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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 Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

PAPERS

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to lay the paper on the Laikipia County Public Health (Prevention, Control and Suppression of COVID-19) Regulations, 2020.

Hon. George Karuiru: Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the paper on the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee report on the annual report of the Laikipia County Public Service Board, 2018/2019 dated 10th June, 2020.

(Papers Laid)

Speaker: Thank you. The Prevention, Control and Suppression of COVID-19 Regulations, 2020 is committed to the Delegated County Legislation.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LAIKIPIA COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD 2018/19

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT this House adopts the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee report on the annual report of the Laikipia County Public Service Board, 2018/2019 dated 10th June, 2020.

STATEMENTS

CONSTRUCTION OF SOLIO HEALTH CENTRE

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 45(2) c, I wish to seek a statement from the Chairperson for Health Services Committee regarding the above mentioned subject.

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Mr. Speaker, in order to develop and improve health infrastructure in Tigithi Ward, the County Assembly allocated funds to a tune of Kshs. 3 million in the financial year of 2018/2019 for the Completion works for Maternity Wing at Solio Health Centre**.**

Mr. Speaker, to date the completion works at Solio Health Centre hasn't commenced.

Mr. Speaker, I request the Chairperson for Health Services Committee to inform this House on:

1. Why the project has not commenced to date.
2. When the project is expected to commence and when it will be completed.

COMPLETION OF BAHATI DISPENSARY

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mr. Speaker, Sir. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 45(2) c, I wish to seek a statement from the Chairperson for Health Services Committee regarding the above mentioned subject.

Mr. Speaker, in order to provide essential health services addressing control of communicable diseases and managing the rising burden of non-communicable conditions in the County, the County Assembly allocated funds to a tune of Kshs. 5,174,250 million in the financial year 2018/2019 for Bahati Dispensary in Tigithi Ward.

Mr. Speaker, the aforementioned construction of Bahati Dispensary has not been completed yet. I therefore request the Chairperson for Health Services Committee to inform this House on when the project is expected to be completed. Thank you.

Speaker: The Chairperson for Health Services Committee, these are two statements that are somehow related in nature. Maybe you can tell us how much time you need for you to be able to give a response in this House.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For both statements I wish to request for one month.

Speaker: Since they are two statements, the two months have been granted so that you can be able to give a comprehensive statement.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, kupitia mwongozo wako na majibu iliyotolewa na Mwenyekiti, kusema ukweli sijaridhika akipewa muda wa mwezi mmoja kwa sababu mimi binafsi hata kabla sijafika kiwango cha kuja Bungeni, nilijaribu kuwasiliana na Mwenyekiti mhusika kuhusu hilo swala. Kusema ukweli hili ni swala nyeti sana. Nilieleze Bunge hili kwamba katika hizo hospitali wakati mwingine sisi huja hapa na kusema ya kwamba kuna kamati ambazo zinafanya kazi sana lakini ukiangalia kwa hili, mimi sijaridhika kwa mwezi mmoja.

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Sasa hivi tuko katika wiki ya bajeti. Mwaka wa 2018/2019 na wale wananchi wangu wataendelea kuumia kwa sababu ya mwezi mmoja. Kulingana na hali ya afya katika dunia, hili litakuwa siyo jambo la kuridhisha sana.

Speaker: Hon. Member for Tigithi, what exactly are you connecting with between the budget and the one month? Is it that you want to lobby for an allocation of money that can only be done through the budget? Are you raising this statement with an intention that towards the end you will be allocated money for this hospital in the budget?

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: La, hasha Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasema ya kwamba kwa fedha zilizopewa hizo hospitali zimechukua muda sana. Tunapoelekea kwenye bajeti ingine, hii serikali kusema ukweli zile bajeti tunapopitisha kwenye hili Bunge zinafikia kiwango kwamba ukifuatilia kabisa siyo zenyewe ambazo zimewekwa katika IFMIS. Hilo ni wazi na ninajua na ninaamini kwamba hii ikichukua tena mwezi moja huenda ikaongezewa pesa zingine. Ukiangalia Bahati, hizi siyo fedha za kwanza kupewa hiki kituo cha afya.

Kwa hivyo wakati mwingine tunapojadili maswala yanayohusiana na afya, inastahili sana kulivalia njuga na kuliangalia sana kwa jicho lingine katika hili Bunge inapofikia afya ya wananchi wetu. Kwa hivyo hata kama itachukua mwezi mmoja mimi siamini na sijaridhika kwa sababu nimejaribu kuwasiliana na Mwenyekiti binafsi nikitaka alishughulikie swala hili.

Speaker: That was man to man kind of discussion that is known in this House because that is communication between you two. The right procedure is the one that you have taken by raising a statement in this House so that it becomes an issue that involves the House. Because I had made a ruling then we should go by that because these are two statements for the Chairperson for Health to give a response to this House in exactly one month. I still need to see the content of the statement but as per what you are saying is that the dispensary has already been allocated money in the budget. Am I getting you right?

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Ndiyo Bwana Spika. Siwezi kudai taarifa ambayo sina uhakika nayo. Pesa zimepeanwa lakini hazijafanyishwa kazi. Ninashindwa kuelewa na unaposikiliza kwa Bunge kamati inaushabiki wa aina yake. Sasa ninashangaa kwani ni Mutahi Muritu ama ni raia waliojukumiwa kujishughulikia kwa sababu kama hatutalifanyia kazi swala la afya tunapokuja kwenye hili Bunge ni jambo ambalo siyo mzuri kwa sababu siyo mimi binafsi. Mimi mwenyewe binafsi nikiugua Bunge lako litapata pesa na nitapelekwa hospitali nzuri.

Sitaki kuendeleza sana kwa sababu ninajizuia kutumia lugha ambayo haistahili lakini wacha tupatie wananchi haki yao. Siyo mimi Mutahi Muritu kwa sababu mimi ni Mjumbe nitaenda hospitali na hata kama mimi siyo Mjumbe bado nitatibiwa. Kwa hivyo swala la afya tuache utani. Kwanza sasa hivi ni wodi ya akina mama ya kujifungulia. Hata kama sasa hivi nyinyi hamzai haijalishi lakini kuna wengine ambao wanastahili kuzaa…

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Speaker: Hon. Mutahi, I have seen the statement and you are raising some simple things here. First, on the status of the completion of Bahati Dispensary. The only thing that you are requesting is to know when the project is expected to be complete and nothing else.

Hon. Mutahi: Yes…

Speaker: Hon. Mutahi sit down and be a little bit patient. Secondly, on the construction of Solio Health Centre, the only thing that you are raising is to know why the project has not commenced to date and also to know when the project is expected to commence and when it will be completed. If we go by this and nothing else beyond this, it is only to know why the first project has not commenced and when it shall be completed and the second one is about when the project will be completed.

In that case, I wish to revise my decision because if the only case is the dates for completion. Unless you have any further issues but it is impossible because the statement is already here. The only thing you need from the Chair is to come here and explain why the project has not commenced to date as far as the Solio Health Centre is concerned and when it is expected to commence and when it shall be completed.

Two, when is the Bahati project expected to be completed. Then that is just the communication between the Chairperson for Health and the CECM for Health. Once she communicates through writing then there will be response and that is why I wish to revise the decision to two weeks. Hon. Mutahi allow me not to…

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, mbona unaleta hiyo taarifa? Hizo vituo unazoogelea siyo hata serikali ya Kaunti iliyoanzisha ujenzi. Huu ujenzi ulianzishwa na STF (Settlement Trust Fund). Mimi kama Mjumbe…

Speaker: Hon. Mutahi, sit down because you are out of order. It is also good to respect the Chair so that we can come to an agreement. Whether it was started by the settlement scheme or the government money, we are confining ourselves to the issues raised in the statement. I have revised the ruling to two weeks where the communication will be done between the Chairperson for Health and the CECM for Health for her to respond to this House on when the works are supposed to commence.

LAIKIPIA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING FUND

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to seek an extension of time to respond on the statement on Laikipia County Development revolving fund. A statement was read on the floor of the House by Hon. Catherine Kibui on the 27th of May, 2020 and committed to the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives on the same day. The committee wrote to the CECM for Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives vide letter CGL/CA/CM/002/009 dated 27th May, 2020 requesting to be forwarded to the committee on or before Wednesday, 30th June, 2020 but none was received.

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It is in the view of the above that the committee is requesting for more time to table once the CECM responds. The committee is requesting for an extension of time by two weeks for it to respond.

Bwana Spika, ningetaka kuongeza kidogo ya kwamba huu ujumbe tulioitishwa tuliweza kuandika barua lakini nilipouliza waziri juzi aliniambia ya kwamba hakupata hiyo barua na kwamba alipokea hiyo barua jana. Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika ndio unaona ni kama kuna mambo ambayo haiendelei vizuri kati ya ofisi ya Karani na Katibu Mkuu maanake kuna kuchelewa. Ndiyo maana hata hili Bunge liko na shida wakati mwingine. Tunaweza kulaumu kamati ama Wajumbe lakini mimi nimeona ya kwamba kuna shida kati ya Karani na Katibu Mkuu kuwasilisha hizi makaratasi kwa muda ambao unaofaa.

Kwa hivyo ninaonelea ni vizuri wakati tunapotuma hizi taarifa tuwe na mtu ambaye anafuatilia kutoka kwa katibu wa Bunge mpaka kwa Katibu Mkuu na kuhakikisha ya kwamba imefikia waziri kwa wakati unaofaa kwa sababu haya ni maswali ambayo inafaa kujibiwa haraka. Kama vile tumezoea kuleta taarifa hapa, wakati mwingine tunaleta taarifa ambazo hata wewe mwenyewe ukiileta hapa unaona ya hairidhishi.

Nataka kuomba hili Bunge ya kwamba tukifika wakati wa kura ya maoni tuwe na wakati mzuri wa kubadilisha katiba kwamba ikifika wakati wa kuleta huyo waziri hapa na kuweza kumkaanga. Wakati mwingine mambo ingine huwa ngumu hadi inaonekana ni kana kwamba ni kamati ambayo haifanyi kazi kama vile Mheshimiwa Mutahi amesema na kwa hivyo ningetaka tuangalie haya vizuri. Asante.

Speaker: The two weeks' extension is granted. The legal services department headed by the Deputy Clerk will communicate to the Director in charge to be following up on such kind of letters. I believe that whether letters are written, doing a follow up through the phone or going to the County Secretary, I think that it is something that can speed up that communication between the Assembly and the Executive.

MOTION

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONGST FOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Hon. George Meshami through Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT this House adopts the County Cohesion Justice and Legal Matters Committee's report on Memorandum of Understanding by and amongst the County Governments of Baringo, Isiolo, Laikipia and Samburu Counties on cooperation for peace and development dated 3rd June, 2020.

Mr. Speaker, first I would like to thank the committee for the work which it has done. I also want to inform the Members that in this report until the very end you will be able to see the MOU on the cooperation for peace and development formerly known as AMAYA. You will also

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be able to see the counties which have signed this MOU, their common agendas, the legal framework which guides them on their dissolution and even their admission of members from new counties and most importantly how the County Assembly will be involved in implementing this MOU.

The County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee was constituted by this House on 28th September, 2017. The Members are;

1. Hon. George Meshami - Chairman
2. Hon. Catherine Nyawira - Vice Chairman
3. Hon. Patricia Muthoni - Member
4. Hon. Catherine Kibue - Member
5. Hon. Daniel Nyausi - Member
6. Hon. Veronica Ikunyua - Member
7. Hon. Judy Lukio - Member

This Memorandum as I have mentioned is between Baringo, Isiolo, Laikipia and Samburu Counties. The County Executive Committee Member attended the meeting accompanied by the Director, as well as the Government Economic Advisor. This was a meeting that was held in the County Assembly boardroom and this is where we discussed this MOU, asked questions and came up with this report. On the initiative they said that it will encourage the four counties to align the objectives to their budget hence create a fund for the Cooperation on Peace and Development (CPD). You will note that there was a change of name from AMAYA to Cooperation on Peace Development and this was as a result of public participation that happened within the four counties. One of the counties had an issue and said that the name endeared itself to another community hence the team came up with the name Cooperation for Peace and Development.

This public participation was sponsored by KCB Foundation and it also came up with a clear definition of the legal status of the initiative. These MOU members can be amended when need arises. This House has continually reduced the budget that was assigned to this Cooperation on Peace and development because I believe the Members either did not understand its mandate or the issues it would be coming on board to do and this was their right and until they were made to understand is when that allocation increased.

If you look at this document at the very tail end you will notice that one of the member counties has not signed and that is Samburu County. We all know that the County Governor faced several issues with the National Government and at the point of signing if you look at the dates it was signed it was when he was huddled into court and that is why he did not sign it then. Samburu has not signed this document. As we had this meeting we were also informed that the counties of the initiative were trying to team up with the pastoralist parliamentary group on the disarmament

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of rustlers. Twelve counties had formed focal peace committee to discuss the disarmament. As mentioned we passed three million to support this imitative.

The initiative also had several agenda and it aims to implement moving forward. One of the things it aims to implement as Cooperation on Peace and Development is to have a connecting road, I am reading number six, around the four counties of nine hundred kilometres if not tarmacked to enhance trade. You will agree that the Northern counties especially Laikipia North face a lot of insecurities and one of the requests of the residents there is to have a road so that security can be beefed up. In fact this very Committee also took the initiative to visit that area and we reached Kuki Galmann Farm where we were able to see how vast and unmanageable the property is. Having a road trying to beef up security would be a very good imitative Cooperation on Peace and Development hopes to achieve.

One of the things it also suggests and aims to do is to ensure that airport in Isiolo is maximized for trade. Another aim is to open up abattoirs in the counties. One of the main things that bring money into Laikipia is abattoirs. We are pastoralists and farmers so agriculture is our main source of livelihoods. While on other counties major on crops like tea and coffee ours is livestock so I believe even during this time of COVID-19 when the livestock markets are closed people are still trading in the bush. This is one of the initiatives that the Cooperation for Peace and Development aims to achieve. Other aims include;

- Branding our beef for export
- Improve education systems and make schools accessible
- Improve standards of TVETS and impact on life skills. On this they informed us that once we have abattoirs within the areas of Laikipia then we will be able to get our leather and have it processed within TVETS and they will be doing practical skills.
- The four counties are branded as tourism destinations as the region has unique animal species
- Enhanced security, which I believe I had discussed.

There are details of the provision of the memorandum.It is under this provision and driven by the recent escalation of general insecurity in the four Counties of Baringo, Isiolo, Laikipia and Samburu, as well as to achieve meaningful social economic development through political goodwill, respect for and adherence to the rule of law and strict enforcement thereof that the Contracting Parties through the MOU, agreed to establish the 'Cooperation for Peace and Development' (CPD).

The proposed headquarters for the Cooperation for Peace and Development shall be Nanyuki which is within Laikipia County. I believe that is a plus for this County because once something that involves other counties is established here then we have access and are placed in a

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better position. Following this, Laikipia residents will benefit by getting job opportunities and the County as a whole will realize huge economic gains.

The objectives and common agenda of the CPD shall be to:

a) Facilitate Economic Growth

b) Promote Commercial off take of Livestock

c) Feedlot and fodder production program within the region to modernize the agro-pastoralism economy within the region

d) Foster technical skills development

e) Trade and investment promotion

f) Joint infrastructure development

g) Water and resource management

h) Enhanced security

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the pillars that will form the core focus of the collaboration and integration are;

1. Livestock and Agriculture Management
2. Trade, Industry and Tourism Promotion
3. Infrastructure Development
4. Water and Resource Management

The enabling pillars to support the attainment of the four strategic pillars are;

- Finance and Economic planning
- Universal healthcare
- Education and skills development
- Security

The institutions that are established are;

a) The Governing Council comprised of Governors of Samburu, Isiolo, Laikipia and Baringo

b) County Assemblies' Summit. The Assemblies will also be involved and will send Members who will go and be part of the Summit and within those Members we will also form Committees.

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c) The Secretariat

d) The Sector Committees which will also involve the County Assembly Members

Mr. Speaker, Sir, there shall be a Sector Committee for each pillar and each enabling pillar. The Chairpersons of the Sector Committee for the core pillars shall be appointed for two (2) year term with the initial chairpersons being appointed as follows;

1. Livestock and Agriculture Management- Baringo County. This is something they have already sat and discussed
2. Trade, Industry and Tourism Promotion- Samburu County
3. Infrastructure Development- Laikipia County
4. Water and Resource Management- Isiolo County

Mr. Speaker Sir, the funds of CPD shall consist of;

a) Contributions of Member Counties which means they will have to include this in their budgets

b) Income from the CPD's enterprises and activities

c) Receipts from third parties including grants and donations

Mr. Speaker Sir, property, both moveable and immovable, acquired by and on behalf of the CPD shall constitute the assets of the CPD, irrespective of their location. Property acquired by member Counties under auspices of the CPD shall be accessible to all member Counties on an equitable basis.

The amendment of this MOU shall be by a unanimous decision of all the members of the Governing Council. A proposal for the amendment of the MOU may be made to the Chief Executive by any Member County for the preliminary consideration of the Secretariat and submission to the Governing Council.

This MOU shall come into effect on its signature by all two thirds of County Governments listed in the Preamble provided that it shall only be binding to only the Counties which execute and its interpretation shall be construed as such. This MOU shall remain effective and binding upon the Contracting Parties until the execution of an implementing agreement has been executed by the contracting parties i.e. the Member Counties as a replacement of this MOU or the dissolution of the CPD.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee made the following observations;

1) There is need to bolster peace and development in the region for the benefit of residents of the four Counties.

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2) The initiative will be of benefit to Laikipia County. The headquarter being in Nanyuki will ensure that job opportunities will be available for the County residents especially clerical jobs.

3) The CPD will also develop a commercial off-take program for livestock from the four Counties which will be co-funded by respective County department of Agriculture and Livestock, Finance and Economic Planning, Kenya Meat Commission and the National Drought and Management. This will ensure that livestock farmers get market for their livestock.

4) The CPD shall collaborate and coordinate efforts amongst the member Counties to launch and operationalize their respective County Policing Authorities for effective coordination of security management in partnership with local stakeholders and National Government Security Agencies.

5) The County Assemblies Summit shall consist of members of County Assemblies and shall provide a forum to discuss, input and endorse the initiatives presented by the Governing Council, and shall provide strategic advice to the Council to ensure the initiative generate the desired impact.

The committee recommends that this House adopts the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee report on Memorandum of understanding by and amongst the County Governments of Baringo County, Isiolo County, Laikipia County and Samburu County on Cooperation for Peace and Development.

Without further ado and like I have mentioned the MOU is attached there. That was just a summary of what we found in this document. Maybe just to guide Members through the most important sections and if you look at the attachment you will see the County Assemblies Summit and our involvement. You will also see the sector committees that will be formed once the MOU takes place. I urge Members to support this document and beg the Chair of the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee Hon George Meshami to rise and second this report.

(The Speaker left the Chair)

(The Deputy Speaker Hon. Daniel Nyausi took the Chair)

Hon. George Meshami: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi pia ninasimama kuunga mkono ripoti hii nikisema ni muhimu sana katika Laikipia yetu kwa sababu mwongozo huu umeletwa na Gavana wetu na yeye ndiye ameketi na kuonelea ni muhimu sana aunganishe hizi Kaunti nne. Kwanza kabisa ni kwa sababu ya usalama. Kulingana na vile unaelewa na ninajua wewe ni mmoja kati ya wale ambao wameathirika na janga la ukosefu wa usalama Laikipia. Nitasema ya kwamba sisi kama wana Laikipia tumeathirika na ndiyo maana Gavana wetu ameketi chini na kuonelea ni vyema kutafuta muungano na Kaunti zote nne ili waje waketi chini na waungane kuleta maelewano kati ya watu wetu kutoka Kaunti zote nne.

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Nikiangazia usalama wewe mwenyewe unaelewa lile janga tumepitia kwa muda mrefu kama Laikipia. Tumeathririka kwa njia moja kwa vile wavamizi wanatoka Baringo, Isiolo na Samburu na kutuvamia. Hakuna hata siku moja kama Laikipia tumewahi kwenda kuwavamia na kuleta mali yao na kuwaua. Ukikumbuka hivi majuzi Wadi yangu ninayoiwakilisha tulipitia changamoto hii na kupoteza zaidi ya watu wanne. Kwa upande wao walipoteza zaidi ya watu kumi na sita kwa hivyo mkataba huu wa makubaliano ulioko hapa Bungeni leo ni kuhusu usalama katika Laikipia yetu.

Tunaelewa ya kwamba bila usalama hakuna maendeleo yatapatikana. Tunajua usalama ni mwanzo wa maisha ya binadamu. Unakumbuka hivi majuzi watu wetu wamekuwa wakilala hospitalini ilhali siyo wagonjwa. Wengine walilala makanisani ilhali siyo siku ya kuabudu, na hata wengine wakalala msituni na siyo wanyama. Hii ni kwa sababu ya hili jambo la ukosefu wa usalama. Ninasimama nikiunga ripoti hii mkono na kuomba Waheshimiwa wenzangu kuipitisha kwa sababu itakuja kutusaidia.

Tusema ya kwamba ni mwanzo mpya, na ninasema hivyo kwa sababu wavamizi wakituvamia tunawafuata kama serikali ya Laikipia na wakiingia Isiolo hutaiona serikali hiyo ikitokea kuwafuata wale wahalifu. Vilevile wakiingia Baringo hutaiona serikali hiyo ikijitokeza kuwafuata. Unakuta hata Serikali ya Kaunti ya Laikipia inaisha nguvu kwa sababu wezi wamevamia Kaunti yao na kupotelea Kaunti zao. Serikali ya Kaunti hizo ndiyo inayoelewa vile Kaunti hizo ziko. Tukiungana pamoja kama Kaunti zote nne tutaweza kutatua janga hili la kutokuwa na usalama kwa hivyo ninaunga mkono ripoti hii.

(*Question proposed*)

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to contribute on this motion brought by the Cohesion Committee. This is a noble idea on cooperation amongst the counties. It is unfortunate because Samburu has not signed and the mover has said it is because the Governor had issues. I can say no because we had a research there and I am very eager since I like following up on what is going on in our counties. The Members of the County Assembly have appreciated this document but their main concern was that it started from the top and was never initiated from the bottom. That was their concern and it came directly from the Speaker.

What is entailed in this document is good for our County. If this cooperation is engaged by all the counties we cannot be having the conflicts we have in Kamwenja, Isiolo and from any other corner. The only issue coming from the Samburu side with AMAYA, is the slogan that was spread to the community in the region that the cooperation will ensure that they do not come to graze in Laikipia and they rely on Laikipia during the dry spell. The report is good and I would wish that our Governor and the Governor of Samburu sit down and sign it as a group instead of leaving it to be one-sided. I am sure with the goodwill of the Assembly of Samburu as I got from the Speaker of that Assembly, they are ready to engage but they needed to do public participation.

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For anybody who has never been affected by these conflicts they may not see the importance of this cooperation. For those affected they know the importance and if we get the implementation of it, I am sure peace will prevail. I wish the Hon. Leader of Majority was in this House because when we speak on issues pertaining to insecurity he can attest to what his people are going through. A while back I was experiencing the same but now things have cooled down. The Honourable Member for Sosian is here and he knows what befalls his region due to insecurity from other regions. I support this report but I would wish if we do without incorporating Samburu County it might be a hitch on peace within our county.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nashukuru kwa hii nafasi ambayo umenipatia ili niweze kuchangia kwenye ripoti hii iliyowasilishwa na Kamati ya Ushikamano. Kwanza kabisa nasema ripoti ni nzuri na walivyonakili ajenda na maoni niseme ziko sawa. Kamati imefanya kazi nzuri kulingana na juhudi zao na nashukuru Mwenyekiti pamoja na Wanakamati wote wa hii Kamati ya Usalama. Sote tunaifahamu ripoti hii kuhusiana na AMAYA na zile bidii ambazo Gavana wetu, Mheshimiwa Nderitu Muriithi aliweka ili kuleta Kaunti zote nne majirani wetu karibu ikiwemo Laikipia, Samburu, Isiolo na Baringo. Mwaka wa 2017 tuliitwa kwenye kikao kule Baringo na kwenye hicho kikao viongozi kutoka zile Kaunti zote walikuwa wamealikwa.

Mheshimiwa Spika, tukiwa kwenye kile kikao tulijadiliana mambo mengi ingawa kuna Kaunti haikuweza kufika pale. Nikipitia ripoti hii ule ukurasa wa nyuma, niliona vile magavana walivyotia sahihi mkataba wa kuwa na uwiano na ushirikiano kati ya kaunti hizi jirani. Umuhimu wa huu mpango ni kuleta jamii zetu za wafugaji pamoja ambao wameishi kwa mzozo kwa miaka mingi na pia kuweza kuinua hizo sehemu. Mara nyingi zile sehemu hawana mvua na huwa wanatatizika kwa mambo mengi.

Mwenyekiti atakaporudisha, tungependa kuweza kujua kama Cooperation for Peace and Development bado ipo ama ilikufa zamani na ikasahaulika. Imekuwa ni muda mrefu sana na hatujakuwa na vikao ilhali kumekuwa na ukosefu wa usalama. Hivi majuzi sehemu ya Mukogodo West kulikuwa na shida na sijui kama AMAYA walifika pale na kutatua zile shida. Hili lilikuwa ni jambo zuri na Mheshimiwa Nderitu Muriithi alikuwa amefikiria jinsi ya kuwaleta watu pamoja. Mtu akiwa na wazo nzuri asipopata nguvu na asiposhikiliwa mashinani hilo jambo huenda likakosa kufua dafu. Kama Wana Laikipia tuliweza kuingia mashinani na kuhamasisha watu umuhimu wa huu mfumo wa AMAYA. Kaunti nyingine waliregea kwani siyo wote walionyesha kuwa na moyo wa kuweza kusaidia jambo hili.

Tunapoongea sasa hivi, mpaka wetu na Isiolo na ule wa Baringo kuna mzozo. Pale Baringo tunajua serikali imeweza kuingia pale na kujaribu kutoa silaha zinazomilikiwa kinyume na sheria. Kwa wakati huu tunajua kuwa wafugaji wengi kutoka Baringo tayari wamevuka mpaka wetu na wameingia kule ndani kabisa. Ni jambo ambalo serikali inafaa kuchukulia hatua na niweze kuwasihi Kamati ya Usalama waingilie kati na waongee na ofisi Kamishna wa Kaunti ili waone ya kuwa jambo hilo limeweza kuangaliwa.

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Tunajua kuwa tumepoteza mali na maisha ya watu wetu na hili jambo la Cooperation for Peace and Development likipewa kipaumbele na kuhamasishwa kisha sote tuweke juhudi zetu pamoja, tunajua kuwa wananchi watasaidika. Tulikuwa katika kikao kule Baringo na tukaelezwa kuwa kupitia Food Agricultural Organization (FAO) walijenga kidimbwi ambacho kiko kwenye mpaka wa Samburu, Laikipia na Baringo. Hiyo ni sehemu ya wafugaji na ile hali ya kutumia kidimbwi pamoja inaleta usalama, ushirikiano na ujirani. Jambo kama hilo likifanyika mara nyingi watu wetu wataona umuhimu wa kuishi pamoja.

Naunga hii ripoti mkono na ninaomba pia kupitia *Cooperation for Peace and Development*, vilevile zile *ranch* ziko Laikipia kwani mara nyingi wanazozana na majirani. Wakati huo mwingine tulisikia Lolldxaiga Ranch kulikuwa na shida kidogo kwa sababu ya kutoelewana na majirani. Kitu kinachofaa ni heshima kati ya ranchers na wale majirani ili maisha yaweze kusonnga mbele na amani idumu Laikipia na katika Kaunti jirani. Kwa hayo machache nashukuru Mwenyekiti na naunga mkono ripoti hii, asante.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I take this opportunity to voice my contributions on this report. I want to thank the Committee on Cohesion for the good work they have done because they have tried to summarise the whole document for us to go through it easily. This is a good initiative and maybe there are a few issues here and there but I choose to look at the bigger picture. The bigger picture is actually what was in the minds of those who wanted to start this the Cooperation for Peace and Development initiative.

Laikipia is not an island and definitely what happens in the counties that border Laikipia definitely affects us. The issue of cooperation is something that is going on around the country and we have seen several in Western Kenya and as well there is the Central Economic Blocs. I think this is because we used to be one country and one continent and human beings have turned the world into a small village. We do not have reasons why we should not work together with Counties surrounding us.

If you go through the document, it is so specific on the issues that are related in the four counties especially, in terms of security and in terms of livestock development. The people who had this thing in mind were looking at Laikipia in a bigger picture and in the long term. This is how things should happen in this country because even if the constitution created 47 counties, some of them are not viable and sustainable we continue to rush and cry to the National Government to give us some allocations. It is our responsibility as leaders to come together and strengthen the ability to serve the people of our counties in the best way possible, by pulling resources together. Coming together is strength and through it we can be able to bring partners and donors so that they can be able to complement and supplement what the County is doing.

What is making me happy about the document is on the issues of the objectives and common agendas of the CPD and one is that we are focusing on facilitating economic growth of our counties. We agree that if we do not look at the issues of growing the economy of our counties, we cannot be able to finance what we want to do as a county, we cannot finance our budget and

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we will not be able to provide the services our people need, as well we cannot provide jobs for our youth and our people.

Mr. Speaker, we have seen around the world countries are growing a Sovereign Fund Bank. We are seeing here that we want to develop a Revolving Development Fund which I wish we can be able to grow into sovereign fund so that the four counties can be able to use it and fund development agendas. This is so that we can stop saying that we are giving 30% from our budget on development instead we want to say we are giving 50% so that we can be able to grow our businesses, agribusinesses and any other economic activities in our county.

The next one is an objective which I agree with that, promote a commercial uptake of livestock in the four counties. It is a good one but it has been promoted by the anti-livestock keepers who think that livestock keeping is a negative activity that affects the land. We have seen the campaign by the conservationists going round who think that livestock does not contribute to the economy of our country and now going down to the economy of our county. As we continue implementing this thing, these are the areas that we ought to improve.

Over 80% of this country and specifically of all the four counties is dominated by arid and semi-arid land and the only economic activity we can be able to promote is livestock production. This needs to be complemented by number C; feedlot and fodder production so that we make livestock pastoralism a business that can generate income and promote the economy of these counties. It has always been the same but we need not look at it in a way that we need to reduce the number of livestock in this country or our counties. Every day we consume the products of these livestock and they support a very large percentage of the population's income in this county.

On trade investment, we have captured the issues of tourism circuit in the four counties. It is true the four counties form a very unique circuit in terms of tourism. We have captured it slightly and we need to focus so much on how we will develop tourism in this region and circuit as we continue implementing this MOU and other programmes and activities in it. The issue of joint infrastructure development is a nice one and we are seeing what is happening across Africa, we have the OAU leading in the issues of infrastructure development because we need each other.

We need infrastructure to go between the two counties and this way we can ease movement of goods and services from the four counties and at the same time enable us to respond on issues of insecurity. The Honourable Member alluded in his contribution that one of the major reasons this was started is to address the issues of insecurity in the four counties. Without security we cannot be able to do our activities in a peaceful and productive manner. The last one is enhancing security and we need to see how to enhance security and this is mentioned as an objective but in the issues of coming with activities we need to have a specific way on how to do beyond what we call county policing authorities.

County policing authorities cannot be able to bring peace in our counties. We want to see what Samburu has done in terms of building their rangers and making them effective in responding

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to insecurity issues and it is the same case with Isiolo. We need Laikipia to be in the same platform so that we can be able to utilise the rangers and the National Police Reservists that we have in our counties to complement what the national agencies are doing in terms of security. We need to invest in roads that promote mobility improving response to security issues.

We also need to address the issue of culture, because if we still have communities practising cattle rustling, we need to sensitize them that these things do not add value in life. All the four counties still have those issues affecting us and we need to improve and implementing the issues of what is the County Assembly's role in the implementation of it which can be addressed by developing a strong legal framework and policies that can facilitate the implementation of this MOU.

We need to have strong policies in all the four counties so that we can be able to promote accountability. We can be able to hold those running this program accountable to what they are doing. The major role here is accountability and approving activities and funds to this cooperation. It is a good initiative that we all need to support and an initiative started we need to see it growing and implemented. Three years down the line I believe this initiative will go beyond the electioneering period so that it can serve the people of Laikipia in a long and sustainable way. With those few remarks, I support the report from the Committee.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support the report or this MOU between the four counties and I would like to congratulate the Committee on Cohesion led by the abled Chairperson Hon. Meshami, for the compilation of this report. I would want to appreciate that when we had the meeting of the four counties, we sat and agreed. I can see the name AMAYA has been changed and the meaning is key. Some time back the Senator of Narok, Ledama Ole Kina said that they would want a piece of grazing land in our Laikipia County.

Some of these synonyms are very much affective. If they are not well looked at they can have some more meaning. My village, Ol Moran neighbours it. What I have not heard our Members mention is about the conservancies that are across the four counties. It is evident that there are so many conservancies that govern those. The current title is about peace and cooperation leave alone development. I know that the hideout of all those cattle rustlers and wrong doers is in the conservancies. I know that a little bit about Laikipia North that borders Isiolo.

Each one of you knows that Laikipia Nature Conservancy partly neighbours Ol Moran, Githiga, Sosian and the two counties namely Baringo and Samburu. If the four teams can have regular meetings then cattle rustling and insecurity issues would be a thing of the past. In the report I have seen issues of disarmament. If we follow the name on peace and cooperation, we would say that it is now disarmament and it would be. We will then grow. What most of our people in the community are lacking is the nature or change of business.

Laikipians' key issue is farming. The other communities are about livestock keeping. We as Laikipians should go on benc marking and see what they are doing. I remember that some of us

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in this Hon. House went to Botswana. We had very good experiences of feedlots and fodder production. It is a key issue in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). We would sit down and agree on doing the feedlots. We can also change the type of livestock we have to faster ones that can get people to be rich.

If we work as a team, the four Governors and the Hon. House in the four counties, we can be able to lobby. Some of these conflicts are brought by lack of dams or water for the livestock. There can be lobbying because we have a lot of free lands. The government has all the resources that we can equal task and put up water dams for irrigation and livestock. Those conflicts will actually ease.

We have lost many lives and livestock has been stolen. I am hoping that with cooperation, aggressive and good neighbours we can go far as the four counties. We will go on encroaching. We unite with Meru although we do not have fracas with them, Nyeri and all the other neighbouring counties. We will then be a strong Kenya. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kutoa mchango wangu katika huu mkataba wa uwiano kati ya Kaunti nne lakini ni tatu zilizotia saini. Gavana Ndiritu Muriithi ameweka saini mwezi wa nne mwaka wa elfu mbili kumi na tisa, Stanley Kaptis kutoka Baringo na Mohammed kuti wametia saini.

Suala la amani ni muhimu sana kwa mwanadamu. Watu wanasema kuwa amani ni muhimu kuliko uhuru. Unaweza pata uhuru lakini usiwe na amani. Naamini kama vile ndugu yangu amesema kuwa kule Ol Moran, Githiga, Mukogodo Magharibi na Mashariki wanapata changamoto sana kwa sababu ya amani. Tuko hapa kwa sababu tulichaguliwa kwa amani na tunastahili kutilia mkazo sana. Tatizo langu ni kwamba serikali hii ina mambo mazuri sana yanayopendekezwa lakini utekelezaji unazua shida kidogo.

Mheshimiwa Spika, nakumbuka tulipokuwa Baringo tulikutana na Wajumbe wa Baringo katika ziwa la Bogoria. Changamoto zilijitokeza kwa sababu ya jina AMAYA. Watu wa Samburu wakasema kuwa wanapinga kwa sababu ya jina linaloitwa AMAYA. Hivi sasa imekuja na kuitwa CPD. Mikataba hii ni mingi sana. Huu sio mswada ilhali ni makubaliano ya uwiano yaliyofikiwa na hao magavana watatu. Nilipokuwa nasoma huu mkataba wa maelewano niliona ya kwamba kuna vitu walivyoongelea sana.

Wajumbe wanakusudiwa kwa sababu inasemekana kutakuwa na baraza la Wajumbe wawakilishi wa Bunge kutoka kwa kaunti hizi nne. Mheshimiwa Spika, ukisoma huu mkataba vizuri unaeleza ya kwamba tukiridhia itabidi tuipe bajeti. Kutakuwa na mtendaji mkuu na naibu wake. Hili ni suala la amani. Serikali hii iko mbele sana katika utekelezaji na kuanzisha mambo mengi. Isiwe tu kuanzisha ama kutafutia watu vyeo. Ukienda katika kumbukumbu mimi na wajumbe tulio hapa tumesema kuwa fedha tunazopewa kutoka kwa Wizara ya Ugatuzi, Kenya Devolution Support Program(KDSP), ni sawa na fedha zinazopewa majimbo yanayojulikana kama CDF.

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Hizo fedha ni mingi sana. Tunatumia hizo fedha katika *Smart Town Initiative* na kadhalika. Wamepata wafadhili ambao ni Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) na wakaweza kushirikisha watu. Nitaunga huu mswada mkono kwa jambo moja tu, kama wananchi wa Laikipia, Ol Moran, Githiga na Mukogodo Magharibi watapata amani pia mimi nitakuwa na amani. Hilo ndilo jambo muhimu sana. Hakuna kitu kingine cha maana sana kama amani.

Tulipokuwa Bogoria, Gavana wetu alipendekeza ya kwamba mifugo wanaotoka katika hayo maeneo wataukwa na vipuri vya rangi ya aina yake. Katika huu mkataba sisi kama Laikipia tumeambiwa kuwa tutashughulika na mazingira. Ni vizuri sana. Wataomba hizo fedha baada ya kupitisha. Hiyo *secretariat* itakaa na kutoa mapendekezo ya fedha zao. Isikuwe tunaambiwa ni wanne ilhali watakuwa watatu kwa sababu ndio wametia saini. Tuweke fedha ambapo kila mtu atatoa milioni kumi lakini hizo fedha hazitaoneka.

Mheshimiwa Spika, uliye kitini, tulikuwa nawe. Mapendekezo yako ni ya barabara Tulikalie suala hili chini. Inabidi tukutane kama washika dau wa Bunge zote kabla ya kuweka fedha. Tukubaliane kuwa Baringo mmetoa kiwango hiki. Isiwe kati ya magavana kwa sababu wametengeneza sheria ilhali mstakabadhi wa jinsi tutaeka CPD hutaonekana. Tunaweza sema ni barabara ilhali watu wanaibiwa ng'ombe, hawana amani na wanaendelea kupigwa. Tunastahili kulifanyia kazi hilo suala.

Huu siyo mswada ilhali ni makubaliano ya kuelewana. Yalitakikana yaje katika hili Bunge la Kaunti ya Laikipia. Sijui kama Baringo na Isiolo wameridhia. Sisi tusipelekeshwe ya kwamba wao walikutana huko ili tuje tuweke bajeti. Hatukatai bajeti. Lakini sisi kama washikadau wengine wa Bunge hizo zingine tunastahili kukutana na kujua mwelekeo. Nashukuru sana Mwenyekiti kwa kazi njema aliyofanya. Tumepitisha mikataba mingi sana katika hili Bunge. Tumeanza *leasing* tukaenda COVID-19, dharura na hivi sasa tumeletewa makubaliano ya kuelewana ambayo imetiwa kidole. Tuiangalie sana kulingana na uwezo wetu wa bajeti. Sina shida na hilo.

Naunga mkono iwapo wananchi wa hayo maeneo na majirani wetu tutapata amani. Iwapo si amani ni kazi tunatafutia watu basi hakuna tiba yoyote katika kaunti wetu. Nimetoa mchango wetu na cha muhimu ni amani. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nataka kutoa mchango wangu kwa ripoti iliyo mbele ya Bunge. Nashukuru kamati kwa kazi iliyofanya ikiongozwa na Mheshimiwa Meshami. Hii kazi ni ya maana. Kitu cha kwanza ni kuunga mkono ripoti hii. Jambo ni moja lililo hapa ambalo ni amani. Heri kuwa na amani kuliko jambo lingine lolote. Amani huleta maendeleo. Kitu cha kwanza ni amani. Nataka pia kumshukuru Gavana wa Laikipia. Yeye ndiye alianzisha hili jambo ambalo litakuwa la manufaa kwa watu wetu.

Kaunti ya Samburu haijasaini lakini huenda wakasaini hivi karibuni. Kwa wale ambao wamesaini huu mkataba, ni vizuri hili Bunge lipeane amri ya kuendelea. Wakati amani inakosa Laikipia huadhirika. Wale walio upande wa mashariki na magharibi huumia wakati amani inakosekana. Ningetaka huu mkataba uweze kuwa na mbinu ya kuleta amani miongoni mwa watu

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wote wa Laikipia. Katika Laikipia tuko na shida ya ukosefu wa amani. Sitaki kuongeza maneno mengi hapa. Hata kama tume itaundwa ama watakaa vikao ngapi jambo muhimu ni amani. Hata kama tutatenga pesa ngapi kitu cha kupewa kipaumbele ni amani. Naunga mkono. Asante.

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

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the Members for their contribution toward this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) report. I also want to raise and respond to some of the comments that were raised by the Members. During the public participation several issues came up. The most recent meeting that we had the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has four tringles which are not very clear. One of the triangles is black, the other one is green, the other one red and the other one white.

Members from the other counties were assuming that probably because their counties are the ones who come in to feed and graze into our areas as we are calling them black and we assume that Laikipia is green and may be another one is white. There are many things that arose from this public participation which made the logo and the name to be changed. The approach that had initially been used from top to down got changed as everybody was involved.

It is not a secret that most of the major pastoralists have interests and continually tried to put down this document. There are things that thrive from crisis and disorganization. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) seeks to put order. That will make sure that cattle rustling and insecurity does not thrive. In the interest of many people the fewer people will lose. The Corporation on Peace and Development is still very much alive. We know that this House has not given it funding. We have not given it the teeth thus it has nothing to say of what it has done. The insecurity that has been happening within Laikipia North has affected those counties.

I also wish to thank the Members of this House especially those from the far Laikipia East and Laikipia West. They are not directly affected by some of these things. They agreed to step aside and allow Laikipia North, the pastoralist community to take the fore front. They understood their problems. They also understood that should they not allow them to take an initiative, the problem will find them. This is because they will start moving in until they get to Igwamiti or Marmanet Ward.

Livestock is a very high contributor to the economy not only in this county but also the whole county. If you look at counties like Nyeri and those counties that have coffee and tea, every few kilometres you find a factory. If you go to a few counties you will probably not find meat being put. We have failed as leaders to come up and invest heavily. We make sure that they are there. Our cash crops, I want to call them crops but sometimes they are not crops, can make money for us. This initiative seeks to bring such investment into the county. I wish to thank the Members for their contribution. I urge them to pass this report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed on)

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CONSIDERED RULING

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members before we rise, I would like to emphasize about Cooperation, Peace and Development. There is a saying that says you cannot choose a neighbour. Other blocks in this county are doing different from what we are doing. Most of the other blocks if not all are thinking of merging their resources together. Let us remember that we are not yet there because peace is the priority. You do not have to invest when you do not have peace.

I will kindly ask the Hon. Members to ensure that our county has peace. We will then be able to put more development. Most schools have been built up and they are now not running because of insecurity. Peace is the number one priority. I thank the Governors who were fronting this. Let us help them to make sure that they deliver to our people. I thank you Members.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The sittings of this House stands adjourned until later today, Wednesday, 10th June, 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 10.35 a.m.

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