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

[The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

PLACEMENT OF THE MACE

Speaker: Maybe before we start, you remember the day we were launching the Mace and we said the Mace faces to the right side of the Speaker and that indicates the government side. It is Hon. Nderitu who also said that I need to confirm as if the right side of the Speaker is the side of the government. I believe on our side, that is not the case, in our case almost all of us have come from the same party.

The person who comes from a different Party works also close with us, therefore we need not to fear to sit on the other side. I realised that we almost had no one here apart from Hon. Wakahiu, until Hon. Judy and Hon. Jacob have come. It is important for us to know that in this House both sides you can sit wherever you want. It does not mean when you sit on this side you are in the opposition or when you sit on the other side you are in government, we are all in government, so it is good to note.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, when you were raising the Mace I was not around, I would beg because I have never seen Gold, if allowed I wish to go closer to the Mace, I beg if allowed please.

Speaker: I think I would also give you that opportunity, it would be very bad if you have never seen Gold then and it is close to you. Kindly you can proceed and do it, as we continue with the other Orders.

PAPERS

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY TRADE COMMITTEE

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to lay the following paper on Report of the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and Financial Statement for the period ended 31st March, 2019 dated 8th May, 2021.

(Hon. Judy Lukio laid the paper on the table)

NOTICES OF MOTION

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY TRADE COMMITTEE

Speaker: Hon. Judy Lukio

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give Notice of the following motion that this Assembly adopts the report of Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee

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on County Governments of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st March, 2019 dated 8thMay, 2021.

MOTION

A STATUS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF EXTENSION SERVICES

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I move the motion, first of all I wish to thank you for having given me that chance of touching gold. It is my first time and I really appreciate. I beg to move of the following motion;

> THAT this Assembly adopts a status report on implementation of extension service, producer organizations, micro projects and sub projects for the F/Y 2019/2020, a report by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee dated 27th May, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, the report has captured all the projects that have been done within that duration. The committee can therefore report that these are the achievements of the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP). The 1st project is;

1. **Leleshwa (Monica) Water Pan (2018/2019)**

The Water Pan is situated at Leleshwa village, Sipili Location, Ol-Moran ward in Laikipia West Sub County. One hundred direct beneficiaries and 500 indirect beneficiaries will benefit and experience the positive impact of project outputs e.g. increased availability of water to grow, Horticultural crops like tomatoes, capsicum, courgette, spinach, kales and cabbages.

Sub project cost

Mr. Speaker, the water pan rehabilitation project cost Kshs 2,717,500. The pan is 100% completed and paid

Expected outputs

- Establishment of 10 acres of horticultural crops especially Tomatoes with a yield of 30 tons/acre at farm gate price of Kshs. 40/kg. Expected income of Kshs. 12.0 million per season.
- The community will have adequate supplies of food particularly vegetables for their nutrition requirements during the dry season
- The livestock farmers will have water for livestock use especially during the dry spell. At least 100 heads of livestock are expected to drink water from the water pan daily.

Mr. Speaker, the main component was water pan excavation. The excavation work was contracted following the procurement process. The excavation work was well done and completed. The water will be used for horticultural crops production and livestock use. Currently some livestock farmers are taking their animals there to drink water. The farmers around the water pan are preparing land to plant crops for the coming short rains season. The short rains season is the most profitable season in terms of market.

1. **Matuiku (Nginyii) Earth Dam for Livestock and Small Scale Irrigation**

The project beneficiaries situated in Nginyii village, Umande Location, Umande ward in Laikipia East Sub County. The main component was rehabilitation of the earth dam and also

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to upgrade it to a capacity of 35,000 cubic meters. The pan was 100% completed and payment is yet to be done. The earth dam is 75% full

Expected outputs

- Establishment of 10 acres of horticultural crops especially Tomatoes with a yield of 30 tonnes at farm gate price of Kshs. 40/kg. Expected income of Kshs. 12 million per season.

2. Matangi water earth dam

Matangi earth dam is situated in Matangi village, Chumvi Location, Mukogodo East Ward in Laikipia North Sub County. It occupies an area of 6 acres. The main objective of the sub project was to restore and expand the completely silted earth dam to a capacity of 50,000 cubic Meters at a cost of KSH 11 million. The implementation of the project development will enhance provision of safe and adequate water for livestock and agricultural use. The proposed rehabilitation of Matangi Earth dam project has the purpose of not only to restore the dam and reservoir into their original condition, but also to upgrade the structure to the desired capacity.

3. Ndathimi earth dam rehabilitation for irrigation and livestock use (2019/2020)

Mr. Speaker, the fourth one is Ndathimi Earth Dam for irrigation and livestock. I would care to state that that dam is within my area of jurisdiction

Mr. Speaker, Ndathimi Dam Self Help Group was registered in 2009 by the Department of Social Services, initially with twenty-nine (29) members, comprising 19 men and 10 women drawn from Ndathimi village, Muhotetu farm. However, the membership of the Dam Integrated Project rose to 162 with an average land size of 24 acres. The SHG has a management committee consisting of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Vice Secretary, Treasurer and 2 committee members to oversee the implementation of community-based projects on behalf of members.

Upon successful implementation of the proposed project it will improve the livelihoods of over 2000 beneficiaries through increased food production for nutrition and income, environment improvement, enhanced employment and enterprises diversification. The total amount requested for is Kshs 25,553,993 (Twenty-five million five fifty-three thousand nine hundred and ninety-three Shillings). The total project cost is Kshs 27,885,993.

Expected outputs upon sub project completion

1. 20 acres planted with Mangoes yielding 2000 kgs/acre after 5 years at Kshs. 30/kg. Expected annual income of Kshs. 12. Million.
2. 20 acres of Avocado fruit trees expected 4000 kg per acre per year after five years at Kshs. 30/kg with expected annual income of Kshs. 24.0 million.
3. 160 acres of beans cover crop in the mango and avocado fruit orchards for improved soil and water management, with a yield of 7 bags per acre at Kshs. 7,200/bag valued at Kshs. 8.064 million.
4. Installation of 50 Langstroth hives along within the dam perimeter fence.

4. Lorien integrated agroforestry project (2019/2020)

Mr. Speaker, the Lorien Integrated Agro-Forestry for sustainable Land Management is situated in Lorien Villages, Rumuruti Ward, Laikipia West Sub-County. The project

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beneficiaries will be from the 4 villages covering a total of 250 households. The estimated total cost of the project is Kshs. 21,994,150 (Twenty-One Million Nine hundred and ninety-four thousand and one hundred and fifty shillings). The requested support from KCSAP is Kshs. 18,415,150 **(**Eighteen million four hundred and fifteen thousand and one hundred and fifty shillings.

Upon completion of the proposed project, the total number of beneficiaries will be over 5000 benefiting from Mango fruit trees expected to produce 4000 kg @ Kshs 30 per acre per year earning Kshs 36,000,000 after five years in production.

Committee observations

Mr. Speaker, the committee draws the following observations:

1. The County Department of Agriculture and Livestock has managed to accomplish most of the projects initiated during the reporting period.
2. The report has indicated optimum utilization of the conditional grants. The users of the water resources rehabilitated can be in a position to increase their production which will in turn flood the markets with farm produces

Committee Recommendations

Mr. Speaker, the committee makes the following recommendations;

1. The farmers to be encouraged to utilize the water projects. The county department of agriculture to come up with a long lasting plan on utilization of the water resources to reduce wastage and achieve maximum benefit from the water resources.
2. The County Department of Agriculture to identify the farm produces which will be produced in large scale in future using the rehabilitated water resources and encourage investments on food processing for the products as a way of reducing wastage of farm products.

Acknowledgement

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee, I wish to extend my gratitude to the Members of this House for the support they have always accorded to the committee. Secondly, I wish to acknowledge the members of the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee for their continued commitment. Lastly Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize your Office and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly of Laikipia for the support accorded to the committee which has enabled this committee to perform its mandate.

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to second this motion. First, I see the water pan rehabilitation project will help in improving agriculture in the County which is in line with the Presidential four agenda i.e. food security. I can see the 20 acres' avocado fruits tree export 4000 kgs after 5 years. It is evident that avocadoes are doing well in the county of Laikipia as I had visited various farms.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is good we urge our Agricultural Committee to visit more farmers so that we can urge them to plant avocado trees since it seems to be doing so well in Laikipia and having a lot of money compared to beans and maize. I second.

(Question seconded)

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Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the report. One input I would like to urge the Chair, Hon. Kanyutu is that the sometime back we had temporary extension officers going round Olmoran ward. I hoping that because it did not capture the whole county, have also touched some of the wards. I think they were about six wards who benefitted from case study of this research.

Out of how our people have been conned by so many people, I would urge the Chair to submit to the directorate of KCSAP so that when there is a research going on being temporary or permanent should incorporate two or three youth from that ward. I think at one time they were taking research and there was a tug of war because those youths who were doing that were not debriefed by our people. You hear someone asking the title of your shamba. It's worrying if you don't know the motive. Sometimes they even don't have badges to identify them. I join hands with others to support the report that some of those loopholes need to be looked upon. Thank you.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I congratulate the committee for work well done and I support the report. Thank you.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise in support of the report as presented by the Chair for Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee who is also the representative of Marmanet Ward. Mr. Speaker, before I make my contributions concerning the report, allow me to congratulate the Chair and the Members of Agriculture Committee because of this report. It is a detailed report and they have explained and elaborated what has been done by KCSAP program.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to confirm that most of the work that has been explained has been done because I have witnessed some of the projects in my ward that has benefitted and uplifted the livelihood of the people of Rumuruti. The program of the mango trees has been done although it was done recently. The wildlife fence is still ongoing within my ward. I believe it will be of great assistance in mitigation of the human wildlife conflict within Rumuruti Township.

Mr. Speaker, the dams have assisted the communities around because of food security. When we have enough food our people will be able to generate income and support the families in terms of education to their children and the development within their homestead. Poverty is a problem that has really affected our people especially during drought where people lack enough food.

KCSAP program is a program that has benefitted the people on the ground. I support the report and I urge the committee to carry on with their oversight role in ensuring those projects are well done and the assist the communities around. I support.

Speaker: May the mover give a reply.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Hon. Members who have supported the motion. Mr. Speaker, I being a beneficiary, I came to learn that KCSAP is doing wonders. In my homestead my wife belongs to a certain group who benefitted from KCSAP. We had a function and the tent that was in my homestead was given to the group by KCSAP.

The chicken that are in my home were given through KCSAP. The output they are giving is high. Mr. Speaker, I concur with the concern from the Member representing Ol Moran on extension officers though they are not from KCSAP. It is the National Government that proposed those officers. I am following up because we have issues with their payment because in some areas there were strange payments.

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They never involved the local people when they were recruiting. We are following up the issue to ensure that it will not recur in future. Mr. Speaker, I thank Hon. Members and I beg them to pass this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until later today Wednesday, 9th June, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.28 a.m.

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