REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 21st July, 2021

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, kindly confirm whether we have a quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Serjeant at Arms to ring the bell for ten minutes

(Quorum bell rang for five minutes)

Speaker: Clerk, kindly confirm whether we have quorum?

(Quorum confirmed)

MOTIONS

ENTERPRISE FUND QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE TRADE, TOURISM AND COOPERATIVES COMMITTEE

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

THAT this Assembly adopts the report by the Trade Tourism and Cooperative Committee on the Laikipia County Enterprise Fund Report and financial statements for the quarter ended 30th September, 2020 dated 13th July, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, on this report we shall start with the preface. We have the composition of Members who are seven;

1. Hon. Judy Lukio - Chairperson
2. Hon. George Meshami - Vice Chairman
3. Hon. Irene Wacuka - Member
4. Hon. Mary Samken - Member
5. Hon. Simon Kanyutu - Member
6. Hon. John Mutahi - Member
7. Hon. Chris Mark - Member

Committee Meetings

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Mr. Speaker, the Committee has held a number of meetings to scrutinize the document as required prior to tabling it in the House. On behalf of the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee, I have the honour and pleasure to present the Committee's report. Mr. Speaker, May I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Committee for their valuable contributions during the entire process. Thank you.

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

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

Background information

Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to the public Finance Management Act,2012 Section 166 not later than one month after end of each quarter the County Treasury shall-

1. Consolidate the quarterly reports and submit to the County Assembly.
2. Deliver copies to the controller of Budget, National Treasury and Commission on Revenue Allocation and
3. Publish and publicize them.

In compliance to the above regulation, the County Government of Laikipia submitted the quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the Quarter ended 30th September, 2020 to the County Assembly.

Fund Establishment

Laikipia County Enterprise Development Fund was formed through an Act of Assembly that was enacted in 2014. Further Amendments have been done to the Act in 2017 and 2018 respectively. The Fund is managed by a board comprising of 7 members with the Fund Manager being an ex-official member and Secretary to the Board.

Fiduciary Management of the funds

The Fund is managed by eight board members who include the fund administrator whose mandate include supervision and control of the fund, prepare budgets and such plans for better administration of the fund and impose conditions and restriction on the use of fund as may be necessary. During the period under review the board member are as indicated in the table below;

	NAME	**POSITION**
1.	George Mwangi	Chairman
2.	Daniel Thuo Njoroge Butti	Board Member representing Youth
3.	Monica Masiano Lenanyokoe	Board Member representing Women
4.	Joseph Lerina	Board Member representing People with disability.
5.	John K Gitonga	Secretary to the Board.

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6.	Jemimah Mburugu	Ag Chief Officer Trade ,Tourism, Co-operatives and Industrial Development
7.	Paul Njenga Waweru	Ag Chief Officer Finance and Economic Planning.
8	Annette Muriuki	Ag Chief Officer Education ICT and Sports
	KEY MANAGEMENT	
1.	Biwott Tirop	CECM Trade Tourism and Enterprise Development.
2.	John Gitonga	Ag Fund Administrator
3	Murungi Ndai	CECM Finance and Economic Planning.
4	Archangel Gachoka	Fund Accountant.

The Funds Financial Statements

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Government presents the recent actual fiscal performance for the first Quarter of FY 2020/2021 and makes comparison to the budget appropriation for the same period of the year. It further provides a comprehensive report and financial review with sufficient information to show changes from the projections outlined in the latest County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2020/2021.

The statements provide overview of how the actual performance of first Quarter of 2020/2021 were effected in compliance with the fiscal responsibility principles and financial objectives as detailed in the 2020/2021 County Fiscal Strategy Paper.

Mr. Speaker Sir, during the period under review statistical analysis for individual and group loan applicants under category of employment, 13.5% applicants were employed while 86.5% were Non-employed as captured in the figure that is not clear.

On page 7, there is the loan analysis and Mr. Speaker Sir, as per the loan analysis in table 1 above since financial year 2015/2016 to financial year 2018/2019 the total group loans issued was 250 while for individual loans was 163 adding up to a total of 413 loans issued. Total amount of loan issued for the four years captured was Kshs. 36,377,731.

Table 2 show the money issued, the interest incurred, loan repayment to the end. On page 8, Mr. Speaker Sir, as per the table 2 above the loan repayments final budget was Kshs. 7,000,000 against Actual on comparable basis of Kshs. 227,481.00 leading to performance difference of Kshs. 6,772,519.00.This may be due to defaulting loan repayments or delay on loan issuance. On loan disbursement, the final budget was Kshs. 25,000,000 and the same figure was recorded on performance difference meaning no loans were issued during the period under review.

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

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira) took the Chair]

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Committee Observations

Madam Speaker, the Trade, Tourism, Enterprise, Development and Co-operatives Committee made the following observation;

1. The loan analysis table 1 provided in the report did not capture the period under review i.e. quarter ended September, 2020.
2. Statistical analysis for loan application outline that, most of the loan applicants are indicated as non-employment having 86.5% of overall applications whereas 0.7% were Persons Living with Disabilities.
3. The loan analysis table 1 indicate that only 413 Laikipians benefited from the loans amounting to Kshs 36,277,731 for a period of four years. This is a low margin compared to the unemployment rate and number of SMES in Laikipia.

Committee Recommendations

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Trade, Tourism, Enterprise, Development and Co-operatives Committee made the following recommendation.

1. Accurate and up to date documentation should be the best practice when managing the Laikipia County Enterprise Development funds.
2. Intensive sensitisation and capacity building should be done among the Laikipians to ensure more youth, women and people living with disability have benefited from the Fund. This will help on curbing unemployment and food shortage within the County.
3. More funds should be injected in the Laikipia County Enterprise Development fund vote in order to accommodate more applicants.

Committee Conclusion

That this House adopts the report on the Committee report on Trade, Tourism and Co-operatives on the Laikipia County Enterprise Fund Report and Financial statement for the quarter ended 30th September, 2020.

Mr. Speaker, this report is self-explanatory and it is very easy to understand. I call upon Hon. Simon Kanyutu who is a Member of this committee to second the report. Thank you.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to second the report by Madam Chair and I also support the committee's recommendations that more funds should be injected on the same for the benefit of our business people. This fund has been doing wonders. If this Assembly increase the funds, more people will benefit. I have witnessed in my area on how the enterprise fund can uplift the standard of our businesses and the living standard of our people. That is why I second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support the report and make contributions on the same. It is good that the recommendation of the committee is that intensive. Sensitization and capacity building should be done among Laikipians. If I look at the recommendation that we should do sensitization and capacity building to Laikipians to enable

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more youth, women and PWDs only to leave the endangered species of men. When you say we should sensitize Laikipia, we should include all Laikipians.

If you look at Men who are at 36 years, they are out of that group of youth. When you say they don't benefit then the people needed by the community will not benefit. A man between 36 and 50 years old that is the time those people need to work extra hard. That is the time that the whole family needs to be served by the same person. The family we are talking about is the family composed of wife, children and the man. When sensitizing Laikipians we should tell them, youth, women, PWDs and also men should benefit.

The money is set to benefit all the Laikipians. When we as committee sensitize and emphasize that youth, women and PWDs and leave that group of Men who we rely upon we might fund ourselves looking for the same fund. In future the committee should emphasize all Laikipians to benefit whether youth, women, PWDs or men. I support. Thank you.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Asante, Bi Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono hii ripoti ya kamati ambayo imesomwa na Mwenyekiti Lukio inaelezea vizuri kuhusu hii ripoti.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): Hon. Stephen kindly refer to the Member as Honourable not Lukio.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Asante, Bi. Spika. Ni Mheshimiwa Judy Lukio Wanjiku. Kulingana na ripoti ambayo mwenyekiti amesoma inaeleza kinagaubaga vile wizara inavyoendesha huu ufadhili wa kujiimarisha. Wakati nilikuwa mwenyekiti wa hii kamati tulijaribu kuhakikisha wananchi wote wanapata zile pesa. Kuna wakati tulileta ripoti ya vile watu binafsi na vikundi wamepata ule ufadhili. Nikiangalia ripoti naona vikundi wamepokea mamilioni ya pesa kuanzia mwaka wa 2016, 2017 na 2018. Mwaka wa 2019 tunaona watu binafsi waliweza kupata pesa ambao ni 163 ambao walipokea zaidi ya milioni 15.

Mheshimiwa Spika, nikisema hivyo nazingatia sana upande wa mtu binafsi. Kama mfanya biashara, watu wengi huogopa kuchukua zile pesa kama vikundi. Jambo kama hili tunaona ni la kuweza kuwainua Wananchi wa Laikipia ni jambo tunafaa kufikiria kama Bunge na kuongezea ile wizara pesa za ufadhili wa kujiimarisha.

Tunajua kwamba Korona imeua biashara mingi. Kama tutaweza kuwapatia Wananchi hizi pesa zitakuwa za manufaa kwa biashara zao na kuinua jamii zao. Niungane na Mheshimiwa kutoka Umande kwamba Kamati wameonelea kwamba vijana, akina mama na walemavu ndio wanafaa kupokea zile pesa. Wakati mwingi wanaume tumewachwa nyuma. Tunalimwa hata kwa manyumba. Niliona habari juzi na nikaona wanaume wako na shida. Hizi shida zinaanzia na mambo kama haya.

Mheshimiwa Spika, kama utawezesha akina mama na vijana kupata zile pesa kisha mzee awachwe na huyu mzee ndiyo amelea ile familia hadi wakafika kiwango cha kujisimamia atakuwa kwa shida. Hawa watakua na pesa na yeye hana. Nasimama kuungana na Mheshimiwa kusema sisi wanaume wakati huu lazima tusimame kidete pia tujitetee kwa sababu inaonekana ni kama mambo inaenda mrama. Nikiangalia asilimia ya wale wanaajiliwa unapata watu wa kijinsia ya kike wanachukuliwa kwa wingi kuliko jinsia ya kiume.

Kwa hivyo Bi. Spika ningetaka hayo mambo yaangaliwe na pia sisi wanaume tusione haya na ili tuweze kujitetea. Hata leo nimeona Bwana Spika ambaye ni mwanaume akitoka ili uweze

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kukalia. Kumaanisha ya kwamba hata sisi wanaume tumefika mahali pengine ambapo tunaona ni kana kwamba tuna shida kidogo. Mwenye ametoka hajatoka kwa sababu ya hiyo lakini ametoka kwa sababu yuko na kazi ambayo anataka kutekeleza na yenye hawezi kutekeleza akiwa hapa. Ningeomba kamati wakati mwingine waweze kuweka kama vile Mheshimiwa amesema, tuweze kuangalia wanaume na pia waweze kupewa pesa nyingi.

Wanaume mara nyingi wakiwa katika huo umri wa 36 ndio huwa na majukumu ya kulea familia na kusomesha watoto. Wakikosa ile motisha ama mahali wanaweza kupata hizo mikopo, huenda wakaendelea kufinyika na kuumia zaidi. Naunga mkono hii ripoti nikiomba waweze kuongeza mambo ya kushughulikia wanaume. Kama ingewezekana pia ni vizuri kuwe na *men fund* ambayo itasaidia wanaume na hilo ni pendekezo langu mwenyewe kama mwakilishi wa watu wa Thingithu, wanarika na watu walio na ulemavu. Niko na haki ya kutetea kila mtu na kuomba kamati waweke hilo pendekezo kabla ya hii ripoti ipelekwe upande wa serikali ya Kaunti, ili wakati itakapopelekwa huko waweze kuona vile wanaume wanaweza kushughulikiwa pamoja na kina mama, wanarika na watu wanaoishi na ulemavu. Asante.

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Madam Speaker for giving me this chance to give my support towards this report brought by the Trade and Tourism Cooperatives Committee. First is to thank the committee for the work they have done for bringing the report on time. It is a report I tend to agree with although I have observed that the previous speakers tend to get some portion in this report wrongly because the committee recommends to give more emphasis to women and people living with disabilities.

Madam Speaker, we should agree that these are the special groups at the moment. This report does not indicate that these men should not get this money but the fact remains that according to the statistics today, men are not in any of those special groups. As much as I also agree that all people should be emphasized on, the fact remains that as per now these are the special groups and probably that is why they are mentioned in this report. Therefore, I will try to clear that air to say that men are not left behind.

Those other groups have been mentioned here because they are special groups and they should be mentioned because they are special in one or two ways. Otherwise the committee has done a good job and I have not seen any place written that men will be discouraged from getting this. I also tend to agree with Hon. Ndiritu that he will try to push one fund for men. That one is very different and I am sure that this House will be able to support…

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): What is it Hon. Mugweru?

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Madam Speaker, I just need clarity from the Hon. Member without forgetting that he is a young man and probably that is why he is seeing things from that angle. It is very clear that we are sensitizing the Laikipians including men, women and people living with disabilities. What would be the importance of sensitizing men if they are not going to be beneficiaries? It should be very clear that you sensitize women, youth and people living with disabilities in Laikipia but when you say that you are sensitizing the Laikipians, it means that all Laikipians are covered and should all benefit.

Number two, this fund is not meant for special groups but for Laikipians. So why is it meant for Laikipians but when it comes to disbursement it is therefore meant for special groups. We know that there are special groups but this money is not for special groups.

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Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will try to clarify as the Member said. Being in a special group means that you are vulnerable in one way or another, in a situation where if a meeting is being called, high chances are that youth will not turn in numbers. The question is why, but because they are in special groups, disabled people probably will not make it. So once we go into that meting it is assumed that most men will be active on meeting and so they will get that information, take it home and apply it. But disabled people might not get into that meeting because of their condition they are in.

As for the disabled person, they have not separated a disabled woman or a man meaning that a disabled person is a disabled person. The chances of getting into that meeting is very low for a disabled person and that is why they are saying that in case you go and meet people, try to make sure that you have got a good number of these special people. So it is a very arguable report but all the same we all want the Laikipians to benefit from this fund and indeed they have been benefiting from it.

If you sincerely look at the economy in this county and indeed this country, it is particularly active men of that age who are holding much of the wealth. So as much as we want them to be considered, that is also a fact that most of them as we speak today are the ones who are controlling businesses although it is also good for them to be considered. I beg to support this report and ask the Hon. Members to support it and also ask the department concerned to put more efforts in managing it because a good thing can always be made better. It is a very rewarding thing to our people but only needs to be added more fund and the safeguarding of this fund should be put in place.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Madam Speaker for giving me this chance to give my input towards this report. First of all I wish to thank the whole committee for coming up with this report and to thank the Chair for the good work. This is a fund that has been given to the Laikipians. It was given out in the first place to uplift the living standards of people and businesses in this county.

To my understanding, in my ward I have not seen any impact made despite that they have received this money. I remember in 2019, we brought a statement here asking why for example when a member applied for Kshs. 50,000, he was receiving less than that. That is not fair because if I wanted to start or support my business with Kshs. 50,000, then you give me instalments and you want me to start paying immediately after receiving my first instalment, surely it is not lifting or helping our people.

For example, if you are in Doldol and wanted to buy a cow and received less than 50,000 according to your budget, you will just misuse that money because when you receive it you cannot be able to keep it. So we need to improve and sensitize on this. We also need the board members of this fund to be keen on what they are doing. We also need to sensitize everybody so that people may know that we have this kind of money that we are giving to our people.

Even though the committee has recommended that we give more, we need to see what the first fund did to our people. Have we seen any changes in our communities? If we have not seen any changes then we don't need to give this money because it means that it is not helping our people. So we need to oversight well as the committee and see where it is helping and if it is not helping then we stop and do something else. We can even start a cottage industry that will help our youth if this money is not really helping because I have not felt any impact in my ward.

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Anyway, I don't know whether to support because after the statement was brought here, we called for the board but I was not satisfied by the answers they gave.

I am surprised to hear Hon. Stephen saying that we need to create fund for men because the fund we are talking about here, at that time he was the Chairman. That time he was allocating this fund he could have as well allocated for men. I don't understand but thank the committee for the good work and keep on oversighting so that we can know whether the money we allocated has really helped our people. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): I now wish to call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have no doubt that the enterprise fund has benefitted many both individuals and group members since it started. In future, the committee will factor in more money to benefit all without leaving the men behind because it has been a major concern. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE LABOUR, SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Speaker: Hon. Daniel Nyausi what is it?

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. On behalf of the Chair Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT this Assembly adopts the report of the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended September, 2019 dated 6th July, 2021.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Members of Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee, pursuant to provision of Standing Order No 191/5(F), it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the committee's report on County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) Quarterly Reports for the Financial statements for the period ended 30th September 2019.

The Committee is comprised of the following Members;

1. Hon. Patricia Muthoni – Chairperson
2. Hon. Christopher Mark- Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Joseph Suge- Member
4. Hon. Roberto Maina- Member
5. Hon. Irene Wacuka – Member

Committee Mandate

The committee is established under the Standing Order No. 191 which provides that the committee shall investigate, inquire into and report on all matters to electing to the mandate

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management, activities, administration, operation and estimates of the assigned departments among other functions.

The committee has held a number of meetings to scrutinize the document as required prior to tabling it in this House. I therefore take this opportunity to thank all Members of the committee for their valuable contribution during the entire process. The committee on Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee was constituted by the House on date 28th September, 2017 during the First Session of the Second Assembly of Laikipia County.

This is one of the Sectoral Committees established under Standing Order 191 (g), with the mandate to make the report and recommendation to the Assembly as often as possible including recommendations of proposed legislation. I might not be able or there should be no need to go for each and every line on this report simply because Hon. Members am very sure have got their copies on their tables.

Madam Speaker and the entire House, allow me to go into the Committee observation; The first observation is;

1. The personnel Services subprogram was the only vote that spent more than the approved budget with an absorption rate of 106.18%.
2. The compensation to employee's vote was well spent with an absorption rate of 98.13%. This vote encompasses the basic salaries on permanent employees, basic wages of temporary employees, personnel allowances paid as part of salary and pension and other Social security contributions.
3. The public safety Enforce and Disaster Management vote has not been utilized.
4. The Children Support program had a low absorption a rate of 4.43%. This expenditure relates to the school fess that was paid for the students of the Laikipia Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre.

The Committee Recommendations;

1. The Department should ensure that the program on Personnel Services should be properly managed within the stipulated budget so as to avoid over- expenditures.
2. The Department should ensure that Optimal Staffing levels are maintained so as to keep the current wage bill at manageable levels.
3. The Department should ascertain proper utilization of the funds that have been allocated in the Laikipia County Disaster Management Bill which was enacted by this House.
4. The Department should ensure that the Child Support Program vote has been utilized so as to cater for the children basic needs.

Committee Conclusion;

That this House adopts the committees' report on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) Quarterly Reports and Financial Statements for the period ended, 30th September, 2019. Thank you, Madam Speaker, and indeed Hon. Members, that this report is properly analysed.

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I will request Hon. Members that we give support to this report and I will call upon Hon. Stephen Nderitu to second this report.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono huu mswada kwa sababu ni mswada unaoeleza kinagaubaga matumizi ya pesa katika Idara. Hii ni ripoti ambayo huwezi badilisha kwa sababu ni ripoti inaeleza vile matumizi ya pesa inaendelea. Mheshimiwa Spika, hii ni kauli na jambo la busara kufanya ni kukubaliana, halafu mahali kuna kasoro hiyo najua kamati itarekebisha.

Kwa hayo kwa sababu najua mambo ni mengi, anayesimamia Mwenyekiti ameweza kueleza na kwa hivyo sina lingine la kueleza zaidi ya hayo, ila tu ni kuunga mkono na kuafiki huu mswada.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): Before I put the question, I would like to know whether the Members of this Committee are away from the House because I can see none of the Members are in.

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Madam Speaker, the Members of this particular committee are out and they have approval by the Head Office to be out for one two or three reasons. Some of them are in personal engagements that they could not manage to be with us this afternoon and others are on official duty. The Members of this particular committee have given me blessings to table this report on their behalf and indeed they are not in this sitting. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Question proposed)

Temporary Speaker (Hon Catherine Nyawira): Hon. Member representing the people of Umande, Hon. Daniel Mugweru.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support the report and also highlight on one two three issues that I was able to come across in the same report. This is a good report because one, it helps us understand how money is utilized in this County and also the priorities of the County.

When I look at how money was utilized in that year, I am surprised and really shocked to find that one of the Committee observations and you know this is a true reflection of what happened in that year and the committee could not have changed anything, they just said the truth and the truth alone.

Am surprised to see that in the observation that they were able to observe that this government of Laikipia on issues to do with public safety, issues to do with Disaster Management Vote was not utilized. I am shocked because there was money set for that and I remember very well, there was at a time in the same year that Kiamaina village burnt down.

There was a time in Umande two families lost their houses in the same year, only to be surprised to hear that money was set for Disaster Management they utilized zero shillings. Laikipians are suffering when there is money set for the same and they did not benefit in any way. I wish we could be talking that they utilized the whole amount the hundred percent, and maybe that is why some did not get.

The issues to do with disaster looking at this one and finding that there was zero shilling that was used, is really irritating. I fail to understand why you would keep money that is meant for

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people who are suffering and watch them suffer to the last minute. The committee observed that, and also gave the recommendation about the utilization of that fund that was allocated.

Apart from giving this recommendation, the committee should move with speed and call the CECM of that department, the Chief Officer and the people in charge of that department and ask them why they would reserve money that is meant for people who are suffering from disasters yet you reserve that money.

I do not know why someone would reserve money that is meant for such people. The Committee should move with speed; if someone kept the money and people suffered, they should be answerable for the same.

When your house is burnt down, or maybe floods come and sweep everything away, and someone is sitting for money that is meant for that, that person should even be jailed. Why would we have such an inhumane person retaining money that is meant for someone who is suffering and they are left to continue suffering? So, when I hear that there was zero shillings spent yet money was allocated, it is really disturbing.

Madam Speaker, the Committee also observed that the children's support programme had a low absorption of 4.4%. We should be talking of adding more money to the children's support programme. If you look at this town, you always find street children requesting you to give them food and all that. If you go to CEDEK just here in Nanyuki Town you will find those children suffering there looking for donors to donate to them something to feed on. Yet we have money but only utilize 4% of it while 96% is left. This cannot just be taken so easily.

I wish the Committee Members were here, but because their representative who had their blessings is here, he must carry this burden. Just as you agreed to carry the burden, continue carrying it and make sure that the Committee calls upon the people who are in charge and ask them why they did not utilize such money and also take action against them.

When this House sets such funds, we know those things happen day after day and month after month, so we were of sound mind when we were setting that kitty. The Deputy Speaker should thus make sure that he passes this message to the Committee Members and if possible accompany them because you are the one who has had the weight. Make sure that you visit CEDEK and come to Umande to visit the houses that were burnt on that year so that the Committee may take the right action upon those in charge of that department.

I support because the Committee has shown us how irresponsible the officers in charge are. I hope the officers will move with speed and go to the areas that have been affected in this County so that they may have true information as they question the people in charge of those departments. I support and hope the Members will perhaps call me to take them to Umande to see what happened. Thank you.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Madam Speaker for giving me this chance again to support this report by the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee. I am not convinced. Among all the Committee Members, why is there none of them in this House to defend this report? I do not know whether this is a true report, or they just want us to adopt it and then start complaining that we did not see the mistake that is there. Maybe they want to give us a burden to carry on their behalf.

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I do not even think that this is a true report. It is not true that in 2018/19 there is nobody who was supported during those incidences. I know very well that people in my ward were affected yet at the same time they are telling us here that people were not supported. I wish they could have said that all the money was not utilized, but here they are telling us that the money was not used at all.

It is not a true report and that is why they want to give us this burden to carry, to approve a document which is not true. Therefore, I am not supporting it because they have not given us a true report. I wish they were here to hear what I am telling them. They have also told us that the children's support programme had a low absorption rate of 4.43%. I have CEDEK here which I heard the Hon. Member mention…

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): What is it, Hon. Mugweru?

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Madam Speaker, I just wanted to inform the Hon. Member that this thing is system-generated. This is the true picture…

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): Hon. Veronica, do you require some information?

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: I do not need it, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): You can sit down, Hon. Mugweru.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Message home.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): Continue, Hon. Veronica.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Therefore, Madam Speaker…

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): Hon. Stephen Ndiritu, you cannot raise a point of order or a point of information, so let the Member continue. Continue, Hon. Veronica.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Therefore, Madam Speaker, my suggestion here is that this report is not true. I am not ready to carry anybody's burden. You cannot tell me that a whole Committee of five people cannot afford to come to this House to defend their report. Therefore I do not support it, thank you.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bi. Spika. Nilikuwa nataka pengine niarifiwe na Mheshimiwa Veronica kwa sababu ukiangalia hii ripoti utaona kwamba imewekwa sahihi. Ningetaka atueleze je, ili nakala iwe yako ni nini anaangalia? Mimi naelewa kama nakala ni ya Kamati inastahili kuwekwa sahihi na mwenyekiti. Ukiangalia hii ripoti, Mwenyekiti aliiweka sahihi tarehe nane mwezi wa saba mwaka wa 2021. Badala ya kusema hii ripoti si ya ukweli, ni vizuri angesema pengine hakubaliani nayo...

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): What is your point? Do you want clarity or are you contributing?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Naam, nataka ufafanuzi na ndiyo nataka kumweleza zaidi ili aweze kutufafanulia. Ukiangalia hii ripoti, kwenye sehemu ya maoni inasema ya kwamba hawakutumia...

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We are on a point of order...

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Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): Hon. Stephen Ndiritu, kindly sit down.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Madam Speaker, I am on a point of clarification and she should wait until I finish.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): Hon. Stephen Ndiritu, I am the Chair and I decide who speaks, so please get seated. I think you have raised your point.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have finished contributing. I was through, therefore cannot answer him.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): I now call upon the Mover to reply.

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance again. I thank the Members who have contributed and given their opinions, both positive and negative. For the Committee, some are negative although we have no option other than to take them and make sure that we rectify in future. Otherwise I wish to confirm to the Members of this House that this is a true report of the said Committee. It has been signed by the Chair who was mandated by this honourable House. This report was also passed by the House Business Committee which schedules the businesses in this House. So, indeed we are very much on the right track.

Secondly, as the Hon. Members has said, I will carry the message on behalf of this Committee which happens to be absent today, the recommendations of Members that they should visit places, as well as ensure that they push the Executive to respond to emergencies because we have had a few. According to the report, the Executive did not respond to those reports, but they should because there is money meant for that purpose.

I think that is a very good recommendation, and I will put it across to all the Members of this House. As much as we have different committees, all of us have got the blessings to talk to the Chairpersons of the various committees when we see that there is a loophole which is undermining our people because we are here entirely for our people. It does not matter which committee you sit in. I am very sure that all the Hon. Members in this House will take the recommendations as per the requirements of Laikipians. I beg the Hon. Members to support the report, thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): Members, this is a quarterly report; it is just an observation that I have made. This is a quarterly report that ran from July to September. It could be that there were no disasters during that period. So, it is not a whole year. I would also urge the committee to go on oversight on time so that when we get timely reports, we are able to estimate whether there was anything happening or not. I also urge the Budget Committee to move the committee on supply so that this House is aware of what is being done. I also order that the question be put tomorrow.

(Motion deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): This House now stands adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday 22nd July, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.43 p.m.

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