I do not think he is in order to say so. He has to withdraw unless he has some other issue with me. He is not supposed to say so. When the sahiwals were brought there was a drought. The department had them here for about two months. We had the CO here and said because the camels were so weak they first had to feed them because they thought the beneficiaries may not have been in a position to feed those bulls to some level.

I think the reason Loosuk was among the wards, these bulls were supposed to be distributed together with the camels but the bulls were seen to be so weak. That is why they were taken to Noomotio Farm where they were fed for a month and a half and later on distributed. Luckily there were some rains in Loosuk and there was some grass. The farm manager asked Loosuk Ward to collect their bulls as the area had some grass and the farm was running out of hay. That is why the bulls were not distributed at the same time with the camels.

When we distributed camels in Archers' Post we went there as a committee. We also had some honorable members who are not part of the committee. We went there to receive the camels but the distribution was done by the department. At that time, we had the former Speaker Hon. Lengees Fred. We commissioned the camels and the department distributed them. Mr. Speaker, I just need to get the correct information about Lodokejek Ward because if it is true that all these twelve supposed beneficiaries have not received their bulls then I think it is very bad.

As the Chair I will have to report back to this house tomorrow because I do not want to lie. I will get in touch with the CEC and the CO to confirm if it is true that these twelve beneficiaries have not received bulls. I can even call the beneficiaries and confirm this information. That is another way of doing oversight instead of even going back to the CEC. but first of all I have to go to the CEC, get the right information and report to this house tomorrow.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): I think that is what you can do. Tomorrow we want the names of the beneficiaries of all the bulls; not Lodokejek, not Poro and Suguta but all the...

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Hon. Speaker we have names of the beneficiaries from the fifteen wards here. Hon. Leerte has raised an issue on his Ward, Hon. Leleruk too, Hon. Lemoosa is satisfied. I stand here as the Chair and say I am satisfied with the list from my Ward. That is why you see the target areas were sub locations. I had called Members from every sub location to collect two members from every sub location who benefitted from the bulls because they were meant for the whole sub location. So not unless there is a Member has an issue from his Ward he should raise so that I can go back to the Department and then respond here. Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): I want us to finish. Hon. Silapia so that we can make a ruling.

Specially Elected Member, (Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I think this is a very serious matter when the Member who represent Lodokejek Ward raised because I think he has information about his Ward, so with high respect, I think we will call the Department to appear before the committee on Agriculture to explain so and then we report back to this House. I think that is in order.

MCA Wamba North Ward, (Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I just want to sympathize with my colleague Hon., Lekuchula who I perceived he should be the first beneficiary for a certain reason. It is clear that the names we are debating here, the number of bulls or Sahiwal, the number that was budgeted was not delivered as per concern for Hon. Member for Lodokejek. What the Department did, they just sat down, prepare a list and just bring to this House. The Hon. Chair should just go back and get the information from the Department because the budget which was meant for Sahiwal, the supplier was paid fully but what was supplied was not enough so this thing should be investigated further. Because to alleged that the Sahiwal or any other animal was delivered and actually it was not there it is corruption. It is also criminal.

So the Chair should go and please Mr. Speaker I urge you to give directions to this House because we not just deal on a statement that is not complete. It is alleged that the Sahiwal were delivered while they are not. So the Chairman should go back and get from the Department whether this supplier was paid the Sahiwal alleged to have been delivered because it is very clear. So the issue of distribution, I think it should be distributed once and it should be open. Not that a certain Ward is given priority, it should have distributed fairly. Even from Leleruk who is now affirming that he was consulted, but he is also saying he got less than he expected so where is the rest of animals that were budgeted?

So this is not an easy matter and it should be investigated by this House. So as we wait for your directions, I think it is prudent that this House should invites the heads of this particular department to appear before this House so that we know exactly what happened. Because from the records we have, there is something which is not clear.

MCA Nyiro Ward, (Lemoosa Jonathan): Thank you the Hon. Speaker sir, I just seek your indulge of this and directions that the Chair is actually optimistic that may be by tomorrow afternoon he will give the respond but according to what actually having listen to the Members and being given, it is a waiting issue and may be the Chair may seek more time to get into the depth of this issue because may be as a committee just like what the Hon. Silapia has said, of course she sit in that committee, I then believe they need more time, I do not know how much time but of course they meet as secretarial department because this is exposing the all information. But if you really go by information and the representatives of the Ward, there is something which is not coming out very clearly because we need to know exact contract. What was actually contracted? How much the contractor or the supplier was supposed to give? Did he deliver all this kind of things? I do not think, am not really distributing the capability of the Chair but the information and what is sorted needs a bit of time. So with your wisdom and guidance, leads us in this, let us not rush in this, let us have the real information. Thank you Hon. Speaker sir.

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Lekuchula Leinas): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I do not think we need more statement from the statement because we have already have the list for beneficiaries with the signatures with their identification card numbers and the telephone numbers. Son I do not think there is another need for us to request for another statement. For what reasons? When we have the full information here but full of errors full of lies, why? What different you can bring back to me here tomorrow when I have the lists of the beneficiaries and that is the exact the list I have given out and these people have not received any Sahiwal bull even I have a brother, if may be someone have think that I have no information in my Ward, I have also a brother who is Lekuchula who is one of the beneficiary. I always met him several times he also kept telling me *“kwani Ngombe ya Kaunti ilienda wapi ulikuwa umesema inaletwa hivi karibuni?”* So what is my work here now? If the County Government can budget for all this and then we can just see these all bulls going into people’s pockets, then what is the work of this House as an oversight authority? If this one cannot work, I do not know what else you can wait to be overlooked by this House. If may be you can only wait for Jesus to come back. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Laurence Lorunyei): Thank you Mr. Speaker, this House is the House of the rules. We have got processes and procedures to follow. There is a statement thought whereby a respond has been done and if there is any query, we need a Report and also a procedure of making a Report for investigation. So if this step of responses is not satisfied, is the committee that is going there to give a Report on the response given, by that time now the committee will go and investigate, they do the summoning and everything and then come here with their report of their observation and their recommendation and from there now that is the time we go for the next step Mr. Speaker. So we just use the process and procedures of this House so that we can go to the destinations we want. Thank you Hon. Speaker

Chairperson on Agriculture veterinary and fisheries, (Lenamparasio Caunda): Thank you Hon. Speaker and thank you Hon. Lorunyei for the guidance. I think the committee on Agriculture is just like any other committee here and I think this is the first statement sorted by members through the Department and I do not see the reason as to why some Members just want

to victimize to do a lot of investigation here while we still have a capable committee of doing it is mandates. So Hon. Speaker, instead of me even reporting tomorrow, we just have to as committee to summon the department then we investigate as a committee, we are still very capable of our work and then we report to this House next week. So Hon. Speaker I stand guided.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you Chair, so the committee to sit down and do what you said, interrogate the matter, get the Chief Executive Committee Member (CECM), get the Report and then you give us the Report here next week on Thursday at 2:30pm. If possible with the names of the beneficiaries especially from Lodokejek. Let us have the true beneficiaries with their contacts. If possible you can even sample two, three and inquire whether they got the bulls. Is that okay?

Chairperson on Agriculture veterinary and fisheries, (Lenampasio Caunda): Thank you Hon. Speaker, we will do that.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Statement No.0025/2023 requested by Hon. Lorunyei Laurence to the Chairperson of committee on environment, water and natural resources regarding the status of Nachola Wards water projects.

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Hon. Speaker, today morning we had a meeting with the Department and they brought the response late after the order paper have already been printed so I beg to table tomorrow morning at 9:00am.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): I request you table tomorrow at 2:30pm. So tomorrow 2:30pm because the visitors were supposed to meet them tomorrow 2:30pm, we are meeting them in the morning. So you table 2:30pm tomorrow.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Okay. Statement No.0026/2023 requested by Hon. Silapia Lenamatiyo to the Chairperson committee on labor, justice and legal affairs in regard to the legal representations at the County level.

Hon. Leleruk.

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Leleruk James): Mr. Speaker, I thought we said, I think in your records you supposed to be on 1st of November.

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Leleruk James): Yes, it was supposed to be and also I have not received but I know during the time we are arguing here, we put 1st November at 2:30pm.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): It is okay. So tomorrow 2:30pm let us have the response

Statement No.0027/2023 requested by Hon. Christopher Lentukunye to the Chairperson of Committee on Education and vocational training regarding the procurements and distributions of water tanks to ECDE schools.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Laurence Lorunyei): Thank Hon. Speaker I beg to respond. In respond to the inquiry the sectorial committee on Education and vocational training, we enquire into and reporting the following questions from Hon. Lentukunye.

1. How much budget was allocated to the water tanks for ECDE schools in the Samburu County for the financial year2022/2023?
2. The number of tanks procured so far and how it was distributed and distribution plan to be provided
3. Number of ECDE centers per sub-County that have benefited from the distribution of the tanks so far?
4. Whether the mention program has a policy, framework to operationalize it is activities and what are the plans to curb perennial failures?

Hon. Speaker, reference to the CEMC about the ECDE schools, he wrote by thanking the requested statement asked on date October on 23rd regarding the procurements and distributions of water tanks from the ECDE schools across the three sub-Counties for the

financial year 2022/2023. As the CEMC for Education and vocational training, he said that I hereby provide the following responds;

He has acknowledged the important of water tanks to ECDE centers as most of our schools lacks adequate water and the provision of this water tanks helps to mitigate the water challenges in our ECDE centers. This program plays an integral role in achieving our County roles and achieving provision of clean water. In response to the inquiry here are the attached responds

1. How much was the budget allocated to water tanks of ECDE schools in Samburu County for the year 2022/2023. As per the procurement plan for year 2022/2023, the amount budget for the purchase, delivery and installation of 45 water tanks was 5,363,750.25. That is for the first question.
2. The number of tanks procured so far and how it was distributed and was asking to be provided with a distribution plan. Hon. Speaker the number of tanks proposed in the year 2022/2023 that is ow the proposal was 45 in number and the distribution plan is as follows;

In every Ward I see that three tanks were located and every member has the list as attached.

3. About the number of tanks procured and the ECDE centers per Sub-County that have benefited from the distribution of tanks so far was as follows; now the tanks procured, the first was proposal and now the physical tanks so is as follows

In Samburu North we have got the El'barta, in the proposal Soit Ngiro was to be given and it was not given, Mpagas was to be given and was not given but Soit Naibor was proposed to be given and was given. So the El'barta Ward was given one tank.

In Ngiro Wards according to the proposal were three; Ntaletiani was given one and Leseleyian was not given and Ndikiro was not given. So in Ngiro Ward was give only one. In Ndoto Ward was three and none was given. In Nachola Ward was three and none was given. In Ang'ata Nanyokie Ward and all the three centers proposed were given as reported Mr. Speaker.

In Baawa Ward they were given and here it is written that the MCA took and then going to Samburu West, in Samburu west they were given two, one center was not given and was said that the MCA also took them in Samburu East in Wamba West and then in Wamba North all the places proposed written here received and then in Wamba East all the three centers proposed received and then in Waso all the three centers proposed received.

In Samburu Central we have got Maralal ward all the proposed three centers and here they received the three and in Porro ward all the three centered proposed here it is written they have received and then in Suguta Marmar ward all the three centers proposed and here is said to be they have received and Loosuk Ward. May I go to Samburu East about Wamba North there is Raraiti got one and Soito e Lotimi got two and then Lteroi got one so they got four instead of the proposed three. Now I come Samburu Central in Maralal Ward there were three centered proposed and it is written here they received and then in Porro the same they received and in Suguta Marmar the same received Loosuk the same they received, Lodokejek, in the proposal they were three but in Lpetpet they received two and then the other one-one they received four instead of three Honorable Speaker so those are for the distribution plan.

I go now to question 4 whether the four mentioned program as a policy framework to operationalize its activities and what are the plans to curb perennial failures Hon. Speaker the four mentioned program as a policy that's now the response as per National Primary Education Policy standard guidelines 2028 on standard section 1-4 4-3 /c states Primary Schools shall provide reliable clean adequate and safe water at a numerous strategic point for drinking and washing. The Samburu County ECD Policy of 2023 thematic area for on Water Sanitation and Hygiene Policy Objective 4-3 stipulates that all ECD learners have access to clean and safe water in a child -friendly environment.

Mr. Speaker the two Policy are used by the department to ensure polarization of water and sanitation program in the county, to curb the perennial failures the Department request for more Budgetary allocation for monitoring of the projects. In conclusion Mr. Speaker the CEC say that the Department inquire and follow up 10 tones has not been distributed to respective ECD

centers as highlighted in the red above some of the ECD Centers were given more tanks than planned and this was occasioned by the supplier delivering tanks without following the Department Distribution Plan.

We are in touch with the supplier and he has admitted to re-distribute to the centers that did not get tanks before end of November, 2023.as the CECM of the Department He said that he has instructed the County Officer and the Director to always ensure they receive the items procured and to acknowledge quality standard and to take up the role to instruct the supplier where to install and when. Mr. Speaker we also say that we request to be given time not me now the CEC to ensure this work is concluded well and we will take upon ourselves to furnish the assembly with the completion report of this projects.

Hon. Speaker as the routine is that the CEC is asked a statement and because he has the custody of the report in his files he just give us the report as per their files that is what I read but what I see that there is a loophole because when I see the proposed were 45 Tanks and when I calculate here the delivered or the procured are 36 tanks according to what is written here Mr. Speaker and again according to the CEC he was saying that he was short of 10 and Mr. Speaker there were some contradictions here and then he was requesting for more time to give report.

So, as the committee on Education we need time to enquire and report now through our observation and recommendation and bring facts to this Honorable House because we are tired of being given half-baked response Mr. Speaker. I try to ask the CEC and then he was saying that the contractor was paid so I do not see the reason why again the procured was not the 45 tanks, if somebody has been paid. I have got a letter from the CEC here writing that he wants reports of these tanks because he was not satisfied but he was not given the reports up to yesterday that is why he said to be given more time, and because we do not want response from the Department.

We need no the report concerning the tanks that is why I ask the Honorable Members to give us time so that we go for fact-finding, investigate get our observation and recommendation and bring the real report to this Honorable House as the oversight committee of the Department, thank you Honorable Speaker.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamaitiyo Silapia): thank you Honorable Speaker I just take this opportunity to thank the Honorable chair for Education Committee for coming up with this report. Before we start our session we called our people the village administrator within these pre-schools within our ward Raraiti, Soit e Lotimi and Lteroi and surely they told us the tanks arrived yesterday at midnight and what made them to deliver this tanks I think it is just statement sorted by the Honorable Member for Wamba North Ward and looking at this report I think I do not know which criteria they use to distribute this tanks because according to the budget they budgeted 45 tanks that when you divide within the 15 wards you get that the three ECD schools will get 1 each and I can see there is wards which has zero tanks, so I do not know how were they distributing and I think when we are here in this House we have just only 3 roles.

We are supposed to play our 3 roles which is oversight, legislation and also representation. I think the Department should then give us correct measures to make sure that even the rest of the wards which have not benefitted to get benefits early as possible because this is the way that some wards are being put aside and some are benefiting from the county and this become the blame of the MCA's and that was the issue for Hon. Lekuchula on the issue of the agriculture distribution of the Sahiwal heifers.

Hon. Speaker I think the committee should then inquire from the Department but I just want to put something clear Hon. Speaker you facilitated this committee on Education to do investigation on the feeding program but up to today they never brought any report to this House so I do not see a way of them again being facilitated to go and do investigation when they have not yet brought this report to this House, so...

(Point of Order by Hon. Lorunyei)

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Order or Information?

MCA Nachola Ward (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): point of Order

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Point of Order Honorable Lorunyei

MCA Nachola Ward (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker she is anticipating about getting the report, the report is there we were facilitated we went to the field we have the report but according to the procedure because it is the report we must give Paper first and then Notice and then Mr. Speaker she is out of Order to saying that we have not brought the report here.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): thank you Hon. Lorunyei Hon. Silapia you can continue

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamaitiyo Silapia): Hon. Speaker raising on a point of Order according to our Standing Order No. 84/1 let me read any Member may arise at a Point of Order at any time during a speech of another Member and that may be inquired to indicate the Standing Order upon which the point of order is based so Hon. Speaker let the Honorable Member quote the Standing Order so I can give him time to explain the Point of Order he is rising on.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Silapia you can continue, just continue bypass that.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamaitiyo Silapia): ok, thank you it is just a general observation to me that the Honorable Member just requests that you give us to go and investigate on distribution on tanks and yet we have another report that we are waiting from them that they did not bring to this House so that was just my observation and I think I should have said so, thank you Honorable Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): What is it Hon. Lemoosa?

MCA Nyiro Ward, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Point of Order, thank you Speaker Sir, the Hon. Silapia requested on the Standing Order as the Hon. Chair for Education 87 and with your permission and with your permission Standing Order 87 says anticipating of debates with your permission sir 87/1 it shall be out of Order to anticipate of a Bill which has been published as such in the Kenyan Gazette and all that or Motion adjournment. 87/2/3 we have just tabled the statement as a paper tomorrow we will have to debate because it is a report actually it is not a statement. We went, we were financed, we did investigations actually and we tabled tomorrow

we will have an opportunity to debate. So exactly Speaker 87 we tabled, no anticipation thanks Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you, Hon. Silapia you can continue

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamaitiyo Silapia): thank you Hon. Speaker I am not ready to anticipate any report or any debate but it was just my observation and that is why I brought it clear for more understanding. So, Hon. Speaker let the committee go back and get the real report because I saw somewhere saying that they are putting on toes the supplier to bring other tanks to those who did not benefit. So Hon. Speaker let them bring in time because I think this budget is for 2022-2023, thank you Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Chair you have already disowned the report, the statement that you have given us that it is not up to the standard, so that is already what you have said and you are requesting more time...

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): yes Mr. Speaker because now we need it to come here as a report as he has admitted the Hon. Member that the tanks were received yesterday and the report was written long time ago that is why I said that. The statement was for the response now the committee to bring the report that is why we are saying give us time we bring report.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lekuchula

MCA Lodojek Ward, (Hon. Lekuchula Leinas): thank you Hon. Speaker, these are the same issues that we were saying because if I hear that there are some ECD centers which has received the tanks yesterday at night it is funny and it also sounds funny because ii think the tanks have been distributed around February if I am not wrong the time I saw in my ward. Maybe the ones that has been distributed yesterday, maybe because of the statement that is why they are up to cover the mistake they did. So, actually we need to wake up as an oversight authority because a lot of things are being done a very shoddy work and we are just keeping quiet here thank you Hon. Speaker.

MCA Wamba West, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Hon. Speaker may I take this opportunity to thank the Chairperson, I think because he has tried to respond in time but putting to a point that this project was for the last financial year and people are still rushing so it seems somethings were not done. Mr. Speaker the report the report given here is see it is not the truth and not satisfactory the standard because in my ward someone wrote the MCA took them and I do not know whether we are two in the ward or who is that really if it could have been me let the department be clear which MCA have been given those tanks?

Secondly, going back in my ward again they said 1; Lmooli and I do not have an ECD center named Lmooli. (*Laughter*) They should tell us I have a village called Lmooli but it is not an ECD center they should be clear on that and Mr. Speaker I get your direction the department should be clear for those two issues in my ward which MCA took the tanks and it will be good for them so that I know that we are two in the ward thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lemartile, so you did not take the tanks?

MCA Wamba West, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): I did not

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): and this village called Lmooli does it have an ECD center? Maybe they might have decided to use the village name instead of the ECD name

MCA Wamba West, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): there is no ECD center there we have Nkutuk e Lmuget which they wrote within the same area

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

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): that is why I said we are going to investigate as the committee and brig now the facts as the committee we are going to summon and also visit the area so that we shall come here with the facts which the Hon. Members asked.

MCA Wamba North, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Allow me to thank Honorable chair for bringing this response to this House. Mr. Speaker, I am the one who sought this statement regarding to the distribution of water tanks to ECDE centers across the country. Mr. Speaker, this letter is dated 26th October 2023 and Mr. Speaker as per the response, by the time the letter was being wrote, that is when the water tanks were delivered to the indicated centers but Mr. Speaker, before I enter this House, those tanks were not delivered in two centers within my Ward but upon entering this House, I got a call from somebody whom I talked to get me the information that is the time I was told we are already with the supplier delivering the tanks Mr. Speaker.

So, Mr. Speaker, that is a very clear indication that whatever we debate here are just Mr. Speaker but guess work. Mr. Speaker nevertheless I just want to appreciate the department, they have now delivered the water tanks despite all those surround the response and Mr. Speaker I just want to say something in regards to this statement especially the last part of the response that is the conclusion.

Mr. Speaker, as per the budget, each Ward was to get three water tanks and I am lucky and I really want to appreciate the department to get more than what I expected. Mr. Speaker, the excuse and I thank God for the oversight the person who wrote this letter and I believe it is the CEC for the department and please Mr. Speaker allow me to read that part, “In conclusion from the departmental inquiry and follow up, ten water tanks have not been distributed to respective ECDE centers as highlighted and read above. Some of the ECDE’s were given more water tanks and I believe I am among those underlined due to supplier”.

Mr. Speaker, I believe the person in control of this, is the CEC or the CEO. I do not know where the supplier comes from. I think the issue of supplier here; I do not know whether this County is being run by the suppliers. I think the supplier should go by the directives, that he should deliver this tank at this point, so this one should not be an excuse that the supplier...and he was paid to deliver, we have suffered a lot due to negligence and laxity of these officers who sleep in their job, particularly in this department.

Mr. Speaker, even relief ECDE foods sometimes those suppliers opt to deliver food may be from this route they just deliver in one center and claim the mileage from the furthest point. So, the chair should bring this statement when it is comprehensive because the head of the department should clearly tell this House whether he is in control of the department or the department is under the hands of supplier. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MCA El'barta Ward, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Thank you Honorable Speaker. I also wish to take this opportunity to thank our able chair for the committee of Education for a well elaborate explanation and also wish to thank him for having at least realize one or two issues on this report.

One, I think it is prudent for this committee of our that before we present this statement response from the department to the House, I think it is in order if the committee will first take time, go through the report and if the report is not substantive enough, then before the report is being subjected to this Honorable House, it should be taken back to the department for further clarity. That is my observation on that.

Following the two responses that we have had today, for agriculture and for the department of education, there is a trend that I have observed. Honorable Speaker, I come from El' barta and El'barta is unique, I represent both the Samburu and Turkana people who are living in Baragoi, that is, the people who are in Naling'ang'or, Soito Ngiron and Huruma. But I have realized there is tendency of the three villages, that is Naling'ang'or, Soito Ngiron and Huruma they are not being considered in this project because even if we go through the report that we initially shared, for the distribution plan for camels, none of the villages were considered and now the same trend again when it comes to distribution of tanks, there is not even a single school that has been considered.

Honorable Speaker, I am a representative of the people, and I do not want to be branded as a tribal leader, it is quite not in order in front of eyes of the people and even in front of eyes of God. So, I want to bring this attention to our able chair and the only thing that is giving me hope I also came to realize even Nachola has not received a single tank and that is where the chairman

comes from and I hope the Honorable Chair is noting on my points because I do not want also to be blamed on that issue because if all projects are going to the side of Samburu... I also got a number of votes from that side so they really deserve to have this project.

Honorable Speaker, from the report I have also noted that they have said Soit Naibor has received one tank of which I want to dispute, there is no tank in Soit Naibor as we speak. I do not know what is the issue as to why majority of these schools, when I counted the number of schools that have not received these tanks, I counted 11 schools as opposed to the number that was given which was ten and as observed from the report, there are a number of schools that have already received double allocation, I do not know what the department is going to do about that because as per the procurement process, they were only supposed to procure 45 number of tanks and they have already issued out 36 tanks, the remaining is actually supposed to be 9.

I do not know if they are going now to take the extra tanks from the schools that have already received one extra tank, I do not know what they are going to do about that or maybe the schools that are going to miss and I hope that the three schools from El'barta will not miss a tank. It is really unfair, it means that at the end of the day, even if they are going to rectify whatever mistake that was done, I think there are schools which are going to suffer of which this is not fair.

Honorable Speaker, I'll suggest that the Committee can be able to take the report back to the CEC and the CEC should actually take charge of the department it is like if it were not for this statement actually a number of tanks if not more than half are going to miss and this is the reason as to we really want to emphasis this Honorable House, we should take charge, do our oversight role properly because it is only through statement that we can be able to track most of these things. Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): I wanted to give direction, but before that, maybe the minority leader...

The Minority Leader, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also raise to support the Honorable Chair for Education but because I know you will give guidance, I am also raising a

red flag that schools that have been written in my Ward, none has received those tanks. So going back to the department, I also want a confirmation where those tanks that have been said... because up to yesterday none of those tanks were in those schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MCA Nyiro Ward, (Hon. Lemoosa): The Honorable Speaker sir, I just wish to air some few observations from the report which as I also sit in the Committee for education. It is very clear that of course from the report just like what the Majority leader has said, it is like the supplier or the contractor, he is the person actually who controls the whole process from the report.

Meaning the supplier or the contractor takes the tanks just the way he or she wants may be depending on the distance and all that. Why do I say this, because if you look at the North, most schools North and East these tanks were omitted and this is not really something *bahati mbaya* sorry, it is because of design?

Two, the House actually do agree with us that of course let us find out whether the department had some budgetary deficit of what sale. Secondly, the CEC who is in charge of the department just wrote to the chairman, I think the chair has the letter and has acknowledged that of course this information is half baked and he is calling for more time.

Honorable Speaker, the chair and that is the committee also, we promise actually that of course give us a little time such that we get into this matter because much more is actually in the whole issue. Speaker, our very able El'barta MCA aka Lolpastai or Leitoro Jeremy has called that the committee go over this report. I wish actually, to inform that as a committee we are not mandated actually to proof-write the report what is there we bring it and out of such shoddy information, all of us represent areas because maybe the committee we do not serve somebody from Nyiro, maybe Ngaroni, Wamba or Ngilai but when we bring here such information, we get facts and this is the basis of oversight.

So, allow us actually to bring this shoddy in order to unearth the very crazy things that we are noting from this particular department. I wish really to thank Honorable Members; I think by now we like matured, we know our roles and this has really helped us because the majority leader and the rest we are reporting some tank going there overnight because of such reports but

look here Honorable speaker, I was in Nyiro the other day, some tanks were even delivered and just thrown like in Lmerem pre-school the tank was delivered the other year, it was delivered, it is still there, there is no gutters, there is no base.

So, this means it is just like throwing something whether it breaks or not the supplier or the contractor does not care. So, Honorable Members we need actually to put our foot on the ground, oversight and bring these things because unless we do this, from the report that we have been actually tabling in this House from the Executive it calls for a lot, it raises eye brows.

So, Honorable Speaker, we stand and seek your guidance on these issues because it seems some suppliers are getting the upper hand from the procurement or I do not know what system. In Nyiro for example, even the so called one tank is not there, so in Nyiro is 0 out of 3 nothing was delivered. So, chairman, sometimes we do not want to talk ill as members who sit in the Committee but you see, there are so many things that call for eye brows.

So, Honorable chair with your due diligence and guidance, we stand guided on this such that we give the best out of ourselves. Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Honorable Chair when can we get a better report?

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Honorable Speaker, aware that the department is the custodian of the files, the Committee is not the custodian of the files and when and when asked a statement, the department writes what is in their files and then we come and read the report on their files but now, if the report is not satisfactory with no information from the MCA's, Mr. Speaker that is now the time we are to go to investigate and ask for those files to go to the ground and bring the real report because we are not the custodian of the files as the Committee.

As the oversight we trust and have faith that what they have delivered is in the records and in the office files but now if they are bringing us these reports, so we are also doubting what they have got in the files. Honorable Speaker on the other issue, the day today running of a department is the CEO not the CEC. The CEC is in charge of the department. Day to day running of the

department the administrator is the CO, he is the one who is paying and doing everything, so he just reports also to the CEC.

So, it is also the CEC according to what it is reported it is what he reports but now Mr. Speaker, there is a problem here that the CEC's and COs are not in control of their departments. If the procurement officers or the suppliers are doing things without looking or seeking plans or directions from the departments, there is also a confusion there.

So, I thank the Members it is high time we put everybody to tow their line Mr. Speaker. The procurement, supplier and all the CO when giving information everyone is in his or her lane of doing the job because the CEC is not the one who is paying, it is the CO. That is why I say that scope of duties and powers are well arranged are all put in order in the department that is why they are working together.

Honorable Speaker, for this now we do not know what was in the file, we do not know the report from each Ward that they did not receive or they received but now we know. We be given time and go and summon the CEC, get the files and have the correct information to bring to this Honorable House as the Committee of education. Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Do you have anything to say Honorable Lekuchula before I give out the guidance.

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Lekuchula Linus): Thank you Honorable Speaker, I also want to add on the issue of tanks, the way Honorable Lemoosa has said, that some tanks are just distributed to the schools and it is just dropped there, there is no gutters in the school, there is no that stand base, so you find it does not even help the kids from that ECDE. We need to look into those small things.

Also, the issue of kitchens, you know nowadays they construct kitchens in the ECDEs and there is this modern cooking jikos and you find these guys in some ECDE kitchens they have not constructed those modern cooking jikos. So, you will just get a kitchen which is just an open hall like a class.

So those are the things we need to look into when we are having budget ad especially this Committee to report to the department so that when we do something like tanks, they will make sure they have budgeted for gutters and the stand for the tanks, so that that school will have a complete water system and when they go to kitchens, they do the same things. Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you, so Honorable Chair, you meet with your committee, summon the CEC, get the report and you give us a full report next week, Wednesday 2:30PM. The good thing is the CEC said he is going to give full report and therefore I am sure he is preparing so just get the full report then report to this House next week Wednesday 2:30PM.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, the CEC is not in the County, he is in meetings outside. I wanted to summon him after this session but he said that for four days and then two days again he is also committed. So, I ask not next week, give us two weeks and when he is available that is the time, we summon him. I need more time Honorable Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): So, the other week Wednesday, 2:30PM.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Agreed.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Honorable Members, the time being 18vminutes to 6 O' clock and there being no any other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Wednesday 1st November 2023 at 9:00Am.