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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

MOTION

REPORT ON WATER COMPANIES' RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion.

> THAT this Assembly adopts the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee report on water companies' response to COVID-19 pandemic dated 28th May, 2020.

Mr. Speaker, I being the Chairperson for Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources together with my committee members.

1. Patricia Muthoni -Vice Chairperson
2. Robert Murage -Member
3. Wilson Wakahiu -Member
4. Peter Matunge -Member

We were able to visit the Nyahururu Water and Sanitation Company. We sought clarification from NAWASCO on their preparedness to combat with this COVID-19 pandemic. On our oversight we had to seek the measures undertaken by NYAHUWASCO to curb COVID-19. The following is the response we received from Nyahururu Water and Sewerage Company on the measures undertaken to curb the spread of the novel virus.

Water is a vital requirement in the fight against the spread of COVID-19, all water utilities have been instructed not to disconnect water supply to customers during the period. Nyahururu Water and Sanitation Company like other water companies implemented this directive as soon as it was issued in early March 2020.

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As a consequence, the company has noted a decrease in collection from Kshs. 22,039,635 in March to Kshs. 15.0 Million in April 2020. This decrease can be directly attributed to low consumption and inability to pay by our customers due to the effects of COVID-19. This situation is expected to persist in the coming months if the spread of COVID-19 is not curbed. In this regard, the company has put the following measures to mitigate the impact of low collection.

1. Ensured that there is enough stock of water treatment chemicals.
2. Ensured that water treatment system is working well by ensuring that all pumps are in working condition.
3. Only critical item is procured and spending is done only in critical areas.

In addition, the company has undertaken the following measures to curb spread of COVID-19 and ensure that all staff are protected:

i. Installed hand washing tanks in entry points to all company premises.

ii. Provided face masks, hand gloves and sanitizers to all the company staff.

iii. Decongested the offices by instructing some staff members to work from home.

iv. Installed hand washing tanks (1500 litres) in all strategic places in Nyahururu town, Marmanet, Rumuruti and Igwamiti. These tanks were donated by Central Rift Water Development Agency. The company provided the platforms and labelling materials in addition to filling the tanks with water every time.

v. The company has been providing water through water trucking to various areas as requested by County Government. These areas include hospitals and dispensaries in Kinamba and Sipili.

vi. Customers are advised to avoid unnecessary visits to the company premises and instead use SMS for enquiries and most of their consultation.

ANTICIPATED IMPACT OF LOW REVENUE COLLECTION DUE TO EFFECT OF COVID-19

The current situation on water and sanitation services in regard to COVID-19 is manageable in all areas where Nyahururu Water and Sanitation Company is mandated to provide the services. However, the company may not be prepared to cope with a situation where the customers are unable to meet their obligation of paying for water and sanitation services due to adverse effects of corona virus pandemic.

In this regard, the following are the critical requirements that can enable the company provide services for two (2) months without interruption in case the company fails to collect enough revenue due to escalated situation of corona virus pandemic.

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Mr. Speaker, we have a table showing all that the company requires within those two months to ensure that the company runs without hindering supply of water.

RESPONSE BY NANYUKI WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY

As one of the county's water service providers, tariffs, which is the fees paid by the consumers for water and sanitation services cover our operations and maintenance costs enabling us to keep providing out-services. During this COVID-19 pandemic, the company has:

i. Ensured provision of water in all public places as well as hand washing points in highly populated places at no cost to the public.

ii. Stopped disconnecting water in the low-income areas i.e. Kwa Mbuzi, Likii A, and Majengo.

iii. Encouraged our customers in other areas to pay what they can to keep the services running.

Mr. Speaker, we had the company's expenditure on the interventions is as stated on that table. We had hand washing stands, sinks, metal stands and elevated tank stand which are all stated clearly on the table. We have tanks received from CRVWWDA, tank stand and labour. There are hand sanitizers, disinfectants, and surgical spirit as indicated in the table.

This is what the company can collect in a month from the low-income areas and the anticipated collection in a month.

No.	Pro-poor area	Previous Billing (Av of 3 months) (KSHS)	What we anticipate to collect (Kshs)
1	Likii A	1,032,520.00	815,146.00
2	Majengo and Kwa Mbuzi	1,072,891.00	936,474.00
		2,105,411.00	**1,751,620.00**

What it will cost for 3 months without pro-poor areas paying

No.	Pro-poor area	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Totals
1	Likii A	1,074,721.00	1,113,360.00	1,053,390.00	3,241,471.00
2	Majengo and Kwa Mbuzi	1,161,075.00	1,122,881.00	1,088,233.00	3,372,189.00

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		2,235,796.00	**2,236,241.00**	**2,141,623.00**	**6,613,660.00**

NAWASCO noted that it will continue doing what is possible within their capacity to flatten the curve in the spread of COVID-19 considering that water is playing a key role in its prevention.

OBSERVATIONS

Mr. Speaker, the committee observed that: -

1. The cost of water supply is high despite the fact that the revenue collections are anticipated to go down due to non-payment of water and sanitation bills.

2. Both companies have indicated their commitment to continue providing water to all residents without disconnecting. However, NAWASCO reported that it stopped disconnecting in low income areas. The company is encouraging its customers in other areas to pay what they can afford to keep the services running. If they do not pay, the company will collapse with an exception of pro-poor areas. In the other areas people are encouraged to pay.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker, the committee makes the following recommendations to the County Executive; -

1. The government to consider cushioning the water companies with a cash flow so that they do not halt the operations due to cash flow problems. The continued non-payment of water bills has affected the water companies. In case this persist the companies will not meet the daily operational costs.

2. The Nanyuki Water and Sanitation Company to ensure it implements the directive to supply water to all residents without disconnections. The company reported that it has stopped disconnecting water in low income areas, there was no report on measures undertaken in other areas.

Mr. Speaker, that is the report by the committee. I beg the Members to adopt this report so that we are able to continue following up and ensure that water supply is persistent in all areas. We will be able to continue receiving it as per the requirement. Water is life. I beg Hon. Patricia Muthoni the Vice Chair for the committee to second this report.

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to first of all congratulate the Chairman for bringing this motion. I urge the Hon. Members to support this motion. I second.

(Question proposed)

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Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this report by the Committee on Water and Natural Resources from the companies visited. We visited the companies. As per the report provided by the Chair, this is what we observed. They have been trying their best to make sure that people get water services particularly during this period of COVID-19 pandemic. As much as the companies were saying that they are encouraging the people to pay for water bills, there was a problem.

They should make people aware that as much as they do not have to pay, the bill continues accumulating. The committee has done its work and it is important to encourage the companies to make sure that the people pay. It will come a time when the bill will be unpayable. The bill continues to increase day by day and be counted as per the provision of their metres.

Mr. Speaker, the two companies are trying their best. They are providing water and sanitizers to markets and on the roadblocks where people are getting tested. I beg to support.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to also support the report by my Committee on Agriculture on the response by the water companies on fighting and responding to COVID-19. I wish to appreciate the work that is being done by the water companies in helping the government help fight the issues of COVID-19. We know that water is one of the most important factors. We need to use it in washing our hands to control the spread of COVID-19.

The two major water companies in Laikipia have shown their effort. They have followed the directive given by the President that water companies should not disconnect water supply to the people during this hard times. We know that it is hard times and water is much needed. We have seen as a committee that Nyahururu Water and Sanitation Company has fully followed the directives of the President by making sure that they do not disconnect water.

We know that Nyahururu has higher expenses compared to Nanyuki. They pump most of their water using electricity. They also have a huge rent. This is the thing for the next coming years. The company should address the issue or renting in Nyahururu. They are spending 400,000 just on one or two months on issues of rent. They are then spending a lot of money from customers to pay rent. I think this is the issue they need to address in the coming financial years.

On the issues of Nanyuki Water and Sanitation Company, they have implemented the directive in some parts. They have categorised areas able to pay and those unable to pay. We know that COVID-19 is not selective. It has affected everybody. One who is at home, at work and one not at job. Those we categorise as people able to pay at this times they are now not able to pay. That is why the committee has recommended that the company should implement the directive fully. All the areas should be treated equally. People to pay according to their ability.

Yesterday I saw Nanyuki Water and Sanitation Company going around and disconnecting people's water. A lot of water has been disconnected in major parts of Thingithu and market area. This is very bad as the people need water. I reported this to the Chair.

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Nanyuki water is clean. They do not spend a lot of money on treatment and no much cost on electricity to pump water. They are going ahead and disconnecting water compared to water in Nyahururu which needs a lot of treatment to be done, electricity and rent expenditure. They are able to do as directed by the president. We need to look into this. As a member of the committee, we need to pick this so that all areas are treated well. We encourage people to pay if they are able.

We as a committee need to look at the issue of description on what they are spending. When you look at table 1.0 companies expenditure on the intervention, part number 4. They had hand sanitizers, disinfectors, surgical spirits and spray bottles spending about shillings 361,500. On part 5 they still have hand sanitizers spending about 600,000. This are the issues we need to pick as a committee.

Nanyuki Water and Sanitation Company is double reporting on the same spending. I do not think they need surgical gloves. I think we need to have a serious discussion. The Hon. Chair said that we adopt this report. We make some follow ups as a committee so that we are able to report to this House. With those few remarks, I support the report. Thank you.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Ningependa kushukuru Kamati ya Kilimo na Mazingira kwa sababu ya kazi nzuri ya kutembelea miradi yetu yote miwili. Tangu Korona iingie nchini tumekuwa na shida. Hii shida imekuwa kwa kila mmoja wetu. Sisi hapa Bungeni tukakuja na kuleta mswada hapa. Tulisema kuwa watu wanaolipa ada ya shamba, wanaoegesha magari yao na wanabiashara wengine wapunguziwe bei. Hii nyumba lazima ichukuliwe kama nyumba inayosema maneno ya maana. Sisi tunasema hivi na wengine wanafanya watakavyo.

Tumesikia kilio cha watu wa Laikipia. NAWASCO na NYAHUWASCO walichukua watu watano na kuwapeleka katika mikahawa kubwa ndivyo wapitishe kuongeza maji. Hicho ni kilio Laikipia nzima. Hao watu ni wale hawaambiliki. NAWASCO na NYAHUWASCO wanafaa wajue ya kwamba zinamilikiwa na Serikali ya Laikipia kwa asilimia tisini(90%). Wasifanye vile watakavyo. Walichukua watu watano na kuwanunulia maandazi. Waliwaambia waongeze maji. Ukishibishwa utasema ndio tu. Wanjiku aliye mashinani ameumizwa na NAWASCO na NYAHUWASCO.

Juzi tunawaona wakizunguka na kupatiana chakula. Hilo ni sawa lakini huwezi wapa watu chakula na kuwaambia wakae nyumbani na wanawe mikono ilhali unawakatia maji. Wanaenda kuchota maji mtoni kwa sababu hawana maji ya kunywa. Tumewaona na sio mara ya kwanza. Wanatuma mafundi wao wakate maji. Hawa mafundi hawana heshima kwa wananchi. Wananchi ndio wameeka NAWASCO. Tunasema kuwa wanahitaji kupatia wananchi wa Laikipia heshima. NAWASCO ama NYAHUWASCO ingekuwa imeisha kama sio wananchi hao. Lazima waheshimu wakaazi wa Laikipia.

Serikali ya Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta imesema watu wapunguziwe bei ya vitu. Mwenye nyumba hajaguzwa. Raisi wetu alisema hawezi ingilia mtu katika biashara zake. Alisema maji ya

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serikali ipunguzwe lakini siyo kukata. Nyinyi ni kama mimi hamna hatia. Tunawatuma kwa viongozi wenu wa maji muwaambie kuwa lazima wapatie wanalaikipia heshima na wapunguze maji. Wasikatie watu maji. Wakati huu hakuna mtu hajaumia. Mheshimiwa Spika, ukienda hoteli kubwa inayoitwa *Sports Club*…

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I would seek your protection. The Hon. Member is saying those your leaders. I do know who are those our leaders are. I am innocent and represent the Committee for Water in the House. The Hon. Member is just pushing that we have some other leaders.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Mheshimiwa Spika, sielewei anachosema. naomba unijulishe vizuri.

Speaker: Hon. Kanyutu can you make it clear.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mheshimiwa Spika, alipokuwa anaongea amesema anataka kututuma kwa wale viongozi wenu. Nikashangaa viongozi wetu ni kina nani.

Speaker: Hon. Veronica I hope you are listening.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Ameniambia anataka kunituma kwa wale viongozi wetu. Nilikuwa nataka kulindwa. Najua kiongozi wangu ni Mheshimiwa Spika. Hakuna kiongozi mwingine ambaye ni wangu.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Mheshimiwa Spika, ningetaka kujulisha Mheshimiwa Kanyutu, Mwenyekiti wa Kilimo na Mazingira, ya kwamba nimesema yeye hana hatia kama mimi. Sijamwingilia. Naomba kuendelea.

Speaker: The issue that Hon. Kanyutu is raising is the one that we have been discussing in this House. We address Members through the Chair so that you do not speak directly to a Member saying those your leaders. Let it be clear when you are referring to county leaders. You may continue.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will direct you. I was saying this before I was cut short…

Speaker: Hon. Veronica you will not direct me. You will address the Members through the Chair.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nilikuwa karibu nichanganyikiwe mahali nilipokuwa. Tunavyoongea, tumepata janga lingine katika Kaunti ya Laikipia. Tuko nalo hapa kwetu isipokuwa lile lililotoka Nyahururu. Limetoka hotelini hapa Sweetwaters. Hivyo ni kumaanisha sisi wote ni waathiriwa. Tungeomba viongozi wa maji wajue ya kwamba hii ni shida kwa kila mmoja. Pengine wanaokatiwa maji ni wachomaji wa mahindi ambao wanahangaishwa. Biashara zimerudi chini. Mungu anaendelea kuteremsha maji kutoka kwa mlima. Hakuna kitu wananuna isipokuwa dawa ya kutibu maji.

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Hawajaathiriwa kama vile watu wa hoteli na biashara zingine wameadhiriwa. Tunawaambia waache kupuuza sheria ya Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta inayosema watu wapunguziwe bili ya maji ili waweze kuishi. Kazi ya viongozi wetu, Mwenyekiti na kamati yake ni nzuri kabisa. Hiyo ndiyo kazi yetu ya kuangalia. Wamezunguka na kuona barakoa na vitakaza mkono ambazo ziko katika hii ripoti ila sijaziona hapa kwetu.

Naunga hii ripoti mkono lakini ningewaomba wachunguze zaidi. Waongee na amri kama viongozi wa hili Bunge letu la Kaunti ya Laikipia nakusaidia wananchi. Hivyo basi naunga mkono. Asante.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nitaanza kwa kushukuru kamati kwa ile kazi iliyofanya. Naungana na mwenzangu Mheshimiwa wa Nanyuki. Bei ya maji katika Laikipia na katika idara hizo zote za maji, NYAHUWASCO na NAWASCO, imekuwa juu sana. Kamati ingeweza kutuelekeza katika maeneo yao. Kando na kuangalia maneno ya COVID-19 na vile hao watu wanafanya, kilio cha wanalaikipia ni maneno ya bei ya maji. Imekuwa karibu na ya maziwa. Mheshimiwa amesema ya kwamba tunamiliki asilimia tisini ya kampuni hizi za maji lakini tunamiliki asilimia mia kwa mia kama serikali ya Kaunti ya Laikipia.

Mambo ya kuelekeza maneno ya bei itakuwa ya huzuni sana. Wamefanya njia moja vizuri kuwa hawakati maji. Gharama ya maji itakayokuja hata baada ya COVID-19 watu zaidi ya nusu watakatiwa maji. Bili za maji zimepita na ni kana kwamba zimeongezwa kwa asilimia hamsini. Kamati hii ya Kilimo na Maji ikiongozwa na kiongozi wa Marmanet wajielekeze kwa maneno ya bei ya maji kwa sababu ripoti iko sawa. Wanalaikipia wanalia.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker. I would like to put it clear to the Hon. Member through the Chair, that water tariffs are not regulated by the company. We have a government body called WASREB that gives tariffs to be implemented. We as an Assembly should find ways on how to seat with the WASREB. They held a meeting in Nyahururu. I was in that meeting. The people who were there agreed with the new tariffs. Some of us attended. I want to put it clear that it is not the company that gives the tariffs to be charged to our members.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Mheshimiwa Spika, sitaki kupotoshwa na Mwenyekiti. Ninajua ninachosema. Ni vizuri nimwelekeze ya kwamba kabla ya WASREP kuingilia, kampuni huja na *proposal.* Sheria ni wazi ya kwamba lazima wananchi wahusishwe. Hii ni njia ambayo Mheshimiwa Veronica anasema kwamba watu wanakusanywa na kuitwa kwa majina na kutumiwa ujumbe. Wanapatana kwa mahoteli na kuidhinisha.

Kazi ya WASREB ni kupatia kampuni za maji idhini. Sheria ni wazi ya kwamba lazima wananchi wahusishwe. Shida ya kampuni za maji ni kwamba zimekuwa kama biashara za watu fulani. Kamati ya Maji ikiongozwa na Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti ichunguze vizuri njia iliyopitia. Sitaki kutaja nakala ambayo haiko Bungeni. Nimejaribu kuchunguza kupitia WASREB. Idhini waliyopewa walibadilisha vitu vingine. Hivyo basi wakapotosha wale.

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Ningetaka kuelekeza kamati kuwa ikiwezekana wajielekeze katika maneno ya bei ya maji katika kampuni zote. Wakichunguza hayo maneno watakuta ya kwamba kuna watu waliovunja sheria katika hali ya kuidhinisha bei ya maji. Sisi kama waakilishi wa watu, maneno ya maji imekuwa shida kila pahali. Hatuwezi kuuza maji. Kaunti haifanyi biashara. Biashara yetu ni kuwapa wananchi huduma. Maziwa iko karibu kupitwa bei na maji ilhali tunanyamaza katika nyumba hii watu wetu wakilia.

Mheshimiwa Spika, naomba kwa unyenyekevu kupitia kiti chako uelekeze kamati waje na utaratibu wa jinsi maji ilivyoongezwa. Tutahakikisha kuna watu katika Bunge hii tumeweka katika sufuria ya moto kwa sababu hivyo ndivyo inastahili. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Naunga mkono.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kiguru, Member for Igwamiti. I also wish to advise you could lay the same by raising a statement in this House that the committee comes up with the formula used as you say. I think that is quite in order.

Hon. Robert Maina: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono ripoti hii ambayo imeletwa na Mwenyekiti wangu. Nampongeza kwa ile kazi nzuri amefanya. Ukiangalia ripoti hii hawa waungwana wetu ama waelekezi wa kampuni za maji wanakiuka sheria. Mwelekezo umetolewa na Raisi wetu wa kusema watu wasikatiwe maji.

Mheshimiwa Veronica alilia akisema hao waungwana wamezunguka wakikatia watu maji katika vijiji vyetu kule Likii. Tuliwasikia viongozi. Hakuna watu wa tumbo na wa mgongo. Hawawezi kuwa wanatembea vijijini kwenye walala hoi na kuwacha matajiri pande hii. Ugonjwa umekuja kwa kila mtu. Huwezi angalia wale wasio na uwezo. Unaenda huko kuwakatia maji ukijua ya kwamba watu hawako kazini. Kampuni mingi zimefungwa. Maneno yanayoendelea sio nzuri ya watu kukatiwa maji na hawako kazini. Wanatumia yale maji kila siku.

Napongeza ripoti hii na kuambia Mwenyekiti tuendelee na kuingia kule kwa kampuni. Tunafaa kuchunguza zaidi ripoti waliyopatiana hapa. Ni kama wanarudia maneno. Wanasema wamenunua hizi halafu wanarudi pale na kusema wamenunua hizi. Naambia Mwenyekiti wangu turudi kule na kuangalia haya maneno kwa undani.

Napongeza Mheshimiwa wa Igwamiti. Tuko na uwezo kama kamati na Wajumbe walio hapa wa kuchunguza tena ile bei ya maji ambayo watu wanalipishwa. Huwezi sema eti watu hawakatiwi maji na wanapewa muda halafu wakati COVID-19 itaisha, ile bei itakuwa maradufu. Kama unalipa elfu tano kwa miezi tano ambapo hujakatiwa maji, utalipa elfu hamsini. Tunafaa kukuja na mipango na bei mwafaka. Kwa huo muda ambao watu wameadhirika tuweke kiwango na bei ili watu wetu wasiumie. Wakati hili janga la Korona lilikuja watu wetu hawaendi kazini.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Robert Maina kindly sit down.

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, nilikuwa nataka ufafanuzi zaidi kutoka kwa Mheshimiwa. Amesema waweke bei ni kana kwamba ni wao huweka bei. Tunataka afafanulie Bunge hili ni wapi wao hukaa na kuweka bei. Asante.

Hon. Robert Maina: Mheshimiwa Spika, sijasema tuketi tuweke bei. Nimesema kupitia Mwenyekiti wangu tuende kwa zile kampuni tuketi na hao na kujadiliana. Tujue ya kwamba kama hii bei ni hamsini inawezaje shuka hadi ishirini na tano. Sijasema tuketi tuweke bei. Tuende tuketi na hizo kampuni. Siyo tuketi hapa tuseme mambo ya WASREB. Hapana. Wanaongozwa na hawa. Maji ya Laikipia ni yetu. Sisi ndio tunawapea mwelekezo.

Tulikuwa katika hiki kikao na hao watu ambao ni viongozi wetu wa hii kaunti wanaenda kwa kila mradi na kusema wataeka mita. Hawajaketi na wale. Lazima tuketi kama Bunge. Tuko hapa kuwakilisha. Watu wa Ngobit tunaoongoza hawatatoshea hapa. Mheshimiwa Robert ndiye atakuja hapa kuwaongoza.

Ni jukumu letu Mheshimiwa Kagondu kupitia Spika, tuketi kama nyumba na kama kamati. Tuwe na mipango mwafaka ili tuweze kupa watu wetu haki yao. Namalizia na naunga mkono ripoti hii. Hongera kwa Mwenyekiti wetu na uendelee kufanya kazi unavyofanya. Asante.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama ili niweze kuchangia hoja hii. Imewasilishwa na Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Maji. Nimeguzwa mahali kama mwakilishi wa watu wa mji wa Rumuruti. Nimeona ni nyema niwasilishe maoni yangu kuhusiana na huu mjadala. Ningependa nichukue fursa hii kushukuru Mwenyekiti, Mheshimiwa Kanyutu. Amekuwa mstari wa mbele kupigania mambo ya maji. nimekuwa nikisikia akiongelea mradi wa *irrigation* kule kwake.

Hiyo ni njia moja ya kuona ya kwamba wananchi wetu wanapata maji. Maji ni uhai. Kamati imefanya kazi nzuri ya kuangalia na kuingia kwa hizi kampuni. Kulingana na sheria ya Kaunti ama ya ugatuzi kampuni ya maji imepewa kazi ya kujisimamia lakini inafanya kazi chini ya Serikali ya Kaunti. Bunge hili lina nafasi ya kuingilia na kujua vile wanavyofanya kazi katika hizo kampuni.

Viongozi wameguzwa na mambo inayohusiana na bei ya maji. Nilikuwa mmoja wa wale walioalikwa na kuhudhuria kikao cha Nyahururu. Waliokuwa pale waliweza kutoa mapendekezo. Tayari kampuni ilikuwa na mapendekezo yao. Kulingana na yale maagano yaliyokuwa pale, ripoti ya WASREB ilirudi na yale ambayo hatukukubaliana. Walivyopandisha ada tunaona ya kwamba wamekiuka sheria na kanuni kwa sababu wameeka juu zaidi. Mtu aliye na mita ya maji na hajatumia hiyo mita kwa mwezi mmoja kuna kile kiwango amekuwa akilipa. Kwa mwezi mmoja ni shilingi mia tatu na hamsini. Kwa wakati huu utumie maji au la, ni lazima ulipe shilingi mia saba hamsini. Hiyo ada iko juu sana.

Sisi katika Bunge hili kupitia bajeti yetu tumekuwa tukiweka pesa ya kusaidia kampuni ili waweze kufikisha maji katika sehemu mbali mbali. Tunajua kazi ya kampuni ni kuhakikisha ya

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kwamba wananchi wamepewa huduma lakini sio mambo ya kupata faida. Ni jambo ningeomba kamati iweze kuifuatilia. Wajue ni jinsi gani iliyotumika ili ada ya maji iongezwe.

Laikipia ni sehemu ambayo tumepata wawekezaji wengi kuhusiana na sehemu yangu ya Rumuruti. Kunazo kampuni mingi ambazo zimekuja za maua. Hizi kampuni zinaelekeza maji taka mtoni. Tungependa kamati iweze kuingilia. Waangalie mahali hizo kampuni zinapeleka maji.

Idara ya Mazingira imezembea. Watu wetu wanaadhirika na kunywa maji chafu kwa sababu ya hizi kampuni. Ningeomba kamati vile ilivyoweza kutembelea hizo kampuni pia ihakikishe imetembelea kampuni za maua na kuona usafi na afya ya wananchi wetu wa Laikipia. Kwa hayo machache, naunga mkono mjadala huu. Asante.

Speaker: May I now call upon the mover to give a reply.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to thank Members for their contribution. I am happy to get their concerns. I promise Members that we will make good follow up on the issues they have made. I will ensure that I hold my Member firmly so that he will not say that it is the report of the Chair. We will work hand in hand. It is only that last time he left before we concluded the report. Next time I will ensure I hold him firmly. Once he attempts to move I will ensure he is at that meeting to the end.

Mr. Speaker, I promise all the Members that we will try. We will also make follow up to ensure that the Presidential directives are followed to the latter. In the areas where disconnections are going on we will make those follow ups. That is why we had to bring this report. Were it not for that, those concerns would not be in the floor of this House. I will ensure we do it.

On the issue containing mandazi and some people being called, I will also need to sit down with the Hon. Member to give me some clarification. I wish we get to the bottom of the matter. In our meeting, may be the criteria of calling Members was not clear. On the NAWASCO area, I am not aware how they did it. I will ensure we follow to the latter. I am very happy with the comments from Members.

The other issue is the rudeness of the staff that we need to follow. They are county employees. We have to ensure that our people are given the right service and in the right manner. I thank and beg all the Members we approve the report and adopt this motion. We will then be able to follow all the other steps. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERED RULING

Speaker: Just a small remark, Hon. Chairperson, Agriculture Environment and Natural Resources Committee. The committee to take into consideration the issues about tariffs and harassment of the citizens by the staff. I think it is important. We are a government that is supposed to provide services with utmost respect to our people. They are the same who pay and that is why

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we are employed. I believe as Members of the County Assembly the reason we are here is to raise those issues. As Hon. Member said the people of Ngobit, Laikipia cannot come and seat in this House. We do our representation role and we fight for them. It is good for the committee to follow up on the same.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 9th June, 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.54 a.m.

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