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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

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The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 a.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Daniel Nyausi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

RESUMPTION OF HOUSE BUSINESS AFTER RECESS.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I wish to take this opportunity to welcome you back to the sittings of this House for the last session of the year. I will expect that we will try to maximize the time that we have as we close this year. We are expecting that we should try to be active so that we can finish on a high gear this year. Thank you.

PAPER LAID

HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/2020

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Leader of the Majority Party, I beg to lay the paper on the County Government of Laikipia department of Health Annual Report for the Financial Year 2019/2020.

(Hon. Mutahi Muritu laid the Paper on the Table)

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. The paper on the County Government of Laikipia department of Health Annual Report for the Financial Year 2019/2020 stands committed to the Health Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

LAIKIPIA COUNTY BURSARY ISSUANCE FUND

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT this House adopts the report on the Issuance of Laikipia County Bursary Fund for the year ended 2018/2019 by the Education and ICT Committee dated 7th June, 2020.

RECRUITMENT OF TRAINED ECDE TEACHERS.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

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THAT NOTING THAT Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, stipulates that pre-primary education, village polytechnics, home craft centres and child care facilities is a function of the County Government;

FURTHER NOTING THAT early childhood education is critical in ensuring a good foundation for child development;

AWARE THAT despite the growing importance of early childhood education, there are number of challenges that have continued to pull down its effective implementation, these include inadequate teaching and learning resources, socio-economic factors, high teacher/child ratio with poor remunerations and financial constraints. This House URGES the County Government to;

1. Recruit trained ECDE teachers with clear job description and terms of service.
2. Undertake countywide ECDE analysis based on teacher/pupil ratio, classroom/pupil ratio, existence of PP1 and PP2 in all the centres as per the requirement of National Pre-primary policy and the status of the classrooms.
3. Develop programmes that will improve the learning environment of ECDE centres like the free food programme.
4. Partner with other stakeholders to upgrade physical facilities and provide instructional and recreational facilities in the public pre-schools.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY TOURISM POLICY

Hon. Peter Matunge: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT NOTING THAT trade development and regulation including local tourism is a function of County Government as stipulated in Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010;

FURTHER NOTING THAT the County Integrated Development Plan, 2018/2022 nurtures promotion of domestic tourism as one of their objectives in the tourism sector;

AWARE THAT tourism remains the cornerstone of the economy and leading foreign exchange earner for the country, moreover, the sector has high multiplier effects as its growth stimulates further development in other activities; FURTHER AWARE THAT following the shocks that hit the tourism sector orchestrated by COVID-19 pandemic,

COGNIZANT THAT the County Governments are the custodian of tourism resources hence they have vital role to play in tourism;

APPRECIATING THAT a range of eco-tourism and community based projects should form part of a diversified and enhanced tourism product, including home-stays, agro-tourism and sport tourism;

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OBSERVING THAT the success of domestic tourism is dependent upon effective and creative marketing and promotion of the county as a destination. This House URGES the County Government to establish County Tourism Policy that will seek to;

1. Revive county tourism after collapsing due to covid-19 pandemic through putting in place measures such as redeeming of destination image and positive publicity by employing public relation tools, product diversification, provision of high quality standards of products and services, tourism area planning and incentives to attract investments in tourism sector.
2. Support communities in the development of local tourism products through technical assistance.
3. Diversify, develop and implement innovative tourism products that enhance economic growth, and environmental sustainability and preserve heritage.
4. Support communities in designing and developing authentic innovative tourism products at the local areas.
5. Enhance the uptake of meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions (MICE) tourism in the post-COVID era.
6. Ensure that tourism circuit roads are mainstreamed into the National and County Roads Investment Plan.
7. Give high priority for upgrading, rehabilitation and periodic maintenance and signage for access roads to local tourist destinations.
8. Develop a County Tourism Marketing Strategy to guide and inform tourism marketing and promotion in the county.
9. Fasten the development of available tourist sites like Kirimon National Reserve, Manguo Hippo Point and other available tourist sites within the county.

MOTION

LAIKIPIA COUNTY BURSARY FUND ISSUANCE

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this House adopts the report on the Laikipia County Bursary Fund Issuance for the year ended 2018/2019 by the Education and ICT Committee dated 7th June, 2020.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I believe that each and every Member have got this report and I will go directly to bullet one which is on preface. The Education, ICT and Vocational Training Committee is a select Committee established pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No.190 and was constituted by the House on 28th September 2017.

The Committees mandate is all matters related to pre-primary education, village polytechnics, home craft centres and childcare, children and youth welfare. The membership of the Committee is derived from Standing Order NO.191 (1) and it comprises of the following:

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- Hon. Mutahi Muritu Chairperson
- Hon. Catherine Kibue vice Chair
- Hon. Daniel Mugweru Member
- Hon. Chalumbo Kaparo Member
- Hon. Jacob Endom Member.

On behalf of the Education, ICT and Vocational Training Committee, may I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the necessary support provided in the execution of the committee's mandate.

I also wish to thank and appreciate the firm support of the committee members for the successful compilation of this report. I also wish to acknowledge the support of the members of staff of the County Assembly who were also involved in compilation of this report.

Mr, Speaker, the Laikipia County Bursary Fund was established through the Laikipia County Education Bursary Fund Act, 2014 under Section 4. During the Financial Year 2018/2019, the County Assembly appropriated for a total of Kshs. 52 M for the bursary fund and bursary committee operations. The Fund was allocated as follows:

PARTICULARS	**AMOUNT(Kshs)**
Administration /bursary committees operations	2,000,000/=
Bursary/Scholarship Amount	50,000,000/=
TOTAL	**52,000,000/=**

Mr. Speaker, each ward was awarded Kenya Shillings One hundred and Twenty Thousand for the scholarship program. The ward Bursary Committees identified at least three very bright but vulnerable applicants from every ward. In total, forty-six students were awarded scholarship Fund across the county in the year 2018/2019.

Mr. Speaker, each ward was also awarded a specified amount as Bursary Fund subsequent to the Laikipia County Education Bursary Fund Act (2014) Section 4(6).The section states that an amount totalling to 75% as an amount set aside for disbursement under this Act shall be allocated equally to all wards and the remaining 25% shall be allocated in accordance with the prescribed formula determined with a population of secondary schools going children and poverty level and such other criteria as may prescribed. The summary of how much each ward was allocated as in the table below,

WARD	**BURSARY AMOUNT(Kshs)**	**SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT(Kshs)**	**TOTAL ALLOCATION(Kshs)**
1.Segera	2,892,988.1	120,000	3,012,988

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2.Rumuruti	3,062,869	120,000	3,182,869
3.Githiga	3,258,211.6	120,000	3,378,212
4.Marmanet	3,696,687	120,000	3,816,687
5.Igwamiti	4,507,471	120,000	4,627,471
6.Salama	3,130,662.3	120,000	3,250,662
7.Ngobit	3,133,735.1	120,000	3,253,735
8.Thingithu	3,038,901.6	120,000	3,158,902
9.Nanyuki	3,269.767.5	120,000	3,389,768
10.Umande	2,899,001.1	120,000	3,019,001
11.Sosian	3,197,094	120,000	3,317,094
12.Olmoran	2,945,176.7	120,000	3,065,177
13.Mukogodo West	2,823,965.7	120,000	2,943,966
14.Mukogodo East	3,116,648.2	120,000	3,236,648
15.Tigithi	3,226,821.3	120,000	3,346821
TOTAL	**48,200,00.2**	**1,800,000**	**50,000,000**

The County Executive was able to support a total of 10,037 beneficiaries. That is 9,991 Bursary Funds beneficiaries and 46 Scholarship awardees. A summary of the distribution of the bursary fund beneficiaries is indicated as in the table below:

WARD	**TOTAL ALLOCATION (Kshs)**	**MALE BENEFICIARIES**	**FEMALE BENEFICIARIES**	**TOTAL BENEFICIRIES**
1.Segera	3,012,988	307	240	547
2.Rumuruti	3,182,869	278	264	542
3.Githiga	3,378,212	310	351	661
4.Marmanet	3,816,687	355	360	715
5.Igwamiti	4,627,471	448	419	867
6.Salama	3,250,662	355	392	747
7.Ngobit	3,253,735	293	275	568
8.Thingithu	3,158,902	330	370	700
9.Nanyuki	3,389,768	317	358	675

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10.Umande	3,019,001	308	327	635
11.Sosian	3,317,094	343	311	654
12.Olmoran	3,065,177	306	345	651
13.Mukogodo West	2,943,966	472	209	681
14.Mukogodo East	3,236,648	311	324	635
15.Tigithi	3,346821	339	374	713
TOTAL	**50,000,000**	**5,072**	**4,919**	**9,991**

The following were the observations of the committee;

1. That the committee during the Financial Year 2018/19 bursary fund and scholarship disbursement did not receive any complaints from the Hon. Members from various wards.
2. That the bursary fund and scholarship disbursement process encountered minimal anomalies compared to the previous year.
3. That Department of Education and Social Development delayed submitting the final analysis of funds disbursement to the committee.

The committee made the following recommendations;

1. That the department should work on minimizing the anomalies to zero.
2. That the department should submit the final analysis of fund disbursement as soon as the process is complete.
3. That this House adopts the report by the Education and Development Committee on Laikipia County Bursary Fund Issuance for the year ended 2018/2019.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I request the Minority Leader Jacob Endom to second the report.

(Hon. Jacob Endom seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Ningetaka kuchukua hii nafasi kushukuru Mungu kwa vile ametupatia nguvu, amani na afya ya kuweza kurejea katika hili Bunge. Tuko tayari kufanya kazi na pia nawakaribisha wenzangu ambao hatujaonana kwa muda mrefu kwa vile tumekuwa na wananchi kule mashinani. Tuko na kazi ya kufanya hapa, sasa hivi tumetoka mashinani.

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Bwana Spika, ningetaka kushukuru na kumpongeza Mwenyekiti kutoka Idara ya Elimu kwa sababu ya kuleta ripoti ambayo imeridhisha. Jambo la kwanza ningeteka kusema kulingana na vile amesoma hii ripoti na vile *bursary* ilipeanwa 2018/19, wamezingatia na kutoa taarifa yote vile mambo ilikuwa. Hilo ni jambo la kuonyesha ya kwamba kamati inafanya kazi vilivyo na wanahakikisha ya kwamba pesa ambazo zinatolewa kusaidia wananchi wa Laikipia zimeweza kupeanwa kwa njia inayofaa.

Kwa mfano mimi nikisema katika wadi ambayo nawakilisha, zile pesa ambazo zimetajwa hapa ni zile tu ambazo tuliweza kupeana katika kamati ya huko mashinani. Wale wanafunzi pia waliobahatika kupata hizo fedha wako hapo na ukweli wa vile mambo ilivyo wote uko hapa. Kwa hivyo hii ni ripoti ambayo inaridhisha na kwa kweli inaelezea vile mambo ilivyokuwa wakati huo.

Bwana Spika, ile hofu ambayo tuko nayo ni kwamba 2019/2020 wanafunzi bado hawajapokea ile *bursary* na ningetaka pia kuelewa mahali zile pesa ambazo tulikuwa tumetenga zilienda. Sasa tayari tumemaliza mwaka wa fedha na tuko kwa bajeti ingine na bado hatujaelewa vile hizo pesa zilifanya na pahali ziko. Kwa vile naelewa hizo pesa ziko na kwa hivyo zinaweza kutumika kujenga madarasa mengine huko mashinani kwa sababu ya korona kwa sababu wanafunzi wataanza kufungua shule. Wale watoto ambao sisi huwa tunashughulikia wa chekechea waweze kupata hiyo *social distance* hata kama inaonekana ni kama Korona imeisha tangu pesa iishe. Hili ni jambo ambalo tungetaka kuona kwa sababu tumeona mwelekeo.

Hii nchi ni kama imemaliza mambo ya Korona kwa sababu juzi niliona Naibu wa Rais akifanya mkutano wa hadhara bila watu kuvalia barakoa na pia *social distance* na pia kinara wa ODM. Sisi pia ningeambia wale Wajumbe ambao wanataka kugombania viti mbali mbali sasa milango imefunguka na sasa tukienda mashinani kuunganisha watu hakuna kukamatwa. Kwa hivyo ninaunga hii ripoti nikisema ya kwamba tunaendelea vizuri. Sisi viongozi sasa tuko na jukumu la kufanya kazi na kuhakikisha ya kwamba tumeilinda nchi hii na kuweka amani kwa sababu nchi bila Amani haiwezi enda popote.

Kwa hivyo mimi ninataka kuchukua hii nafasi kulaani viongozi ambao wanatoa matamshi ya kuhatarisha amani katika nchi hii yetu ya Kenya. Tungetaka wachukuliwe hatua na wakome wajue ya kwamba Kenya sio ya watu wawili au watatu. Jambo lingine ningetaka kuguzia ni kwamba hizi Kaunti zote arobaini na saba tumeona ya kwamba kuko na shida ya pesa. Mimi pia ningetaka kuungana na Mwenyekiti wa Magavana ya kwamba tarehe kumi na saba kama hakutakuwa na pesa katika Kaunti zote, tuweze kufunga Bunge zote twende nyumbani mpaka wakati serikali kuu itajua ya kwamba mwananchi anahitaji maji, barabara na maendeleo mengine. Kwa hivyo mimi niko tayari kuungana…

Hon. Jacob Endom: Ningetaka tu Mheshimiwa afafanue sababu yetu kufunga hili Bunge kwa sababu hili ni Bunge kama Bunge zingine na sio pesa ambayo ilitufanya tuje hapa kuwakilisha wananchi. Mambo ya hii kaunti ni tofauti kwa sababu sasa kama Gavana kwa mkono huu na sisi kama Bunge tuko kwa huu mkono mwingine na kwa hivyo sioni sababu yetu kufunga kwa sababu ya pesa.

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika, nafikiria Mheshimiwa Ndiritu ni kama hakushika vile nilisema. Nimesema kama Serikali za Kaunti hazitapewa pesa, hata sisi tuko tayari kufunga kwa sababu sisi tunawakilisha wananchi ambao wanahitaji dawa katika mahospitali. Kama bajeti ama pesa hazitaletwa ni kumaanisha ya kwamba kwa hospitali hakutakuwa na dawa na pia wafanyikazi hawatapata mishahara. Kwa hivyo itakuwa ni aibu kama sisi tutakuwa hapa wakati wananchi wanateseka kule mashinani. Tunataka kuona watoto wakisoma na yale mambo muhimu yakiendeshwa.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Bwana Spika, katika hii kaunti ya Laikipia sijasikia hata mfanyikazi mmoja akilalamika ya kwamba hajapata mshahara wake. Ninaona ya kwamba hata wafanyikazi wa Kaunti hupata mishahara hata kabla ya wafanyikazi wa Bunge kupata. Kwa hivyo hii kaunti hailingani na zingine na kama kuna Kaunti ambayo inalalamika basi hii ni Kaunti ya Laikipia bali sio Kaunti zingine.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, nadhani Mheshimiwa Jacob hajatokea mjini hivi karibuni aweze kuja vile hali ilivyo. Kama kwao wamelipa wafanyikazi wote ningetaka kumueleza ya kwamba kuna sehemu ambapo wafanyikazi hawajapokea mshahara kwa mwezi mmoja ama miwili. Sisemi sisi tufunge…

Hon. Jacob Endom: Mheshimiwa Spika, Mheshimiwa anasema ya kwamba mimi sijatokea mjini. Kwani mimi huishi msituni ama mahali wananchi wako?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, wakati mwingine ukweli wauma kwa sababu Jacob haishi mjini bali anaishi Sosian kama vile mimi huishi kule *Sweet waters* ambapo ni mashambani. Hapa mjini sisi hupitia na ningetaka kusema ya kwamba tumeunga ugatuzi mkono. Kukosa kuachiliwa kwa pesa katika Kaunti hiyo ni shida. Hata kama Mheshimiwa amepokea mshahara akae akijua ya kwamba amepokea kwa sababu labda ya kuwa urafiki na zile benki ambazo ziko hapa kwa sababu Kaunti hazijapokea pesa. Kama mwakilishi wa watu ninasema ya kwamba kama mwananchi atafinywa basi hata mimi nimefinywa na kama serikali hazitapata pesa ya maendeleo basi hata sisi tujue tunafaa kuonyesha uzalendo. Ninaomba Seneti iweze kuharakisha kwa kutoa huo mgawo ndio kaunti ziweze kuendelea. Kwa hayo machache ningetaka kumshukuru Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Elimu. Asante.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Bwana Spika, ningetaka tu kuambia mwenzangu ya kwamba Seneti ni Bunge la hii taifa na wanataka kufuata ukweli wa vile watapata pesa lakini Mheshimiwa anataka kuharakisha ili yeye aweze kupata pesa ilhali pia wale lazima wafuate sheria kama vile yeye anafuata sharia katika hili Bunge. Lazima waangalie vile wanaweza kusaidia wananchi wa hii Kenya kwa sababu hao wanaangalia nchi na sio kaunti. Kwa hivyo hatuwezi sema ya kwamba watoe pesa eti kwa sababu tunataka pesa. Wacha wafuate sheria yao na wahakikishe ya kwamba kila sehemu inapata haki ambayo inastahili.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, ningetaka kumfahamisha Mheshimiwa ya kwamba sisi kama hii kaunti yetu ya Laikipia tunangoja pesa na hata kwa zile pesa ambazo tunaongezewa, hata wadi ya Sosian inaweza ikapata kuinuliwa katika ile bajeti ambayo tulipeana. Ningetaka hata yeye aunge mkono ule msemo ambao tunasema *one man, one shilling, one vote* ndio Laikipia iweze kusaidika. Asante sana.

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Hon. Jacob Endom: Mheshimiwa Spika, Mheshimiwa anatudanganya hapa kwa sababu sio yeye ambaye anagawa pesa kwa sababu kama ni yeye alikuwa anagawa ningeanza kumuunga mkono lakini kama sio yeye, kweli ninaweza unga mkono kitu ambacho hakiko mbele ya hili Bunge? Kwa hivyo hiyo ni agenda ingine na kwa hivyo turudi kwa ile agenda ambayo tulikuwa nayo na aache kutudanganya hapa.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this report by the Committee of Education. They have been able to clarify how the distribution of funds was done in the bursary issue. I am happy though if I can echo one of the Members who have said that the distribution should be followed as one man, one vote, one shilling. Even in distribution of bursary that is the same criteria that should be followed. There are some wards that have got a very high population whereby if we try to balance the population, we will ensure that the areas that are highly populated will also benefit in a higher way.

I also support the committee's recommendation that the department should submit their final analysis of the fund as soon as the process is complete because at this juncture we are deliberating on the 2018/19 and we should be deliberating on the 2019/2020. So the recommendation from the committee is one of the best and I am sure that if followed it will ensure that our children will receive the bursaries. Unfortunately, I don't know whether they have received in this Financial Year because the schools are yet to open but on the ongoing issues I am sure that even the schools should open immediately. We can have more than 100,000 people holding a meeting in the fields and our students cannot be in schools and therefore we need our schools opened.

Hon. George Meshami: Mheshimiwa Spika, ningependa kusema ni asante kwa kunipatia hii nafasi ili pia mimi nipate kutoa hoja langu katika ripoti hii. Niseme ya kwamba kamati imefanya kazi nzuri kwa kuleta ripoti mwafaka kabisa ya kila wadi.

Bwana Spika, nikiunga hii ripoti mkono, wakati tulikuwa tunatengeneza bajeti ya mwaka huu wa 2020/2021, nilisimama na nikaomba kamati ya *Liaison* ya kwamba kwa sababu kwa hii *bursary* kwa sababu tulikuwa na milioni hamsini ambayo tulikuwa tumeweka kwa *bursary* na huo wakati pia tukapata korona kutoka mwezi wa tatu, ningependekeza tuweze kuweka hizo fedha katika shule zetu za chekechea kwa sababu Idara ya Elimu ilituangusha kwa ujenzi wa chekechea katika wadi zetu.

Kwa hivyo hadi sasa hatujapata majibu na tungependa kuuliza kamati husika waweze kufuatilia kabisa kuja hizo pesa zimeenda mfuko upi kwa sababu hatujapata ripoti kuhusu hizo pesa kama bado ziko ama zimehamishwa katika majukumu mengine ya kaunti. Kuna zile kamati ambazo katika kila wadi zilikuwa zinafanya hii kazi ya *bursary* na ninakumbuka ya kwamba katika huu mwaka hawajalipwa na kwa hivyo ningeomba wapate kulipwa haki yao.

Kwa hivyo hii ni ripoti nzuri sana na imeonyesha kabisa kulingana na vile pesa ilipeanwa katika kila wadi. Katika wadi yangu iko vile ambavyo ilipatianwa kama vile ripoti inasoma. Kwa hivyo ninaunga mkono. Asante.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to welcome the Members back to the House and also congratulate the Committee on Education.

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I think that this time around the Committee on Education seems to be very aggressive through their able Chair, Mutahi Muritu.

Mr. Speaker, one of my observations as I join hands with accepting the report, one issue is about the balances per ward. I would want the committees to dig up because I can see that there are some anomalies whereby a particular ward was supposed to receive a particular amount but it did not end. The issue of the Executive sometimes tricks the wards whereby if you get a particular per cent of what you were supposed to gain, then the extra amount is not well established on where it ends up.

I would also join hands in the recruitment of teachers and I would also want to add my ward for absorption. As far as we as the County Government are supposed to work as the education sector, we argued and came to a consensus that if the budget allows we should absorb the noble teachers who are always in this noble task of educating our children from the nursery schools.

Mr. Speaker, on the free food programme, it is very noble because during this hard time of COVID-19, if we would program to have free food programme as the committees have put, actually we can go far. On the improvement of schools, I closely agree that even up to now there are some people before even the COVID-19 who were still schooling under trees. If we would agree with the committee on the former budget, it might be effective because the vetting was done and according to statistics we have got very many young girls who have been impregnated and also school dropouts and it might not work.

Now the committee should dig up and know where this money is because in 2019 and I would like to rectify my fellow George Meshami that it is from 2019 and not even 2021 which we are headed to because the bursary was not even issued and I think that this was the issue of Executive because we have always been late on the issuance of the bursary.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join hands with the same Hon. George Meshami that there is that big problem that the ward committees on bursary have not been awarded and I know that they brought the final copy which was certified by the Executive but it was not awarded. As you have seen in the report from the committee, I think theirs was as little as two million. They had so many days of sitting and vetting and finally submitted the same report. As this Assembly, if we don't advocate for these people regardless of whether the bursaries will be issued or not, then they don't have a voice because it is the same Wanjiku who brought us here who have been denied their right.

I am very certain that there was a committee that did the vetting and submitted the final report. So I would urge that part of the programme regardless of whether we are going to issue the bursaries of 2018/2019 or not then the due diligence of those committee members should be done.

Mr. Speaker, as a Chair Labour, Social and Community Welfare, where we are in the committee on education I would like if the House would deliberate that regardless of the vetting which was done, there was no education for that particular year. I would beg the committee to sit down together and analyse this because on social services we have done very little and also

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on sports activities. If it would be agreeable and we follow to the letter and find that the money is still in the department and maybe we might not have the format of issuing the same bursary because we now have the budget of 2020/2021, the 2018/19 bursary can now be supplemented on sporting activities and by counselling our young men and women who are not in school.

I would like to congratulate the committee and I am hoping that whatever the Members have put across, the committee on Education is going to sit down again and analyse and bring another report. Maybe they can invite us in supplementing the budget so we can analyse and see what programme we can bring across so that the money is utilised to the letter as we wait for the 2020/2021 directive from the ministry concerned on matters of reopening the schools after the COVID-19. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: May I call upon the mover to give a reply?

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwanza nataka niwashukuru Wajumbe waliotoa mchango wao na awali yote nimeshukuru Mungu kwa kutuwezesha sisi zote kurejea katika hili Bunge. Nikiendelea zaidi kuna maswali mawili matatu kuhusu pesa zilizotengwa katika mwaka ulioisha mwezi wa sita lakini ningeomba sana tukumbushane na Wajumbe ya kwamba kuna utaratibu wetu wa kifedha na kisheria kwa sababu hizo pesa zilizotengwa zilikuwa kwenye bajeti na kama hazikutoka kwenye hazina kuu zikawa zinazabazwa, katika ile *vote* yake bado ziko vile milioni hamsini.

Nimesema hivyo kwa sababu nimesikia Wajumbe wengi wakiteta kwa sababu ya wafanyikazi au kamati iliyofanya kazi lakini utaratibu wetu sisi kama serikali unajulikana jinsi ya kutoa fedha. Kwa hivyo muda mwafaka utakapofika nafikiri tutalifanyia kazi. Nalo hilo tungetaka msaada kutoka kwa Wajumbe kwa sababu hili ni jambo muhimu sana kwa sababu kama tuliweza kuwasaidia watoto Zaidi ya elfu kumi, hilo ni jambo la kufuatilia na kujivunia kama Kaunti ya Laikipia.

Mheshimiwa Spika, mpangoni huvuta na kwake na kwangu mimi kidogo nitasifia kamati zaidi kama vile wao walivyotoa sifa. Ninaamini katika idara zote zilizoweza kusaidia katika vizazi vijazo, idara yenyewe ndio huwa na fedha sana lakini hiyo idara imeweza kufanya kazi ya maana sana. Sidhani kwenye hiyo miaka mitatu hakuna mahali popote katika Kaunti ya Laikipia hapajaonekana alama ya Wizara ya Elimu. Wanapata pesa kidogo lakini tunasaidia vizazi vijazo.

Kwa hivyo pia uangalie kama walimu wetu wa chekechea. Tunatengeneza bajeti kubwa sana na tunakuwa na wafanyikazi wengi sana wa serikali lakini ukiangalia hiyo idara inashughulika vizazi vijazo lakini hatujaweza kuwatengea fedha ambapo wako na ajira ya kudumu. Kwa hivyo mimi niwashukuru kwa hiyo nafasi na nikushukuru wewe na niseme kwa sababu tunasikia ya kwamba shule huenda zikafunguliwa mwezi wa kumi na moja na sasa hivi tumerejea mwezi wa kumi katika Bunge, tuweze kulifuatilia hili kwa sababu naamini ya kwamba kama shule zitarejeshwa na itakuwa muhula wa mwisho, hao wanafunzi bado watahitaji ada ili waendelee na elimu yao.

Kwa vile kutakuwa kumewekwa viwango tofauti za kukabiliana na hili janga ambalo nalishukuru hili Bunge sana kwa sababu mimi nilikuwa mtu wa kwanza aliyelitaja kama

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kiusitaji katika hili Bunge na nikaomba kwamba isiwe ni wimbo wa mapambo. Sasa hivi tumesikia ya kwamba pesa zimeporwa na kadhalika lakini kwetu hatuna hiyo shida lakini sisi tumebahatika kwa vile tulienda chekechea na shule za misingi na ndio maana tuko hapa. Kwa hivyo tujaribu kusaidia hii wizara na tujaribu kusaidia watoto wetu na kama kuna kazi inayoonekana ninaamini kwamba ni kwa hii wizara. Ninaomba Wajumbe waendelee kuiridhia. Asante.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 16th September, 2020 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.15 p.m.

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