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THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI

FIRST COUNTY ASSEMBLY – (SECOND SESSION)

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION OF COUNTY AFFAIRS.

REPORT ON COMMUNITY LEVEL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PRO
POOR PROGRAMME

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PREFACE

Mr. Chairman, Standing Order 191(1) establishes for every County Assembly, Sectoral Committees with specific mandates. Under Standing Order 191 (5), the Sectoral Committees are charged with the distinct responsibilities which include;

To;

- i) investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;
- ii) study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- iii) study and review all county legislations referred to it;
- iv) study, assess and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- v) investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;
- vi) to vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 185 (Committee on Appointments) ; and
- vii) make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
1. Hon. Mwove Kinyala	Chairman	.....
2. Hon. Bernard M Munyasia	Vice Chairman	.....
3. Hon. Daniel N Kimanzi	Member	.....
4. Hon. Stephen M Kithuka	Member	.....
5. Hon. Nelson K Kitema	Member	.....
6. Hon. Johnray N Ngava	Member	.....
7. Hon. Deiys M Mukala	Member	.....
8. Hon. Jennifer Munuve	Member	.....
9. Hon. Jemimah Mbiti	Member	.....
10. Hon. Catherine Kasimu	Member	.....
11. Hon. Phoebe Kisee	Member	.....
12. Hon. Hussein Mwandia	Member	.....

Mr. Chairman, these members provided good leadership throughout the development of the report putting into consideration the previous report and input submitted by the County Executive Committee Members for Finance and Economic Development.

Signed _____

Hon. Mwove Kinyala, Chairperson
Administration and Coordination of County Affairs

Date.....

COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Chairman, the Kitui County Assembly had earlier on 22nd July 2014 adopted the guidelines for the implementation of the Community level Infrastructure Development Program and the Pro poor program. The minimum funding level passed was Ksh 250 million for the community level infrastructure development program and Ksh 110 million for the pro poor program.

Mr. Chairman, on 4th September 2014, the Committee received an Internal Memo from the Office of the Clerk requesting it to provide its recommendations to the Assembly on the concerns forwarded in a correspondence by the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning on 25th August 2014.

Mr. Chairman, on 16th September, 2014, the Committee members went through the issues raised in the correspondences and invited the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning to substantiate the notable concerns raised. The Member appeared before the committee and reiterated the position that the draft guidelines developed and submitted with the 2013-2014 annual budget was in a manner that differentiated them from the ward development fund and as a result were approved by the Controller of Budget.

Mr. Chairman, the Committee noted that the differentiating factor between the guidelines and ward development funds that made the guidelines get approval from the Controller of Budget was the twenty five percent (25%) of the budgeted funds that shall be utilized for bigger projects cutting across a wider area and with widespread impact.

OVERVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY LEVEL INFRASTRUCTURE AND PRO POOR PROGRAMS

Mr. Chairman, the justification for the Community Level Infrastructure Development Program is that Kitui County is generally a water deficient county. The distances to water points are long since there are no reliable water sources. In terms of sanitation, about 50% of the county's population use covered and uncovered toilet with flash toilet and VIP accounting for only 3.1%. Therefore, there is need to construct more public toilets.

The main sources of energy in the county include wood fuel, parafin, electricity, charcoal and solar. Electricity connection is low in the county estimated at 69% which is far below the national power connectivity of 75% as at 2012. This calls for rural electrification program to be extended to more areas in the county.

An efficient and reliable transport system is vital for the growth of the economy of the county. Nevertheless, the county has 210.2 km of bitumen roads, 1564.9 km of gravel surface and 1846.7 km of earth surface roads most of which are in poor condition and are impassable during the rainy season. Hence need to improve the road network and further open new ones.

Mr. Chairman, the program will cover the entire county with an objective of closing the development gap through small quick-win projects with fast impacts to the community. The funds to support the program will be factored in the successive budgets for the county.

Mr. Chairman, the justification for the Pro Poor Program is that in Kitui County at Pre-School Education level, the County has 1336 early childhood development centres with 1695 teachers. The teacher/pupil Ratio stands at 1:34 and the completion rate is 96 percent. The Net Enrolment Rate stands at 89.8% which is low due to the average distance of 5.5 Km to the nearest school, while at Primary Education level, the county has 1,094 primary schools with an estimated total enrolment of 293,507 pupils.

The teacher/pupil ratio stands at 1:43, which is far below the recommended standard of 1:25. In terms of academic performance, the county has not been doing so well. In terms of physical infrastructure, the county is characterized by either inadequacy or poorly constructed and dilapidated buildings . There is still inadequate classroom space, desks and chairs, poor/low quality building structures with inadequate sanitation facilities.

Mr. Chairman, The County has low literacy due to high school dropout rates, inadequate education facilities, inadequate staff, low enrolment and low transition rate. The percentage of population with ability to read and write is 63.2% compared to the national level of 71.4%.

At Secondary Education level, there are 178 secondary schools in the county with 1061 teachers. The completion rate is estimated to be 93.4% while the retention, and drop out rates are estimated to be 87.7% and 20% respectively. The state of physical infrastructure in many secondary schools is generally characterized as poor. The distance to the nearest secondary school is 44% for 5km and above, 37% for between 1.1km to 4.9kms. The teacher /student ratio is 1:28.

Mr. Chairman, The pro-poor program will ensure increased retention rate due to provision of fees support to pupils and students. It is envisaged that the programme will improve learning by providing learning materials and space in schools and educational institutions. The Pro-poor program will support following initiatives:

1. School fees support for the needy or disadvantaged students;
2. Infrastructural support for learning institutions

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Chairman, Standing Order (180), (6) provides for the laying on the Table of the County Assembly by the Chairperson of the select committee its report. The following are the recommendations of the Committee;

A. Community Level Infrastructure Program

1) Percentages to be applied in sharing the funds

Whereas the guidelines approved by the Kitui County Assembly shared the funds for the community level infrastructure program as follows;

1. 70% of the budgeted funds to be shared equally amongst the forty wards to cater for the projects in the respective wards.
2. 10% of the budgeted funds to be shared amongst the forty wards based on population size.
3. 8% of the budgeted funds to be shared amongst the forty wards based on poverty index.
4. 7% of the budgeted funds to be shared amongst the forty wards based on the size of each ward.
5. 5% of the budgeted funds to be used to cater for sitting allowances, reimbursements of fares, trainings and evaluation and any other administrative expense as shall be considered.

The committee has recommended that;

1. 70% of the budgeted funds shall be shared equally amongst the forty wards to cater for the projects in the respective wards.
2. 25% of the budgeted funds shall be utilized for bigger projects that cut across wards/wider area and has widespread impact for example Mwingi Resource Centre.
3. 5% of the budgeted funds shall be utilized for capacity building and administration of the projects.

2) Composition of the committee

Whereas the guidelines approved by the Kitui County Assembly provided for the composition of the committee for the community level infrastructure program to be as follows;

1. The ward administrator (Secretary);
2. All village administrators in the ward; and
3. A representative from each village elected through popular vote.
4. People with disability.

The committee has recommended that the composition of the committee shall include;

1. The ward administrator (Secretary);
2. All village administrators in the ward; and
3. People with disability.

B. Pro poor program

1. Percentages to be applied in sharing the funds

Whereas the guidelines approved by the Kitui County Assembly shared the funds for the pro poor program as follows;

1. 70% of the budgeted funds to be shared equally amongst the forty wards in the County.
2. 15% of the budgeted funds to be shared amongst the forty wards in the County based on population size.
3. 10% of the budgeted funds to be shared amongst the forty wards in the County based on the poverty index of each ward.
4. 5% of the budgeted funds to be used to cater for sitting allowances, reimbursements of fares, trainings and evaluation and any other administrative expense as shall be considered.

The committee has recommended that;

1. 75% of the budgeted funds to be utilized for school fees support, learning aid and materials and learning aid for children with disabilities.
2. 25% of the budgeted funds to be utilized for improvement of pre – primary, primary and village polytechnics.

2. Composition of the committee

Whereas the guidelines approved by the Kitui County Assembly provided for the composition of the committee for the pro poor program to be as follows;

1. The ward administrator (Secretary);
2. All village administrators in the ward;
3. A representative from each village elected through a popular vote; and
4. A representative from County Director of Education office (Co-opted).

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