

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU**



***THE HANSARD***

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2023**

**The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2:30 p.m.**

***The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen), in the Chair.***

**PRAYER**

## **STATEMENTS**

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): It is notified **THAT**, pursuant to Standing Order 45 (1) (c), the Speaker has approved the following tentative request for statements for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2023:

1. Statement No. 0028/2023, requested by Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence to the Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resource, regarding the status of Nachola Ward water projects.

**Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resources**, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I have the statement response requested by Hon. Lorunyei; MCA Nachola Ward.

Mr. Speaker the Department of Water, Environment, Natural Resources, Climate Change and Energy is in receipt of letter referenced No. SBU/CA/CK/SCWENC/VOL.1/OG/2023 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2023, requesting for a statement regarding the status of various projects in Nachola Ward by Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence.

Mr. Speaker, the Department wishes to respond as follows:

1. The Natiiti/ Logetei water pipeing project had two components: construction of a 50-meter cube of masonry tank and a six Kilometer pipeline from Natiiti Primary School to a 50-meter cube masonry tank communal water point at Logetei village and to the dispensary.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the above named system is only operational up to Natiiti Primary School, the line from the Primary to the 50-meter cube masonry tank has been vandalized and it has been awaiting funds to repair the pipeline. The budgeted amount was KSHs. 3 million and the company contracted to implement the work is Elmalaso Enterprises Limited. The second question by the Hon. Lorunyei is the status of Nawakirin borehole.

Nawakirin borehole was drilled and equipped and it was operational for some time and dried up. Currently it is not operational. Plans are underway to carry out an assessment of the real issue and the contractor for that project was Ole Noor Company Limited.

The third response Mr. Speaker is Naturkan borehole. The Department responded that; Naturkan borehole was drilled and equipped the borehole is operational although the water kiosk was poorly constructed. The roof slab wrapped and needs to be constructed. The constructor abandoned the site and he was partially paid and 10% of the contracted amount was withheld, the budget for the borehole was KSHs. 6 million and the company contracted for that project was Iconic Driller.

The last statement response from the Department was the construction of Moruakirin dam. The Department confirmed that the dam was noted done, the budget was reallocated de-silting of Sharda dam which was heavily de-stilted by then and the contractor company completed the work as per the bills of quantities and the budget was KSHs. 5 million, the company was Samburu Enterprise Limited and he was fully paid the contracted amount of KSHs. 4,977,000.

The statement was signed by Moses Leluata; County Executive Committee Member, Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources. Thank you Mr. Speaker, those are responses from the Department we got.

**MCA Nachola Ward**, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir. I thank the Hon. Chair for reading the response from the Department as it is.

Hon. Speaker, the Natiiti-Logetei water piping project was by the Ward Fund; I allocated KSHs. 6 million and water was to be piped from the primary school, water tank to be constructed and the after that water to go two Natiiti to two kiosks for the community to get water was to be constructed there and then to Logetei dispensary whereby the dispensary will get water.

Hon. Speaker, the work done was not standard piping to the tank which is not standard. Water did not go from Natiiti primary school to the tank from the beginning and the construction was not completed and the labourers who were doing that work were not paid even now.

The piping to thank was not done because no water went to the tank and again, they did the piping to Natiiti manyatta, no kiosk was constructed there. If you go there you find the pipes standing there near the Chief's house and there is no water. And again, piping to Logetei and I have got pictures here, pipes were taken to the dispensary and then left there.

Hon. Speaker, the problem which I intended to relieve the people of Logetei and the dispensary was not solved and it was since the last term of this Assembly and now one year later another Assembly and nothing has been done Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker and that is why I ask the Department to investigate and bring the report so that we know the way forward. Mr. Speaker, on the next question on Nawakin borehole, it was drilled but dried up and instead of stopping it there so that we pay the driller for drilling, they went on equipping and putting up the kiosk and then there was no water. There is a lot of abuse or misuse of public money, the problem that I intended to relieve the people of Nawakin was not done Hon. Speaker.

And then for question three about Naturkan, I allocated money there again. Yes, it was drilled and equipped, water is coming from there but, about fencing, about a kiosk, they came then later and build a kiosk which is falling and incomplete. If you get there you get ashamed Hon. Speaker.

Last month, a mzungu passed by there and it was very sympathetic and the mzungu said he will assist these people by constructing a kiosk so that they can drink water, this is very shameful. About Nawakin, also it is a ghost project that people have not benefitted, the project is not there and so it was just a way of eating money.

On the fourth question about Muruawakirin dam; it is not done and about reallocation of a project to another project is done only through this Honorable House and Ward Fund, it is only through consultation with the area Member of Parliament. I do not know about Sharda, I was looking were I intended to put the projects for the problem I know faced by my people. It is me who knows the problems in my Ward and who can say I need a project at a certain place not the Department, the Department is to execute the project.

It is me to know how to map the projects or development in my Ward and not the Department. I have shown them the site, given them the money and the Executive has facilitated and that is why they have vehicles, skilled people, they know how to procure so I do not know how again they come and reallocate the project that I allocated money to. I am not satisfied with the information given, I now ask the Committee to take the initiative of investigating and bring a report to this Honorable House so that we can move a Motion according to the failed projects, thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Water, Natural Resources and Energy,** (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Hon. Speaker. My Hon. Member Lorunyei, I think the questions asked I think you sort for information and that is what we are reporting as per the Department and as per the questions you asked, I think you better be clear because I see some questions have been answered.

You sought to know the companies awarded those contracts mentioned, secondly, the amount allocated and your first question about Natiiti, the Department said that KSHs. 3 million was allocated and you are telling us it was KSHs. 6 million that is the report we got from the Department. The way you have requested the Committee to do further investigation or inquiry and report back, we will do that because as per the information requested, I think the Department gave what they have. The Committee will try all that is possible to summon so that we get clear information on procurement and documents so as to confirm, we apologize for that because we need our people to get the quality of the money allocated and the services required.

We need some time so that we do an investigation as the Committee and report back in two weeks' time, thank you.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lorunyei, are you okay with that?

**MCA Nachola Ward,** (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Yes Hon. Speaker. The Chairperson said I had answered all the questions but, I was asking about the status of water in Nachola Ward according to the questions. He has the report from the Department part and I have got my part, the truth will come out when they visit the area.

They have got the Department's side, I am telling my side and so they have to go get the facts by visit, so, about the six million Kenya shillings is by the Ward Fund. I allocated to all my projects and he can consult Mr. Njenga of budget then he can prove from there. It is about getting the facts from the ground so that we get to know the way forward Hon. Speaker. I am satisfied now for the Committee to investigate and bring the report, thank Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): So; before they go to the ground, you have given out your information on what you know and they have given you what they have from the Department. Now, they will go back to the Department as a Committee with your information; that we are aware that this has not happened and then they report to this House in two weeks' time if the information is not clear then now we send them back to the ground after that, is that okay?

**MCA Nachola Ward,** (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker we had already the Department's parts which he has read the response which the Committee believes it is like that and now I dispute it myself that it is not like that. So, the only facts is now getting the truth. Now going to Natiti, Logiti, Nawakin, Naturkan and then Murwakirin then we shall know the truth. But for the Ward Fund the 6 million I have my proof here and he can now go to Njenga to the Budget on the Ward Fund of Nachola and now it is very clear, not 3 million but 6 million.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): That is okay. The Committee will sit down and make the arrangements so that we can now go the ground as he said, you ascertain that these projects had been done and now you get from the Department the amount they have used because that is where you can get the six million from the Department, is that okay?

**MCA Nachola Ward,** (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Yes Mr. Speaker. The Department said three million but now from the Budget Committee Mr. Njenga will say the truth on how much the Ward Fund has been allocated for the Nachola Ward Fund. When we compare the two we will get the truth and so I am okay Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): They will give us that information in two weeks' time from now.

**MCA Nachola Ward,** (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you Chairman and I hope that is okay with you.

**MCA Wamba West Ward,** (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Mr. Speaker I think it is okay and we will report back on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 on Wednesday at 2:30pm.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Is that in order

**MCA Nachola Ward,** (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Yes Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you. Statement number 0029/2023 requested by Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah to the Chairperson of the Committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resources regarding the status of various water projects in Elbarta Ward. Hon. Lemartile.

**Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resources,** (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Mr. Speaker. We received this response in the last two weeks and we returned it back to the Department just because of the way it was. It was substandard and it did not have satisfactory information. It was signed by a junior officer and as a Committee we returned it back to the Department and they have responded well and the errors that it had has been rectified. I have a response for that Statement from Hon. Leitoro.

Mr. Speaker the Department of Environment, Water, Natural Resources, Climate Change and Energy is in receipt of letter reference number SBU/CAS/CK/SCWENCVo11/04/2023 and dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 requested for a Statement regarding the status of various projects in Elbarta Ward by Hon. Jeremiah Leitoro on drilling of Bendera borehole and none functionality of Nteremuka Lentabas and Loongirgir boreholes. Mr. Speaker the Department wishes to respond as follows;

On the first question asked by Hon. Leitoro the Department conducted a site visit on Nteremuka borehole and carried an assessment and it required crane lorry retrieval. Further, our technical team rectified by retrieving the submersible pump plus the draw pipe and found the ten electrodes were faulty, the borehole is now operational.

The second one is the Lentabas, the assessment was carried out and the recommendation is to carry out camera inspections and pump testing. Thirdly, Loongirgir borehole stopped workings because of Solar Panel vandalize and raising main wash by rain. The Department has partnered

with USAID NAWIRI on rehabilitating the borehole and rehabilitation work are on the pipeline. The report's response on water extension project from Ngilai dam to Ngilai village, an assessment was carried out and the funds were not sufficient for the project necessitating reallocation nevertheless the Department undertook rehabilitation work on the dam, thank you Mr. Speaker and it was signed by Moses Leluata County Executive Committee Member for the Department of Water, Environment, Natural Resource and Climate Change.

**MCA El'barta Ward, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I take this opportunity to thank the Hon. Chair for the Sectoral Committee on Water for an elaborate response. I am partially satisfied and dissatisfied; we have dragged this Statement for a very long time. The reason as to why I am partially convinced and I thank the Water Department is the issue to do with Nteremuka borehole, I want to inform this Hon. House that as we speak the people of Nteremuka have water and I really want to thank the Department and the Sectoral Committee for having pushed because that Community was a needy one. Today I spoke to one elder from the same village and he has confirmed to me that the borehole is still functional and I want to appreciate very much on that.

Secondly on the Lentabas borehole which was in Financial Year 2022/2023 and we were to do equipping. It is so unfortunate because the contract was issued in March but from March 2023 up to now the work is not yet complete and the reason is that even not the Department and now I see that they have responded that they did an assessment on the same borehole and the recommendation was to carry a Camera Inspection and Pump Testing but the reason as to why I am partially not convinced is because they have not indicated exactly when they are going to do the inspection and the pump testing. Ngilai Village is one of the villages that is really suffering on water issues but we thank God that we have received rainfall and the area is a little bit calm as we speak.

We understand that a season will come when we will need this borehole again. This is the opportunity that I really wish the Department could take advantage to ensure the borehole is functioning while people are receiving rain water now.

Thirdly on Loongigir borehole, I want to take this opportunity to thank our Development partner USAID NAWIRI we were able to approach NAWIRI to repair that borehole and do water



extension to Ngilai Village. When the contractor was issued with the contract or tender to go and do the extension on the Loongirgir borehole I accompanied the contractor to Ngilai Village I handed over the contractor to the village. However, one month down the line I tried to inquire on the progress of that work and I was informed that the work has not yet started.

I inquired from the contractor only to be told that the contractor whom I took to Ngilai Village has again declined to do the job. The reason being that the money they allocated for the project was not adequate enough and so the contractor had to decline and so as we speak I cannot really account for the status of the aid of USAID and NAWIRI because I cannot really tell exactly if they are going to increase the Budget allocation allocated for the project or they will completely drop the allocation from supporting the project.

I do not know if the Department is aware that the contractor declined to take responsibility of doing the job. On that point, that is the reason as to why we really do not want to give much attention to our Development Partners because this is the responsibility of a devolved function and the responsibility of the County Government as much as we are counting on our Development Partners but I do not have much strength to go and push the NGO and NAWIRI to act on that. I am only obliged to push the Water Department to do the same. It is good that they can be able to trace and request NAWIRI so that they can be able to have a substantial report on the same on the Loongirgir borehole now that the contractors has refused to take the tender that was awarded.

Number four on the water extension project from Ngilai Dam to Ngilai Village, last time the Committee brought a report that they tabled here on this project where they said that the project was completed and fully functioning and now we are also getting another contradictory information because the report that I am getting from the Department is that the funds was not sufficient which necessitated for reallocation.

Nevertheless, they said that the Department undertook rehabilitation work on the dam and I am not quite convinced on that because I do not know of if the Chair may be able to expound more on rehabilitation work; what do they really mean when they say rehabilitation was done in Ngilai Dam. I request the Committee if they are able to know when inspection and pump testing on

Lentabas borehole will be done and also the issue on Loongirgir, if they do that I will be a very happy person, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resources,** (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Mr. Speaker and Hon. Leitoro. We should be straight forward on the information regarding the questions asked by the Hon. Members; the first question was whether the Department is aware that Nteremuka borehole in Nteremuka Village, Lentabas borehole and Loongirgir borehole in Ngilai Elbarat Ward are no longer functioning, the response given by the Department is about the three boreholes and they have visited the boreholes and confirmed those that are functioning, those that need more time; like Lentabas, the assessment was carried out and the recommendation by the technical people is to carry out Camera Inspection and Pump Testing and I think they are still following on that and technical things should not be easy, it needs some time. The Department has responded and they are still following it up.

About Loongirgir, the question asked is whether the Department is going to assess the repair and the Department has given us the status report. I wish to tell the Hon. Member that we do not need to discuss what has been shot down because water report has been shot down and it is no longer business. Let us go as per the question requested about the status of Ngilai dam to Ngilai Village, if he is not contented with the report then maybe because the Department said the funds allocated are not sufficient and they saw need to reallocate. Nevertheless, the Department took rehabilitation, so Hon. Member if you are not satisfied with the report then maybe you clarify so that we can follow. The rest of the questions has been answered as per the questions, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Leitoro just be specific on what you want the Chairman to do.

**MCA El'barta Ward,** (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Thank you Mr. Speaker. In my Statement I was emphasizing on Lentabas borehole, I want my colleague to take note on question number three on that Statement whereby I asked on the exact timeline when the Department was going to assess and repair the above-mentioned boreholes and Lentabas is one of them; I really need to know when they will do Camera Inspection and Pump Testing, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Was that question part of the Statement you requested?

**MCA El'barta Ward,** (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Yes Mr. Speaker. In number three and it is part of the question.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Okay, thank you. Chairman did you answer that?

**Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resources,** (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Yes Mr. Speaker Sir. I think as per the Hon. Member he said that Lentabas was a project for this Financial Year which was done on April as per the Hon. Member and knowing the technical part of drilling it needs some pump testing and also a lot of inspection of the water. Unless I further confirm from the Department, I will report that on next week on Tuesday after I get the information from the Department.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Leitoro you will get the information on Tuesday next week on when the assessment will start, thank you. Statement number 0030/2023 requested by Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia to the Chairperson on Committee on Labor, Justice and Legal Affairs in regard to the Legal representation at the County Level. Hon. Leleruk.

**Chairperson, Committee on Labor, Justice and Legal Affairs,** (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker. As the Chairman of the Labor Committee up to now I have not received any communication. I seek your guidance on giving an order to summon the County Secretary because it seems this is the fourth time that we are requesting the Statement... **MCA Suguta**

**Marmar,** (Hon. Leleruk James): And also Mr. Speaker, I do not know if the clerks are the ones not taking the letters to the office. I have tried to communicate to the County Secretary. He has stopped answering my calls. Now I think as a committee we should take the initiative of summoning him to give further information to the house. Thank you.

**The Speaker,** (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Chair, we do not need to discuss this further because it is now three months since we requested this statement. I am giving up to Tuesday next week at 2:30pm. Let us have the statement then. If we cannot have it then we will summon someone who is in-charge.

**MCA Suguta Marmar,** (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I will oblige.

## **MOTION**

**MCA Nachola Ward**, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

That pursuant to standing order 48 the County Assembly debates and adopts the report of the committee on Education and Vocational Training on the investigation of the ECD school feeding program and non-existing ECD Schools within Samburu County. Thank you Hon. Speaker. I beg Hon. Charity to second.

**Specially Elected MCA**, (Hon. Lenyakopiro Charity): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to second.

**The Speaker**, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): I now propose that pursuant to standing order 48 the County Assembly debates and adopts the report of the committee on Education and Vocational Training on the investigation of the ECD school feeding program and non-existing ECD Schools within Samburu County.

**MCA Nachola Ward**, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Hon. Speaker, the committee on Education and Vocational Training has made this report pursuant to the standing order 198, 2<sup>nd</sup> Schedule which provides that the Committee on Education and Vocational Training shall consider all matters related to preprimary education, village polytechnics, youth polytechnics, home and crafts centers, children and care facilities. The committee was constituted by the house on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 comprising the following members:

1. Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence - Chairperson.
2. Hon. Lekirenyei Sera – Vice Chair.
3. Hon. Lelenkeju Jackson – Member.
4. Hon. Lenyakopiro Charity – Member.
5. Hon. Loloju Joseph – Member.
6. Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan – Member.
7. Hon. Lemantaan Kelvin – Member.

We also had the Committee Secretariat.

Hon. Speaker, I feel greatly privileged and honored to place before this house the report on the ECD schools visits conducted by Samburu County Assembly Committee on Education and Vocational Training to investigate the ECD School feeding program and non-existent schools within Samburu County. This report is in direct response to the CEC statement requested by a member on the ECD school feeding program that raised questions on whether some of the schools listed are existed or not.

Hon. Speaker, during our site visit exercise we dove into the details of the existing schools if any and that of ECD School feeding program, visiting various ECD schools within the County. Our aim was to gather first-hand knowledge and the insight to provide accurate information for informed decision-making. Hon. Speaker, I wish to express my gratitude to the committee members for their dedication and hard working in conducting these visits and compiling this report. Their commitment to improving ECD education in our County is truly commendable.

By adopting this report we can pave the way of meaningful improvement in the ECD schools well-being and ensure that our learners receive the support they need to thrive. The committee on Education and Vocational Training received a statement response from CEC education and Vocational Training concerning the ECD schools meals and distribution plan for all the ECD schools in each Ward showing the ECD school's enrolment, that is boys and girls, amount and quality of food items received; specifically rice, beans and cooking oil and salt. With specific quantity allocated to each school in each ward based on their enrolment.

Hon. Speaker, however, during the discussion of the statement response, questions were raised regarding the non-existent schools mentioned in the statement response from the CEC. To ensure the accuracy of the statement response provided, the committee made the decision to conduct visits to ECD schools within the County. This visit aimed to verify the statement response by the CEC and gather information on the concern raised about the presence of non-existent schools and also to gather additional information matters related to early childhood education.

The committee examined the schools and their operations, playing close attention to the distribution ECD schools feeding program, non-existing schools and other relevant aspects in regard to ECD. based on the feeling and observation made during this visit, the committee compiled a report for consideration by the assembly. The report includes the information on the

status of ECD schools and whether there were non-existing schools, the distribution of food items and other pertinent matters related to Early Childhood Development Education within Samburu County.

The committee's diligent efforts in conducting these visits and compiling the report demonstrated their commitment to ensuring accurate and reliable information is presented to the Assembly. Hon. Speaker is presented to the assembly for further discussion and consideration. The education committee through its diligent work and commitment to transparency aims to provide accurate information and recommendation to the assembly. The adoption of the report's recommendation will serve as a critical milestone in the on-going effort to enhance the quality of education and support the well-being of the ECD learners within Samburu County.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to read the findings and observation of the committee. Upon visiting the ECD schools, the committee observed and found that there was no variation between the County ECD feeding program in the statement response provided by the CEC Education and what the schools actually received. The ECD feeding program distribution exercise was implemented as per the statement response. The committee did not find non-existing ECD schools in the areas they visited. The committee observed that certain ECD schools do not have teachers employed by the County Government. Others have had to find means to pay for their teachers, often through parents' contributions.

The committee also observed that the ECD schools in Wamba West, that is Marti Elakiri ECD School and three ECD schools in Nyiro Ward were omitted from the ECD feeding program. That is Sarima ECD School, Koros ECD School which was closed but was reopened with a volunteer teacher paid by the community through contributions and Losurko ECD School that was earlier closed but due to resettlement the school reopened.

The committee observed that the food items including rice, beans and cooking oil delivered to ECD schools lack labeling with the County Government logo. This absence of labeling raised the matter of potential misuse or theft of these supplies as well as the difficulty in recovering them if needed. During the visits, it was observed that ECD feeding program encountered delay in delivering food to some schools including Nomboro, Lodwa, Nasayi, Tankar and Lesirikan ECD

schools in Ndoto Ward and Elbarta Ward. Unfortunately these schools received their food on 5<sup>th</sup> October as the committee was going around.

The delay in food delivery caused inconvenience for the learners' class attendance. Timely and efficient delivery of food is crucial to meet the enrolment as observed. However, in Samburu East and Samburu Central Sub Counties received their food for the feeding program on time. During our visit to several schools, the education committee observed that a number of ECD schools in the County are lacking proper facilities such as stores, toilets, fences, water tanks and playing equipment.

It was also noted that in some cases ECD teachers are being paid through parents' contributions. Specific example stood out at Soit Naibor and Mpagas ECD schools in Elbarta Ward where a form-four leaver is currently serving as an ECD teacher among many other ECD schools.

Hon. Speaker, our recommendation is this;

The committee proposed the following recommendations to address the issues identified:

1. To ensure timely meal provision the committee recommended the department to establish efficient system for delivering food to schools. This could involve coordination with more local suppliers implementing effective transportation methods, engaging more trucks in transportation unlike in the current situation where few trucks are involved in the distribution. Also the department to establish clear timelines for prompt food delivery to schools. By timely delivery it will ensure that meals reach schools on time, maximizing the impact on learners' attendance and enrolment.
2. The committee recommended that the department of Education and Vocational Training conduct a comprehensive data collection on ECD Centers lacking teachers. Based on this data, a prioritized plan should be developed to urgently carry out recruitment so as to assign teachers to these schools. This will ensure that every ECD school has a qualified teacher providing quality education to the young learners and relieving the parents of the financial burden.
3. The department to consider labeling all food items provided to the schools by prominently the County Government logo on sacks of rice and beans and cooking oil.

This will deter the unauthorized use and making it easy to identify and recover any misplaced or stolen items. This measure will enhance accountability and ensure that the allocated resources are utilized appropriately to benefit the learners and the school community.

4. To address the issue observed during the committee visit, it is recommended that action be taken to improve infrastructures of ECD schools. This includes providing necessary facilities such as stores, toilets, fences, playing grounds and water tanks. By investing in these improvements, we can create a better learning environment for children and support growth and development of ECD education in the area. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia):** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to oppose the report. The matter that prompted members of the committee on education to go investigate the feeding program was a statement that I sought two months ago. Let me read the questions of the statement so that they can continue on the same.

1. The budget allocation for the school feeding program for the financial year 2022-2023.
2. The quantity of the ECD food procured by the department for the aforementioned financial year. A detailed list of all ECD centers and the amount of food received to be provided.
3. The existence of a policy framework to operationalize the activities of schools feeding programs and the plans in place to address any recurrent challenges. Policy framework and mitigation plans that the school feeding programs does it have a policy program in place to guide these activities?

The framework outlines the objectives strategies guidelines for the effective implementation of the program and also the address of the recurrent issues and ensures the smooth functioning of the school feeding program. The chair for Education responded to the same matter and they listed the all ECDE schools across the County and what rises was the non-existing schools which were mention by the department that they have received food from the department.

When I look at the Report that the committee tabled yesterday and today we are here to discuss, I saw that it is a very, the most shallow Report because when you look at the background of the



Report, they have just mention some places like now within the Nyiro Ward, the Wamba West, Ward in East and the issue arise that when we are talking about the ECDE non-existing schools, we saw many of the private schools within the Samburu West which the committee did not mention here whether they are supposed to benefit from this feeding program or not.

They did not mention. The other thing, when you look at the list of benefited ECDE schools in Wamba North Ward, we find that we have several schools and I mention the other day in this House, schools that are ghost schools, they do not exist and even the committee did not mention even the list of ECDE in Wamba North Ward. They even mention and am aware that even did not even went to Wamba North Ward. Then what kind of Report are they bringing to us in this House?

The other day we raised the issue of private schools within the Samburu west sub-County. When you look at the Ward of Maralal surely, I finding ACK, my children are learning in the ACK Maralal School and am paying a lot of money and here they listed that they benefited from the County government like the St. Clara, St. Angel, St. Spring, so this committee could have come up with the lists of the schools showing that schools are existing.

They could also highlighted the issue of the private schools which are benefited from this school feeding programs of the County Government, so I find that this Report is very shallow and also when you look at the report , I do not know whether all Members agreed in this Report. When you look at the signing of Hon. Members, Chairman led by the Hon. Lorunyei Laurence sign, Hon. Eunice Lekirenyei vice-Chair sign and Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa signed. What about the rest of the Members? Are they in agreement with this Report? So it is on my doubt that and also on my observation the Report is totally a shoddy work and I call upon Hon. Members to stand on the true matter that the Report is very shallow.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. You only supposed to either agree or disagree on the Report but you do not have to oppose. You just agree or disagree.

**Specially Elected Member,** (Hon.Lenamatiyo Silapia): okay thank you Hon. Speaker, I stand to oppose the Report as it is, it is totally very shoddy, very shallow without any true information about it.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lorunyei

**MCA Nachola Ward,** (Hon. Laurence Lorunyei): Hon. Speaker, while I appreciate the comment of the Member about the budget we answered in our first respond, about the quantity of food as per school we answered, then the only issue we are about to verify is the ghost Schools and that is why we went to facts finding, we visited and in Wamba East, I use a Member from Wamba East, visited the schools in Wamba east and come up with non-existing Schools.

Here in central, I use the Member, I went with the Member Loloju, the member of here and he said that there is none existing schools. And in Samburu North we are with Hon. Sarah and Hon. Lemoosa, and we came out in agreement that there was no non existing school. According to Members here signing, we are four and the quorum must be four. And then from four is here if the Member wants to see.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Before you continue, which Member did you use in Wamba North?

**MCA Nachola Ward,** (Hon. Laurence Lorunyei): I use Hon. Charity Lenyakopiro. Yes she was there

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lemoosa

**MCA Nyiro Ward,** (Hon.Lemoosa Jonathan): The Hon. Speaker sir, it is really a pity when we here such words like of course you totally oppose, say shallow moves really decorum in debate. Because actually the whole Report is not shoddy, maybe there are some aspects that have been left out.

And this Hon. Member is so specific about the schools which she knows, she better actually give the committee to investigate over. Because we cannot say the Hon. Member is all way and as a committee we are financed, we moved round and how we moved round, we had actually to

split ourselves into teams. A team of three. Those from North we went North, Those from central did their work in central and those from the East, and they did their work.

They had Hon. Lemantaan and Hon. Charity. But if actually you are so specific in a matter, we do not need to go circle by circle, let us just be specific, say investigate this matter school A, B and C.

Because when actually we carry out an investigation just like may be what we do in a research, we do not need to go round each and every school. We have challenges.

1. Time is challenge. If we are to go round the whole County. We will spent some may be months going round, the hard terrain time factor and may be transport and such. So I think how we carried as a committee our own investigation actually just as I said before, we have to make some grouping and they compiled the Report. The issue of actually Members signing or not signing, it does not even mean those who did not sign oppose and they oppose then they will be here challenging the Report.

So we just do not need to take the place value of a Report but of course we had given just like what the Chair said broken down the whole statement, some information was advance before and we do not need actually to repeat ourselves like the issue of how many schools, received what and all that. The matter policy on administration, if this is missing of course we can still go back and get the Department to give us the policy. Policy actually normally are prepared from the executive but passed in this House but I think we need to appreciate the time which actually members have used and for example we expect to get so many ghost schools and I do not think it is true when we want to say all that is said in the social media is a facts.

Because for example unlike the ghost schools, we had other schools also omitted like in my Ward of course which the Speaker come from and the Clerk, we have Sarima, it is a school that has been built and they do not get the food but the structure is there, thy teacher is a volunteer, Lekoros. Koros during the dry spell the community moved but now they are back, it has been reopen and the teacher is a volunteer losurkou, I think the Hon. Chair is aware, people who move due to insecurity like the last ten years but now people are back. So let us always have that mind

actually to accept or to accommodate new ideas but you are so specific guide us through, otherwise we are not malicious. Thank you Speaker.

**The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen):** Hon. Lentukunye

**MCA Wamba North Ward, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher):** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I want to appreciate the effort of the committee on Education and vocational training through the Chair Hon. Lorunyei.

While I appreciate, I just want to be very specific as Hon. Member for Nyiro Ward allude that there are some things I want to point out from the Report and those are the specific areas or the centers that are I had indicated in Wamba North to be specific. The issue of ghost schools or non-existing schools and I believe every Member has a copy of the Report where the names of the Wards are indicated and following the list, I find there are some centers purported to be existing, I want to be very straight to the point.

1. When we go to Raraiti, we have Raraiti, Mabati, Lteroi, Rarait that is a repetition and I can see as per the Report the food was provided and as am speaking am the area MCA of that Ward, I know my Ward and there is no such a School as Rarait.

There is also some mix-up in the list for example School like Lauragi, I believe there is that School but is not in my Ward, there is also a School called Lengarde that is not from Wamba North, Lbaa Looltepes the same, Lbaa onyekie the same. I think that is what I want d to put across for this House to be aware that there is no School like Rarait. We have Raraiti which is in the list but there is nothing like that. There is also something that we have noted here which I do not know whether it is part of the question. The issue of private ECDE centers. I do not know if there is a law that provide the provision ECDE foods to private ECDE centers.

I have seen such Schools in Maralal Ward. A School like KAG, ACK Springs, St. Clare, St. Angels so we need to know from the Chair whether there is any law or any legislation that provide for the County Government to give ECDE centers to private entities./ thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen):** Hon. Lemartile

**MCA Wamba West Ward**, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Mr. Speaker. May I take this opportunity to appreciate the Chair and the committee for Education for their time and for giving us this comprehensive Report. I do not know whether the department or the committee are contradicting one another because the Report observation, recommendations and findings number four. The Chair read the committee that observed that one ECDE Schools in my Report is written Waso Ward but the Chair read Wamba West Ward, so which is which?

Can you elaborate further because if the Report is written Waso Ward that is Marti Ela Kira and let him confirm the School he mentions, is it from WASO Ward or Wamba West Ward?

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Chairman you can confirm that.

**Chairperson committee on Education**, (Hon. Laurence Lorunyei): Hon. Speaker, may be typing error, it is Marti el lakira ...

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lemartile just take your sit and let the Chair finish elaborating, yes continue Chair.

**Chairperson committee on Education**, (Hon. Laurence Lorunyei): That is the correction I have in my statement and the Hon. Member was the one concern about the East and again if I can continue, can I continue?

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): let us finish with the schools you mention. Which Wards are they from?

**Chairperson committee on Education**, (Hon. Laurence Lorunyei): Wamba West Ward

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Wamba west. Okay let Hon. Lemartile continue.

**MCA Wamba West Ward**, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think this is a binding document, you cannot bring something which is not correct to this House so the Report has given us a wrong information because the School Marti elakira is in Wamba West and the committee observe that....

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Lemartile point of order Chairman

**Chairperson committee on Education,** (Hon. Laurence Lorunyei): Hon. Speaker can Hon. Member confirm that the said School Marti Elakira, is it in the Wamba west or not?

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): is it Wamba west or Wamba North

**MCA Wamba West Ward,** (Hon. Lemartile Francis): I have confirm that Marti elekira is in Wamba west but in the Report you wrote Wuaso Ward, correct so thank ..

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): So you can continue Hon. Lemartile.

Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, Mr. Speaker to the report the committee observation that Marti e Lakira was omitted in ECD's food distribution but to go back to the list given by the Department Marti e Lakira is there it has received it has 68 population Rice 10 bags Beans 0.9 bags so which is which Mr. Speaker who is lying to this House is it the Department or the committee? They can clarify that.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Charity

**Specially Elected Member,** (Hon. Lenyakopiro Charity): thank you Mr. Speaker I visited the school and the school is not functioning for now those children are in primary school and they used to receive food there in Reisim primary school but the school is not functioning at all, thank you Honorable Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Leshimpiro

**MCA Ang'ata Nanyokie Ward,** (Hon. Leshimpiro Paul): thank you Honorable for giving me an opportunity to say something on this report although I was somehow confused between whether to say oppose, I support because it seems we have some different meaning of whether to support oppose or the other now Honorable Speaker I was not privileged to be part of the debate of this statement the first part so I do not know what was really agreed. Yes, the names of the school for example for Ang'ata Nanyokie Ward all the schools are there the unfortunate part is there is a number of schools that do not belong to Ang'ata Nanyokie Ward and I went ahead to confirm whether those same schools were repeated in the ward that they are supposed to have been for example in my ward I have a school like Lorok lo Lmongo which is in Baawa ward but if you go to Baawa ward then you do not find Lorok lo Lmongo.

They have shifted schools between one ward to another there is even a school like Lgotoi which is in El'barta and I checked the El'barta list Lgotoi is not there Suyan is also for El'barta, Ntashata is for Porro there are few other schools they are supposed to be in their wards lists but they appear in another but they seem not to be repeated so that is one thing. Secondly, the metric I do not know what tonnage, kilograms or grams they are using because we are given figures that does not have the units so we do not know whether it is in tones in kilograms of thousands or hundreds of even grams so I find that because if the title at the top here should have included the units of that distribution.

We can tell whether it was the size of the food or less then the third thing is there is a need to have a uniform report because what I am seeing is a variety of reports here the Hon. Silapia has a report that was signed by three Members only and then the chair has a report signed by all if not so many Members so we need when such report is brought to the House it should be photocopied from one original report otherwise then we will be reading from different scripts I think that is not in order maybe it is a secretariat error but I think we need to have a uniformity of reports so that we do not have controversy.

There is one thing that is not coming out clearly the issue of private schools, are we supposed to feed the private schools given that they had charging good amount to our children are we again giving them the food? If yes then we need see regulations legislation that is allowing us to do so if not why are they included in the report for example K.A.G, A.C.K all those they are in the report.

If they are given food then we need to be told who received and the regulation of the Law it is the legislation that is allowing us to do so and if that is ok if we are giving it then we also need to go to those schools managements to see to it that these food is also subsidized with the fees parents pay so there should be some kind of complementary between one another the food we give (yes subsidy I think that could be the right word) otherwise it is a good report I was not part of the previous discussion and yes I support.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): I want to confirm from the committee did you feed the private schools? Who will answer that one? Honorable Lemoosa

**MCA Nyiro Ward**, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Speaker, I really do not want to answer that directly because you are the chair and actually it is not our obligation as a committee to feed as such but I want just to believe the Honorable Member the Majority leader and the Honorable Paul Leshimpiro have said on matters mismatch the Honorable Majority leader has talked of a school Lauragi. Lauragi is really in Nyiro in Tuum, I think that is also another loophole and the way Hon. Speaker, Hon. Paul said there is that problem either typing or maybe the records are not really very clear especially on our Department.

2) I do not want to defend the fact that of course schools private but of course I have some foundation my job is a teaching and I think being a teacher we have private schools that are faith-based schools and most cases when we have faith-based schools they just go the right way and say that of course if they are supposed to be fed then of course there should be some subsidy or some relief from the parents that calls for some policy or regulation if at all.

I am not really going to put off the chair but of course chair can give us some directions because I want to believe chair, there are some issues emerging from our engagement that actually needs the committee now to summon or actually to invite the Department such that we and the secretariat give us the new emerging issues such that we clarify from the Department and then to the House otherwise this is a good engagement, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Silapia

**Specially Elected Member**, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): thank you Hon. Speaker, I think the issue of the non-existing schools raised when we receive the respond from the Department and Honorable Speaker I wrote down the list of non-existing schools in Wamba North ward and I gave Chris Lolmingani who is the clerk who accompanied the committee to go for investigation. Like when you look at the list, because the committee told me to give us those schools which are not existing in Wamba North ward so Hon. Speaker I mentioned Nadotoo within Milgis and Lowuaa which are not existing.

That is why I raised to say we give the committee direction at least to visit those schools that we have identified. When you look at the report from the committee, when you look at conclusion based on the observation findings from the committee report it is clear that there were no ECD



schools. That was non-existing. However, there are areas that require improvement in the county so the committee indicated that there are no any non-existing schools though this one shows that the report was so shallow because they could have visited those schools that I mentioned to them. So, Mr. Speaker let the committee go back and you facilitated this committee to go and do that work so thank you honorable Speaker let them just go give us the right information, thank you.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Silapia we might not facilitate them again because we did that but maybe the two schools maybe they are from other wards because we saw some kind of mismatch, so I do not know whether...

**Specially Elected Member,** (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): let me correct something I said you facilitated them to go around the schools but they did not come with the right information, Hon. Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Leitoro

**El'barta Ward MCA,** (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): thank you Hon. Speaker, I also take this opportunity to thank the committee of Education through the chair for elaborate response. However, I wanted some clarification and if it is possible, because I know the three Honorable Members who visited Samburu North are here with us, if they can be able to swear by the name of God that this school called Nomboro exist in El'Barta Honorable Speaker I would also wish to know where that school is, is actually located because I know this school is not existing in my ward. So, if I can be able to get report on that then I can be abler to tell exactly am going to agree or disagree on this report, thank you Honorable Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Chair just tell us about Nomboro

**Nachola Ward MCA,** (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Yes, Hon. Speaker on matters of coding this matter have gone and come now to coding which is the work of secretariat, like now the school they say that there was a school Raraiti it is there but it is not in Wamba but it is in Nyiro it is just a matter of coding, I do not know why they are so much interested. In the list of ECD all schools are there except that misplacing other wards like now the school Honorable Members like I say Nasaru it is there because I use the Members from Wamba East.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Point Of Order from Hon. Silapia

**Specially Elected Member,** (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): ok thank you Honorable Speaker I think did not mention anything like Nasaruni I mentioned Nadotoo, and Lowuaa those are the schools I mentioned Lowuai.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Chairman you can continue now, you want to give your chance to... Hon. Charity.

**Specially Elected Member,** (Hon. Lenyakopiro Charity): thank you Hon. Speaker, because of the terrain I Samburu East we could no visit all the schools but we communicated personally I talked to the head teacher Milgis Primary School and he assured me that this school Nadotoo it exists and it received food. It is only Lowuai that did not give me the results but Nadotoo they received, they said it is there thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lemoosa

**MCA Nyiro Ward,** (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Hon. Speaker I can see the Hon. Member of El'barta Ward actually also raising hand, meaning he still have some things to inquire we cannot swear that of course we know the direction of that school you know why? The fact here is when we are doing maybe sampling it is supposed to be random unless just like I said before unless very specific and I want to agree with Honorable Silapia on the fact that she gave the names, this is a fact Mr. Speaker she gave the names to Chris that is right we are not actually to defend whatever, but we just want to be sincere to ourselves and even to our people whom we represent. I called her she gave the names and I told her give to Chris which I want to believe even for a reason and am happy that of course Honorable Charity did actually use her own means to reach though maybe the terrains were hard using the head teachers for mother schools and that is the answer of course.

We want to apologize maybe that one school we will still find out because we will really want to exhaust and with the Honorable Member really understand us because we said we are doing random we were not going the 300-400 schools. We picked and maybe what we picked is out of scope or that anomaly or mismatch just understand us and understand the report and we would not mind actually if you can give us another direction that of course go back to this school and to

this school. Whereas the Speaker can still finance us, we would be very happy to go to that specific school, thank you Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lorunyei

**Nachola Ward MCA,** (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Hon. Speaker I think we have answered all the questions it is now they are talking about the coding, displacing from this ward to the next ward which can be the typing error, like now the case of El'barta there is a school called Soit Naibor, the structure is there even the Hospital is there but there is a Homestead there children learning under the tree they are not using there, so we did not go to the school, the structure we went there where the children are and the school has been fed. This question of asking... I went there to

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Point Of Order from Honorable Leitoro

**El'barta Ward MCA,** (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Mr. Speaker I think I did not dispute on the school of Soit Naibor Mr. Speaker. When I stood here, I stood and asked on school called Nomboro and it is quite funny because Nomboro has been mentioned in this report meaning that this school the honorable Members who are given opportunity to go to Samburu North visited this Nomboro and actually have (*laughs*) a day before we talked with my Honorable Member from El'barta Sarah Lekirenyei and actually told her to confirm exactly, my only query was to confirm whether this school really existed in Samburu North, but now they have mentioned that the school is in existence, because they have mentioned in the report then I really want to know where this school is.

The other day I went to distribute uniforms in all the ECD Schools and from Masikita that region and the school Nomboro is purported to be around there in between Masikita e Simiti and Soit Ng'iro but I tried to inquire where this Nomboro is that school is non-existing but if they can be able to tell exactly where that school is (*laughs*) I will really appreciate.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon Leitoro you were on a Point of Order and therefore I hope you are... let us give the chairman to continue Honorable Lorunyei, have you finished with your contribution because we interrupted you on a Point of Order.

**Nachola Ward MCA**, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Yes Honorable Speaker, like now in Nachola Ward we have got Charda, when you go to Charda center you cannot get people learning there because of insecurity, they have relocated themselves to Lomirock. Therefore, there is Lomirock and Charda when you go to Lomirock the structure is there but you cannot find the pupils we follow where the pupils went and we see about 100 pupils under the tree with uniforms yes, so he has confirmed that but about other names I cannot confirm Mr. Speaker.

Honorable Speaker, you know we went to sample schools and then Honorable Sarah she is familiar with the area. I can give my time so that she can answer.

**Specially Elected MCA**, (Hon. Lekirenyei Serah): Asante Mheshimiwa Spika, kusema ukweli Mheshimwa alinipigia simu akaniuliza niende huko. Mheshimiwa Spika tulienda nikaambiwa Noomboro iko ukielekea Latakweny unapita Masikita. Tulipofika Masikita, tukaambiwa ni hivi chini kabisa na wakati tulifika hapo tukaambiwa hawani Watoto wa malishoni sasa wameenda *lale*, hawako hapa. Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika, tulifika tu.

**MCA Nyiro Ward**, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Speaker Sir, I think the Honorable Member can now agree with us that we were trying to use every avenue to get information only that even sometimes when go to ground, *mambo inakuanga* different, that is exactly what *Mheshimiwa* is saying but one thing is very clear without putting much jokes, we want to promise Honorable Lektoro, that we shall liase with the department, we will also put our GPS correctly and we shall be able to bring back the information, whether the school exists or otherwise but I think from what Mheshimiwa said, the school ni *hio hio*, the kind of schools, mobile schools, today it is here, tomorrow it is there. So, we promise we shall put our GPS on the ground, I will come up with solutions honestly. Thank you, Speaker.

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Point of information from Honorable Leshimpiro.

**MCA Ang'ata Nanyokie**, (Hon. Leshimpiro Paul): Thank you Honorable Speaker, I just wanted to inform the Honorable Member for Nyiro that when we are debating then we use one language because a number of Members have been using it.

The Honorable Member Serah, mentioned the word *lale*, and I do not know whether it exists in any dictionary or kamusi, the swahili dictionary. So, I do not think it is in order for us to use a word that does not exist.

For information also Honorable Speaker, there is the need and the reason to sign the report. If this report was, I can imagine the budget report that we almost fought on it and four Members did not sign, then this report is deemed to have failed, even by the Committee itself. So, unless otherwise, the signing is a must and a failure to signing means you are in disagreement with the report.

**MCA Nyiro Ward**, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Speaker Sir, most obliged.

**MCA Suguta Ward**, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I like also to thank the committee on education for an elaborate response they have tried to give. However, I think the reason why we are in this House and asking some questions and also why we need answers, the final say is we want to make something that will be good to our people and amend any challenges that we have and through the report they have tried and we have seen some challenges in it that needs to be rectified. I do not think the few issues that we have raised and the Members have deliberated that can make the report not to be recommended because part of the recommendations are good, like the issue of schools that have no ECDE.

We need these reports to be communicated to the departments so that they can act on them. The few issues like now the private schools that are being fed, what we want as an Assembly, it is good also because they are our children. If really what the Committee needs to clarify, to see if there is food in those schools because the children are within Samburu County and ECDE has no barrier that it is supposed to be a private school or a public school. However, this is a continuation, we have just been elected, we have seen them being fed. So, if now we go and say they will not be fed, then the new Members who have joined the leadership...because those Members who are in this House, this issue has been continuing, it is not that this issue has just started this time.

From the word go, when the ECDE started we have been feeding those schools, so I do not think feeding of private schools will make the report not to pass and I urge Honorable Member Silapia,

we have learnt our mistakes and as a House we need to go forward and we know we have been asking so many questions in this ECDE investigation, this is the first time they have tried and give us a comprehensive report, so I support the report. Thankyou.

**Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Nareyo Stacey).** Thankyou Honorable speaker, mine is just to appreciate the good work the Committee has done. They have really tried and it is important for Honorable members even if you have issues with the report, it is just important to appreciate the good work because they have used their time, energy to go and make this report. Mine is just a point of maybe information on the recommendations, I have seen that during the visit, you observed that a number of ECDE schools in the County are lacking proper facilities such as toilets, fences, water tanks and playing equipment and I think in your recommendations you have not outlined that.

I think the issue of open defecation in our school is a very critical issue and I think you should also add that on your recommendations. Another issue Mr. Speaker, there is nothing called errors or mistakes in making of a report. I think the excuse on giving out inaccurate reports, we have been talking over it every time and according to article 93 of the Standing Orders, it says that a Member shall be responsible for accuracy of any facts which the Member alleges to be true and may be required to substantiate any such facts instantly.

So, Honorable Speaker, I think we have been repeating this over and over again and I think it is something that also other chairpersons should learn from and next time when the report is going to be brought to this House, it should be very accurate. Thankyou Honorable Speaker.

**Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia):** Thankyou Honorable Speaker, I just want to put some arising issue to be straight and let the Committee investigate whether is it supposed that the County to feed the private schools surely! and also to enquire more information about the schools we have mentioned which are non-existing and then Honorable Speaker, let me just refer our Standing Order on **the reports of select Committees** let me read because when you see, we are furnished with this report when we are almost starting the session and our Standing Order 188 (10-11), “All reports laid on the table of the Couaty Assembly shall be debated at such time as the County Assembly business Committee shall schedule within 48 hours after the report has

been laid on the table of the County Assembly. The Clerk shall publish the report in the County Assembly, a website and circulate copies to the Members”.

Honorable Speaker, I think we received these reports when we were almost starting the session, so I just want to urge the Honorable Members and also the Clerks to do so as we go on. Thankyou.

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thankyou Members, I want to rule, so chairman and the Committee, you are supposed to go back to the department. I do not have to put the question now, let us go to the department, we want to know exactly whether the County Government is supposed to feed private schools or not and if there is any framework to that, refer it to this House and also elaborate more on the schools that Members raised, If those schools exist all Ward representatives you can forward the names of the schools that you think they are ghosts to the Committee because I know on the ground, we have what people call quality assurance officers in every ward, so that the department can confirm from them.

So, give us the report here on Wednesday 9am, that is the time I am going to put the question on the report. Next week.

**Chairman Committee of Education**, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Agreed Honorable Speaker.

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): We were not disputing the report, the report is still there, just do that small addition and then we are going to put the question on Wednesday 9am.

### **ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

**The Majority Leader**, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to move the following motion;

**THAT** pursuant to Standing Order 27 (4), this Assembly resolves to alter its calendar to adjourn today 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 as Members will be participating in Maa leaders retreat meeting and resume in accordance with the County Assembly calendar. Thankyou Mr. Speaker and I call Honorable Leshimpiro to second the motion.

*(Honorable Leshimpiro nods to second the motion)*

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): I now propose;

**THAT** pursuant to Standing Order 27 (4), this Assembly resolves to alter its calendar to adjourn today 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 as Members will be participating in Maa leaders retreat meeting and resume in accordance with the County Assembly calendar.

*(Motion put, proposed and passed)*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Honorable Members, the time being 24 minutes past 5 O' clock and there being no any other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Tuesday 7th, November 2023 at 2:30PM.