

# **REPUBLIC OF KENYA**



## **COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FIRST ASSEMBLY- (THIRD SESSION)**

**REPORT ON THE MEMBERS OF THE KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY  
INSPECTION TRIP ON VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS  
FUNDED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> TO 24<sup>TH</sup>,  
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## **1. PREFACE**

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

On behalf of the Members, of the County Assembly of Kitui and pursuant to the Provision of Standing Order 180(6), it is my pleasant privilege and pleasure to present the report on the findings and recommendations of the member on the inspection exercise on various development projects in the County funded by the County Government under the budget provision for 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years.

The County Assembly has an oversight role over the County Executive organs. In order to carry out this function appropriately and conveniently, the house works through sectoral committee which were formed in line with County Executive ministries.

Standing Order No. 191 expressly creates the sectoral committees and their respective functions. In carrying out this exercise as indicated below, the Assembly sampled out various projects across the County for inspection, for the purpose of coming up with detailed sector findings and recommendations.

The exercise was carried out from January 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 through four (4) working groups as follows;

**Group one, Mwingi North and Mwingi Central,**

**Group two, Kitui Central and Kitui Rural,**

**Group three, Kitui West and Mwingi West and**

**Group four, Kitui South and Kitui East.**

Immediately, after the tour, the working groups prepared preliminary reports which were later merged culminating into this single report which I am now tabling in the house today

for the members to consider adopting it with a view to having the recommendations forwarded to the executive for action.

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

The list of members of the County Assembly who participated in this exercise is captured under annex 1 of this report.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

The object and principles of devolved Government as provided for in our Constitution 2010 is to promote social and economic development and the provision of proximate, easily accessible services throughout the country (Sub Article 174, (f)).

In sub Article 174 (i), the Constitution emphasizes on enhancement of checks and balances and the separation of powers. It is therefore indeed that, by undertaking this exercise, the members were captivated by the desire to fulfill their oversight role, which further is expressly provided for in Article 185(3) of the constitution as that:-

***"A County Assembly, while respecting the principle of the separation of powers, may exercise oversight over the County Executive committee and any other County Executive Organ".***

To carry out this function effectively, the assembly works through Sectoral Committees created by Standing Order 191 which further outlines one of the committee mandate as to inter alia:-

***"investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments".***

Therefore, in undertaking this, the Honourable Members were seeking to establish, evaluate and report on each Sector performance within the budget allocations for the two financial years.

### **3. PURPOSE OF THE TRIP**

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

In carrying out this exercise, the members were set out to establish out the following;

- Whether public funds were well utilized, very importantly and whether the funds were spent on intended purposes (in approved programmed activities) and how effectively, efficiently and economically the resources were spent for the benefit of the residents.
- To find out if members of the public will get value for money regarding the quality of work done and if the contractors involved were keen on specifications as spelt out in the Bill of Quantities (BQ).
- To ascertain if the County Government was delivering satisfactory services to its residents as required (satisfaction level).
- To establish what plans are in place to ensure sustainability of the projects.
- To establish the stakeholders involvement in the projects identification and implementation.
- The challenges experienced during and after the project implementation.

### **4. METHODOLOGY.**

In carrying out this exercise, the Assembly resolved to physically inspect various development projects across the County funded during the financial years 2013/14 and 2014/15.

A program was drawn for four groups of the Members of the Assembly indicating the projects to be visited and their geographical location. Additionally this was communicated to the Executive to avail relevant staff for technical information and any other necessary support.

During this exercise which was carried out in four groups as captured in the preface of this report, the teams were involved in the following activities:-

- Direct observation of the projects.
- Oral interviewing of the stakeholders and County staff responsible for supervision of the projects.
- Recording of information and observations and
- Taking of project photographs.

There were interesting discussion between the members of the Assembly and the electorates during which consumer level satisfaction could be established while the community asked for more funds for expansion of existing facilities and other new projects.

## **5. SECTOR FINDINGS**

The Assembly in carrying out this exercise was guided by the group programs which indicated the project title and its location (ward);the findings as explained in the preface above were analyzed and recorded to give out a clear understanding of each sector performance.

## **5.1 Administration and Coordination of County Affairs**

### **(a.) Project(s) name**

- **Kitungati AP Line: Mbitini ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 650, 000**

**Name of Contractor: Power Pump Limited**

The main objective of the project was to provide better housing facility to the administration police officers as well as beefing up security in the area.

### **Scope of work**

- Builders works, roofing and finishes.

### **Findings**

- Project complete and fully paid for but the width of the building was found to be very small.



*Figure 1 Inspection of Kitungati AP line*

## **5.2 Agriculture, Water and Irrigation**

### **(a.) Project(s)name**

#### **(i) Ngaa Earth Dam: Kyangwithya East Ward**

**Cost of the Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Contractor:** \_\_\_\_\_

The project was started with a core purpose of trapping water for the surrounding community to use for domestic purposes, irrigation and fish farming.

### **Scope of work**

- De-silting and fencing.

### **Findings**

- Project complete and in use.

### **Recommendations**

- That the contractor to properly position spillway to accommodate the inflow of excess discharge from the catchment area.
- That the catchment be well fenced/protected to avoid possible pollution and contamination as well as other dangers associated with presence of huge water body.
- That fish farmers be provided with fish fingerlings.

#### **(ii) Kwa Mukai Earth Dam: Mulango Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 4,500,000**

**Name of Contractor: Ndambi Contractors Ltd.**



The main purpose of this project was to store adequate water for domestic use as well as farming. In addition, the construction of the dam was aimed at de-silting of the initial dam.

### **Scope of work**

- De-silting and provision of fencing.

### **Findings**

During the visit, the members found that the embankment/wall had collapsed because of the following reasons:-

- Weak embankment/wall.
- Use of wrong building materials i.e. sand soil instead of red soil.
- Improper compaction.
- Use of wrong dimensions / incorrect design which could not accommodate the inflow / catchment discharge.
- Poor positioning of spill-way which could not allow excess inflow.

### **Recommendations**

- The construction of strong concrete slab and proper positioning of the spill-way to allow excess inflow of the discharge.
- That Poor design work contributed to the collapse of the dam.
- Strongly demanded the work to be redone expeditiously.
- To summon the respective C.E.O and technical team to explain.

(iii) **Kavoo Primary School Borehole: Kanyangi Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 1,528,300.00**

**Name of Contractor: Polarise Enterprises ltd**

## **Scope of Work**

- Construction of Kavoo bore and installation of distribution lines.

At the time of the visit to the development project site, members were astonished to find that the residents could not access a single drop of water yet the project ought to have been completed by October 2014.

## **Findings**

In their observations, members noted that, the contractor had done a shoddy work and highlighted the following concerns:

- The contractor had dug only seventy point five (70.5) meters instead of the recommended one hundred and eighty meters (180) to reach the main aquifer.
- Improper casing done for six inches instead of fourteen inches.
- Poor workmanship.

## **Recommendations**

- The Installation of a three meter depth mortar/cement to avoid sub-surface contamination.
- The work to be done a fresh within a period of sixty days to handover the project.

## **General Recommendations**

- Thorough exposure of contractors on expected workmanship standards by County government i.e. seminars, workshops e.tc
- Thorough scrutiny of contractors before awarding tenders by ministries to eliminate briefcase contractors e.g Kitui Stadium, Mukai earth dam as case studies.
- Respective ministries/supervisors to work in conjunction with National Construction Authority (NCA) to inspect the projects to conform standards before authenticating payments. e.g Mukai earth dam.

- Blacklisting contractors who persistently undertake shoddy work. eg. Miambani Valley General Contractors Limited and Ndambi Contractors Limited.
- Availing Bill of quantities (BQ's) of the selected projects to Members of County Assembly before the commencement of the inspection tour.
- Engineers from respective ministries/department in future to be accompanying Members of County Assembly inspection tour when need arises for Bill of Quantities (BQ) interpretation.
- Contractors/supervisors to involve the community while commencing the project for the purpose of owning the projects.
- That in future all contracts should bear sign posts, road signs, to alert the road users on details of the project.

**(iv) Yalatani Earth Dam: Mutonguni Ward**

**Cost of Project:Ksh.3, 662,400.00**

**Name of Contractor-----**

**Findings**

- That the dam was funded at a cost of Ksh. 4 million.
- That it was well done, of medium size and same fenced round.
- That the contractor was on site.
- That the dam reduced long distances to other water points and serves a large population-a market centre and a primary school.

**Recommendations**

- That funds for expansion be availed.

**(v) Ndalani Earth Dam (Hand Pump, Fencing and Gabions):  
Miqwani Ward**

**Cost of Project:**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

- That only two (2) gabions instead of three (3) were constructed.
- That the County Government had fenced the dam, sunk a shallow well and installed a hand pump.
- That the above was operational.

**Recommendations**

- There is need for the additional gabion to be constructed.

**(vi) Kitulani Borehole: Kyome/Thaana Ward**

**Cost of the Project:Kshs. 1,345,000.00**

**Name of Contractor:Katulani Building contractor ltd.**

**Scope of work**

- Drilling of 120m deep,borehole development,installation slotted/plain casing as per the design.
- 24Hr testing pumping, chemical and bacteriological analysis,capping of the borehole.
- Bore equipping and point source water distribution.

**Findings**

- That the borehole was functioning.
- That there were many cracks on the beams but renovation was going on.
- That the borehole Chamber was not constructed.
- That it was funded by the County Government under 2013/2014 budget.
- That the generator was in place but requires extension of exhaust pipe.

**Recommendations**

- That more funds be allocated for chamber construction and extension of exhaust pipe.

**(vii) Ndaluni Sand Dam: Kyome/Thaana Ward**

**Cost of project:Ksh**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

- That the sand dam was well done but the wall requires to be raised a bit
- That there are more areas along the same river for more sand dams.
- That the project was funded by Community Level Infrastructural Development Programme at a cost of Three Hundred Thousand Shillings (300,000).
- That the impact was widely felt by the area residents.

**Recommendations**

- That more earth dams should be constructed along the Syomwambya River.
- That more funds be allocated to raise the dam.

**(viii) Winzyeei Earth Dam: Kyome/Thaana Ward**

**Cost of the project: Ksh.4, 076,450.00**

**Name of contractor:Ericowinner Builders**

**Scope of Work**

- De-silting of Winzei Kasyathu Earth Dam, Bush clearing of the Dam.
- Excavation of Earth works for Reservoir and Trench.
- Construction of Draw off system.

**Findings**

- That the dam was well done.

- That the road leading to the earth dam required grading.
- That the dam was not fenced.
- That the dam was funded at a cost of Kshs. 3,500,000.00 by the County Government.
- That the impact was greatly felt as it served more than a thousand (1,000) households- people and livestock.

### **Recommendations**

- That the dam be fenced round to curb water pollution by livestock.
- That Gabions be constructed to curb siltation.

#### **(ix) Kakululo Borehole Pipeline Extension: Nguutani Ward**

**Cost of project:**

**Name of Contractor:**

### **Findings**

- That the extension was done to a nearby dispensary reservoir and water kiosk.
- That the distance for the extension was 2.2 KM.
- That the project was funded by the County Government at a cost of Kshs. 1,500,000.00 and it serves about 3,000 people.
- That a 20 litres jerrican is sold at two (2) shillings which is used for maintenance.

### **Recommendations**

- That there is need to allocate more funds for further extension.

#### **(x) Muthioni Water Pipeline: Nguutani Ward**

**Cost of Project:Ksh**

**Name of Contractor:**

### **Findings**

- That Piping was adequately done.
- That the pipeline extension to Nzawa Market was on -going,

### **Recommendations**

- That there is need for further extension of the project.

#### **(xi) Nzama–Kuu Makuti Water Project: Kiomo / Kyethani Ward**

**Cost Project:Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

### **Findings**

- That water was being pumped for 1.3KM from Tana River using a generator.
- That the project was incomplete as flow back pipes were needed.
- That Irrigation was being done on private land.
- That a water engineer was working closely with the group.
- That the contractor was on site.
- That the area under irrigation was three (3) acres (see a proposal)

### **Recommendations**

- That there was need to cover the reservoir tank to curb evaporation and also ward off children.
- That there was need to install return pipes from the reservoir to five (5) other plots to compensate the owners of the plots (see a proposal).
- That another tank of water for household use be constructed in the area.

#### **(xii) Kooma Drip Irrigation Project: Ikanga Ward**

**Cost oftheProject:Ksh.5, 495,135.00**

**Name of Contractor: CaphiEnterprisesnstruc**

### **Scope of work**

- Construction of 8 tank stands, supply and installation of 28 quarter acre drip kits.
- Supply and installation of 8 x30m green complete with drip system.
- Supply of pumps (7 no), laying of rising mains and distribution lines.

### **Findings**

The County Government allocated Ksh. 5 million to boost farming activities in a bid to boost food security in the locations.

- The project is served by a nearby borehole which supplies water to eight (8) storage tanks of .....cubic metres each which strategically positioned to ensure smooth flow of the commodity to the upcoming greenhouses.
- The first green house has been set up and irrigation pipes laid in preparation for planting. Besides boosting food security, the project will also increase incomes to the farmers through the sale of horticultural produce..
- The main challenge facing the project is lack of proper training for farmers on the best farming practices.
- The single borehole may not be sufficient to provide enough water for the farming activities expected to blossom in due course and the rising number of residents.

### **Recommendations**

The County Government should do the following;

- Boost water supply to the project by drilling an additional borehole.
- Expose the farmers to the best practices on dry-land by linking them to organizations such as Amiran-Kenya, a locally based Israeli agro-firm which promotes hi-tech drip irrigation technologies in Kenya.

**(xiii) Kyanika Irrigation Water Project: Nzambani Ward**

**Cost of Project:Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

### **Findings**



- That Phase one of the project is divided into 7 units with each serving for four (4) farmers in total, the entity has 28 members.
- That the challenges facing the project include; lack of capacity building for the farmers, farming tools and implements.
- In adequate water for irrigation, footvalves to enable water pumps raise water to the tanks and in turn feed the drip lines, a well as feeder roads to enable the farmers to ferry their produce to the market.

### **Recommendations**

The County Government should do the following;

- Allocate the project additional funds to sort out the remaining challenges.
- Replicate the effort in other areas with such potential to address food insecurity in the County.

**(xiv) Construction of Water Tank (Kasaala Water Project): Ikutha Ward**

**Cost of Project: Ksh.1, 799,456.00**

**Name of Contractor: Katungate Contractors ltd,**

### **Scope of Work**

- Genset Repairs, Construction of 7x3m deepx1m wide stilling well Dewatering/Cleaning of water tank.
- Rehabilitation/repair of 1.2km rising main, construction of 3No. valve chambers, Testing and commissioning.

### **Findings**

- That the construction work is at the initial stages.
- That Local residents walk for long distances in search of the precious commodity and the nearest water source is River Tiva which is about 23 kilometers away.

- That the project requires additional funding to facilitate extension of the piping to the following areas; Kwa Kimweli, Tsavo primary school, Kaluluini, Kivuti and Kisou.
- That the delegation pledged to support any proposal for extra funding to the project to ease water shortage in the locality.

### **Recommendations**

- The County Government should allocate additional funds to facilitate expansion of the project to serve more people.

**(xv) Katana Water Pipeline Extension: Ikutha Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Ksh 2,120,910.00**

**Name of Contractor: Little Five Tours Limited**

### **Scope of work**

- Construction of Katana-pipeline Extension (2.5km), bushclearing, pipelinetrenching 600mmx600mm.
- Construction of 1No.STD Water kiosk, back filling of pipeline, installation of 1No.10m<sup>3</sup> plastic water Tank.
- Construction of 4No. valve chambers, construction of Anchor blocks along the pipeline.
- Construction of soak pit, pressure testing of the pipeline.

### **Findings**

- That the residents were aggrieved to find the borehole for which pipeline extension was being carried out by the County Government at a cost of Ksh. 2.1 million lacked water hence the ongoing effort will not bear fruit unless further drilling was carried out to reach the main aquifer or water table.
- That the drilling of the borehole was carried out by Tanathi which did 70 metres instead of the 100 metres recommended.

- That the delegation proceeded to inspect the borehole but did not gain entry as they found the pump house locked. There is public outcry over collapse of the project.

### **Recommendations**

The County Government should do the following;

- Liaise with the top management of Tanathi with a view to getting to the bottom of the matter by pushing for drilling experts to be sent on the ground to determine if indeed the excavation was done in accordance with specifications.
- Establish if the officials involved with the implementation of the project acted in the best interest of the public.
- To take appropriate legal action against the officials involved with implementation of the project if implicated in corrupt practices.
- Carry out drilling of another borehole to ease the suffering of the residents due to scarcity of water.

**(xvi) Kawambemba Borehole: Mutha Ward**

**Cost of the Project:Kshs. 1,382,720.00**

**Name of Contractor:Chalma Building contractors**

### **Scope of Work**

- Drilling of Kawambemba borehole, development and pump testing.

### **Findings**

- That the drilling of the borehole had collapsed.
- That the contractor was required to drill up to between 120 to 140 metres to reach the water table but did 114 metres and declared there was enough water at that level.
- That the contractor was required to do casing ( 20 metres underneath) to prevent caving in of loose soil but he overlooked it.

- That Mutha town and its environs was facing serious water shortage as it is served by only one functional borehole located at Kalambani about 25 kilometres from Mutha town.
- That the contractor did not follow instructions on drilling specifications.

### **Recommendations**

The County Government should do the following;

- Withhold payment to the contractor pending resolution of the matter.
- Allocate additional funds to facilitate drilling of another borehole.

#### **(xvii) Thua/Kyamatu Borehole: Voo/Kyamatu Ward**

The delegation did not visit this particular project but made a stopover at the main water tank which serves as the main distribution point.

### **Findings**

- That Kyamatu residents were facing acute water shortage, as a result of collapsing of the borehole.
- That the County Government allocated Ksh. 2 million for extension of the pipeline linking to a local water kiosk. The borehole is the lifeline for the residents who said the County Government should have accorded its rehabilitation priority instead of carrying out extension of the pipeline which the delegation blamed on lack of proper consultation.

### **Recommendations**

The following should be done;

- The County Government should set aside additional funds to facilitate urgent rehabilitation of the borehole.

#### **(xviii) Muini Earth Dam: Nzambani Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs 3,000,000.00**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

- That no embankment has been created to prevent running water from washing loose soil into the dam..
- That the water is used for washing, brickmaking and drinking by livestock.
- That the existence of the dam is, however, threatened by the farming activities carried by the families residing around devoid of soil conservation measures.

**Recommendations**

The County Government should do the following;

- Encourage the farmers to adopt soil conservation measures to prevent soil from being washed into the dam by rain water.
- Create an embankment around the dam to act as a barrier to mounds of soil being washed into the dam.

**(xix) Katumbi/Kalungu Water Pipeline: Endau/Malalani Ward**

**Cost of the Project:Ksh.2,849,815.0**

**Name of Contractor:Suwina Investment Ltd.**

**Scope of Work**

- Trenching/Excavation of 4.5km pipeline,Supply and installation of 40/50/63mmdia.upvc/GI pipes.
- Supply and installation of 3.4 UPVC and GI pipes,purchase and installation of pipe fittings.
- Construction of 4No Ministry STD valve chambers,construction of 1No.

**Findings**

- That the Installation of the pipeline was well done and 2 water kiosks built, one at Mwangeni and the other at Kalungu.
- That the County Government provided 2 water tanks of 10,000 liters to the project and constructed a cattle trough under the same contract but the final work is poor.

- That the plaster has peeled off but the contractor has promised to repair the defect in two weeks.
- That the project will boost water supply in Katumbi and Ndetani sub-locations which experience acute shortage of the commodity.

### **Recommendations**

- Repair and access road serving the dam.
- Provide more funds to undertake water extension to the market.
- Toilet should be provided.

#### **(xx) Ndangea Earth Dam: Tharaka Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 2,976,100.00**

**Name of Contractor: Times Trade Construction Company**

### **Scope of work**

- De-silting, fencing with reinforced concrete posts.
- Supply and install metal Gate-387mx1.8m, painted green.

### **Findings**

- 95% complete and in use.

### **Recommendations**

- Repair and open access road serving the dam
- Provide more funds to undertake water extension to the market
- toilet should be provided

#### **(xxi) Kwa Ngindu Earth Dam: Mui Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 2,034,600.00**

**Name of Contractor: Arkson General Contractors Limited**

### **Scope of work**

- Construction of Kwangindu Earth Dam.

## **Findings**

- 80% Complete and in use.

## **Recommendations**

- The cattle trough should be transferred to its original site.
- Site clearance to be done.
- Retention wall should be strengthen.
- Piping should be strengthen.
- Fence and a toilet should be provided.



Figure 2 *A complete Winzyeei earth dam*



*Figure 3 Kooma irrigation project.*





*Figure 4 Poorly designed Kwa Mukai earth dam.*

### **5.3 Basic Education, Training and Skills Development**

**(a.) Project(s) name**

**(i) Kyemwengi Primary ECD Classroom (Kyangwithya East Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 1,000,000.00**

**Name of Contractor: Kyamboo Contractors**

Members found out that the project kicked off in the year 2013 and the class was expected to be completed by January 2014, so as to be used by ECD pupils of Kyemwengi primary school.

#### **Scope of work**

- Builders works, roofing and finishes.

#### **Findings**

At the time of inspection, the classroom was not complete with the following pending:

- Incomplete roofing ie. Weak timber, poor jointing/wood preservative.
- Plastering had not started.
- The classroom windows had no window panes and a door.

It was noted that no payment has been made to the supplier of the classroom windows, Stephen Muthui Mwendwa who was said to owe the contractor ksh43, 400. In addition, the mason KiiluMulalyaMbweli is yet to be paid a remaining balance of Kshs. 60,000.

The supplier of the stones and other building materials owes the contractor a balance of Kshs. 372,000. In addition, it was realized that the same contractor had not paid for the following materials:-

- Sand Kshs. 21,400
- Water Kshs.5,000
- Labourers Kshs. 8,300

- Poles (9) Kshs.2,000

Therefore the contractor is in debt of Kshs. 512,100 for the ECD classroom. The scope of work is 65%.

### **Recommendations**

- That the contractor been given sixty days from today ie 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 to complete the classroom.
- That Members be provided with certificate of payment which recommended for payment by the works officer.
- That the surrounding community be directly involved projects implementation.

### **(ii) Malunqu ECD Classrooms : Kyangwithya West Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 968,000**

**Name of Contractor: Bewima Contractors**

The objective was to improve enrollment and literacy level in the area. According to members, they rated the project at ninety five percent completion status.

### **Scope of work.**

- Builders works,roofing and finishes.

### **Findings**

The following were some observations by the members during the inspection of the project;

- No skating done.
- Wooden door is installed instead of metallic one.
- Timber joining done inappropriately.

### **Recommendations**

- The contractor to complete the remaining portion.

### **(iii) Mulango ECD Classroom : Mulango Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 1,000,000**

**Name of Contractor: Baton Ventures**

Members thanked the contractor for good work done.

### **Scope of work.**

- Builders works, roofing and finishes.

### **Findings**

- The classroom door was wooden instead of metallic.
- Wall plate space to be filled up.

### **Recommendations**

- Metallic door to be fixed instead of wooden one.

### **(iv) Mukelenzuni ECD Classroom : Kwa Vonza / Yatta ward**

**Cost of the Project: Ksh. 1,200,000**

**Name of Contractor: Secomco Contractors**

The purpose of the project was to increase the enrolment rate of the pupils from the area, as well as improving the standards of education in the region.

### **Scope of Work**

- Builders works, roofing and finishes.

## **Findings**

Members applauded the contractor for the good work done and thanked the Kitui County Government for a job well done.

### **(v) Kitamaa primary school gate (Kisasi ward)**

**Cost of the Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Contractor:** \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of the project was to enhance security to the school's property.

## **Findings**

- The project was complete and in use.

### **(vi) Syomunyu Primary School Classroom Renovation : Kanyangi ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 697,389.50**

**Name of Contractor: Semange**

Members visited the school only to find out that no single renovation had been done, despite the contractors having received the local service order (L.S.O) to start the work.

The project was to start on June 2014 and to be complete by August 2014. The purpose of the project was to improve depilated infrastructure of the school.

## **Scope of work**

- Re-roofing works.

## **Findings**

- That there were renovations cost challenges that led to delay in the implementation of the project. In our opinion the classes to be renovated, were two depilated classes while the rests were in good order.

## **Recommendations**

- The works officer to be called to explain why the contractor has not started the work.

### **(vii) Kanyangi Primary School ECD Project: Kanyangi ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 1,000,000**

**Name of Contractor: Quality Care Enterprise**

The core purpose of the project was to create a bigger classroom to accommodate the ever increasing enrolment in the area. Furthermore, the project aims to increase the literacy level amongst the Kanyangi residents.

## **Scope of Work**

- Builders works, roofing and finishes.

## **Findings**

- The project was incomplete.
- The project was due completion on June, 2014.
- The wooden door to be replaced with the recommended metallic door.
- Fixing of the chalkboard is required.
- The roof is not properly reinforced.
- The wall plate space to be filled up.

## **Recommendations**

- Roofing to be done properly/reinforced.

- Fixing of metallic door.

**Matinyani Youth Polytechnic: Matinyani Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

This was the first project to be visited by the group.

**Findings**

The group established the following:

- That the workshop was in use though not complete as part of its roof had an old ceiling while the rest had none.
- That the windows in the workshop lacked grills hence quite insecure.
- That the project was funded by the County Government of Kitui to the tune of Kes.2.5 million.
- That the said project had made a lot of impact in the entire institution and the surrounding area as it raised enrolment from 22 to 28 students. It also improved the image of the County Government in the eyes of the local community, since it served as an indicator that the same was doing something to uplift the living standards of the area residents.

**Recommendations**

The group came up with the following recommendations:

- That there was need for the local community to be involved when such projects are being initiated so that they may own such projects.
- That in future, management boards be served with the bill of quantities (BQs) so as to acquaint themselves with what the contractor is doing.

- That there is need for more funds to be allocated to the same institution to complete stalled buildings as requested by the community.

**(viii) AIC Makolo ECDE Class: Kwamutonga/Kithumula Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

- Builders works, roofing and finishes.

**Findings**

Members found that:

- The class was complete and in use.
- The windows handles were not there.
- The class had a wooden door.
- The class had over 45 children and more were still joining nursery.
- The school had been provided with some desks.
- The school lacked teaching materials.
- There was no toilet facility in the school.
- There was one teacher employed by the County Government.
- There were cracks on the walls.

**Recommendations**

Members recommended that:

- That a metal door do replace the wooden one as per the BQs.
- The window handles should be fixed forthwith.
- That ECDE teaching materials should be provided,



- That the works officer do visit, assess and file a report on what ought to be done on the cracked walls.

**Malatani ECDE Class: Kwa Mutonga/Kithumula Ward**

**Cost of project: Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

- Builders works, roofing and finishes.

**Recommendations**

- That the contractor had done a commendable job.

**(ix) Kiomo/Kyethani Desk Projects and ECDE(CLIDP) Projects:**

**Kiomo/Kyethani Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

- That eleven water tanks for Kairungu were never delivered by the contractor.
- That 55 mattresses were dropped at Kairungu by the contractor and not distributed.
- That Kavuvwani/Kavuoni village was to get 35 mattresses for schools.
- That there were no deliveries for Kiomo and Mbondoni schools, as there was not any supplier.
- That Karura and Wikithuki never got any mattresses.
- That there were about 169 desks in Kiomo Primary School waiting to be branded, for distribution to 52 ECDE Centres.

- Out of 43 ECDE centers, each was to get 5 mattresses and one 10,000 litres water tank.

### **Recommendations**

- That tenders for the supply of items not delivered be re - advertised.
- That the desks be distributed without any further delay.
- That that supplier who failed to deliver within the stipulated period be blacklisted.

#### **Maweni ECModel Center: Ikanga Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs 1,000,000.00**

**Name of Contractor:Lyniska Construction limited.**

### **Findings**

- Construction of the centre is complete.
- That the contractor was faulted for the following defects; a crack on the wall appearing not so long after the work was completed.
- A wooden door instead of a metallic one recommended in the BQ and which is more popular for being secure.
- The delegation was touched by the plight of pupils who learn under dilapidated structures which they said required a facelift.
- They were also moved by the plight of two former pupils of the school who scored 320 and 328 marks respectively in last year's KCPE but cannot proceed with secondary education due to lack of fees. The team wondered why the two who are siblings were not assisted to apply for assistance from bursary kitties funded by well-wishers.
- The model center is manned by a single teacher hired by the County Government.

### **Recommendations**

- The contractor should be recalled on site to replace the wooden door with a metallic one as specified in the BQ and to fix the cracks in the interior of the building
- If the contractor was paid in view of the cited omissions, then the lands, infrastructure and urban development committee should take up the matter and investigation should be launched into how the completion certificate was issued.
- The County Government/other donors should intervene in sponsoring construction of modern classrooms at the primary school and other schools in the County where children learn under such deplorable conditions.
- The two siblings should be assisted as a matter of urgency to raise money for school fees considering education is the key to progress.

**(x) Muti ECD Model Center: Mutomo Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs 1,003,225.08**

**Name of Contractor: Kimasha**

**Findings**

- Work on the Ksh 1 million model center is complete.
- The delegation was impressed by the quality of work done with some MCAs wishing that every model center was built to that standard. It is the only facility with a roof fitted with a ceiling.
- The structure is yet to be installed with electricity but plans are underway for that to be done.
- The delegation noticed a series of sockets which have been fitted inside the building raising suspicion of the pre-unit being converted for computer lessons once the laptop project for primary schools countrywide is rolled out by the national government.

**Recommendations**

- The County Government should deal with such serious contractors to ensure the public get value for money on such undertakings.
- The County Government should consider issuing commendation letter to the contractor to serve as a motivation to other contractors seeking its contracts to deliver quality work.
- The model center must be used for the intended purpose only

**(xi) Athi ECD Model Center: Athi Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs 1,000,000.00**

**Name of Contractor: Mumbe contractors**

**Findings**

- That the Construction of the center, is complete.
- The delegation faulted the contractor for the following defects; cracks on the wall, use of sub-standard materials and the building appeared shorter compared with the other model centers.
- The center is served by two teachers employed by the County Government which also provided it with desks.

**Recommendations**

- The contractor should be recalled to fix the defects under the supervision of Public Works Engineer.
- The contractor should be warned that he risked being blacklisted if he continued underperforming.
- County officials who were required to supervise the work should be reprimanded for absconding their responsibilities.

**(xii) Kyuasini ECD Model Center: Mutha Ward**

**Cost of project: Kshs 1,000,000.00**

**Name of Contractor: Katungate Contraction company.**

### **Findings**

- The delegation found the children learning under a tree pending completion of the structure which is 85 per cent done.
- The building is marked by poor workmanship e.g. cracked wall, use of sub-standard materials and the building appearing shorter compared to the other model centers.
- The contractor was also reprimanded for seeking the contract yet he lacked the capacity to deliver quality work on time. It emerged that the construction work started in July 2014 and not fully completed to date.
- Delivery of building materials on site was poor while the builders would remain idle at times putting completion of the project behind schedule, according to Mr Munyithya.
- The team also learnt that there was no close supervision of the work by public works engineers as required.

### **Recommendations**

The County Government should do the following;

- Force the contractor to repair the defects as specified in the BQ.
- The contractor should be warned that he risked being blacklisted if he continued underperforming.
- Ensure that in future specifications for construction of common structures in the wards is standardized to discourage variance in terms of size, appearance and quality of work delivered by different contractors.

**(xiii) Ndandini ECD Model Center: Voo/Kyamatu Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs 580,000.00**

**Name of Contractor: Muveka enterprises.**

The team was welcomed by local leaders upon arrival at the pre-unit whose construction had stagnated.

### **Findings**

- That no substantial work had been undertaken. The job was still at the foundation.
- That the contractor lacked the capacity to deliver the job on time and that no supervision was being carried out by officials of the ministry of public works which would have seen the contractor being questioned for the delay.

### **Recommendations**

- The County Government should determine why the work had stalled with a view to taking appropriate action against the contractor.

**(xiv) Kyuukuni ECD Center: Voo Ward**

**Cost of project: Kshs 1,014,570.80**

**Name of Contractor: M/s Salvin services.**

### **Findings**

- Builders works, roofing and finishes.

### **Findings**

- Construction of the model center is complete.
- The structure has not been put into use as its commissioning is still pending. The delegation lauded the contractor for delivering exemplary work.

### **Recommendations**

The County Government should do the following;

- Ensure the facility is commissioned for immediate use by the children.
- Deploy additional teacher at the center to ease understaffing.

**(xv) Zombe ECD Model Center: Zombe/Mwitika Ward**

**Cost of project: Kshs 1,000,000.00**

**Name of Contractor: Shatiti Enterprises.**

**Findings**

- Construction of the center situated within Zombe primary school is complete and already occupied by the pre-school learners.
- The delegation praised the quality of work done by the contractor.

**Recommendations**

- To maintain positive reputation, the County Government should rely more on capable and experienced contractors while giving the amateurs room to progress but under close supervision and guidance as they slowly build their capital base and expertise in the field of construction.

**(xvi) Itiko ECD Center: Mutitu/Kaliku Ward**

**Cost of project: Kshs 1,000,000.00**

**Name of Contractor: Nzamba Building and Construction Ltd.**

**Findings**

- The delegation was happy with the standard of work done.

**Recommendations**

The County Government should do the following;

- Ensure the centre is commissioned for immediate use by the children
- Deploy additional teacher to the center to ease understaffing.

**(xvii) Ililuni ECD Center: Endau/Malalani Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs 580,000.00**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

- That the Construction work is at the initial stage.
- That there have been complains by the community that construction has taken long and the contractor should be pushed to finish the work as soon as possible.

**Recommendations**

- The County Government should engage the contractor to ensure the work is completed as soon as possible.

**(xviii)Ndilili Youth Polytechnic: Kanziku Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

The leaders were met by the management of the institution.

**Findings**

- The project is already complete and trainees for the various trades enrolled with dressmaking leading the pack with 23 of them.
- The County Government also provided seven (7) sewing machines to the institution. The following courses are offered at the institution; masonry and brick laying, carpentry and joinery, tailoring/dressmaking and knitting, metal work (general fitting and arc welding), motor vehicle mechanics), and driving.
- The delegation was impressed by the quality of work done. Driving lessons are still pending due to lack of a vehicle.
- Lack of electricity had also affected lessons for other courses including masonry, carpentry and mechanical. The institution caters for trainees from parts of the neighboring Mutha ward as well.



- The main challenges facing the institution include; understaffing, going without salary for the few trainers serving under temporary basis, most of the trainees hail from poor families hence poor payment of fees which hampers smooth operation of the institution, Delay in starting driving lessons due to lack of a vehicle and the same case for metal work due to lack of electricity.
- The building was not fitted with fire extinguishers and first-aid kits nor safety rules displayed anywhere at the workshops as requirement which was a serious omission.

### **Recommendations**

The County Government should do the following;

- Provide the polytechnic with a vehicle to facilitate the driving lessons.
- Install electricity at the institution to facilitate mechanical lessons.
- Ensure fire extinguishers are fitted in the workshops as well as the first-aid kits and safety rules displayed in the workshop.

### **(xix) Zombe Youth Polytechnic: Zombe Ward**

**Cost of project: Kshs 2,200,000.00**

**Name of Contractor: Makwo Enterprises**

### **Findings**

- Construction work is complete.
- The following courses are offered at the institution; masonry and brick laying, carpentry and joinery, tailoring/dressmaking and knitting, metal work (general fitting and ARC welding, motor vehicle mechanics) and driving.
- The local residents thanked the County Government for financing the project while the delegation commended the contractor for doing exemplary.

### **Recommendations**

The County Government should do the following;

- Install electricity at the institution;
- Ensure it is adequately equipped for lessons to kick off smoothly once it is commissioned in due course.

**(xx) Mutitu Youth Polytechnic: Mutitu Ward**

**Cost of project: Kshs 1,600,000.00**

**Name of Contractor: Terrasso and Marble Construction ltd.**

**Findings**

- That the Construction work is complete and trainees for various trades enrolled.
- They noted leaking ceiling and poor wiring. However, the delegation was generally impressed by the quality of work done by the contractor.
- That Courses offered include appropriate carpentry and joinery, building and construction technology, fashion design and garment making, metal processing technology and Information Communication Technology (ICT). The institution has no computers.
- The delegation expressed concern for lack of fire extinguishers at the workshops which is a requirement. They also questioned the status of curriculums for youth polytechnics and whether training at the facilities is guided by the same.
- They also inspected the old workshop and recommended its renovation. They noticed that the fire extinguishers fitted there had expired. The workshops had no first-aids kits and no safety rules/procedures displayed anywhere which was a serious omission as well.

**Recommendations**

The County Government should do the following;

- Come up with a curriculum for the youth polytechnics to ensure effective and harmonized training in the institutions.

- Ensure the institution is properly equipped to provide quality training to the trainees.
- Renovate the old workshop to improve the learning environment in the institution.
- Ensure the college administration complies with the requirement for having fire extinguishers fitted within the workshops for use in case of an emergency resulting from unexpected fire outbreak.
- Provide computers to the institution.

**(xxi) Modern Workshop Class at Waita Polytechnic (Waita Ward)**

**Cost of the Project: Ksh. 2,563,745.00**

**Name of Contractor: Bavko Engineering (K) Limited**

**Scope of Work**

- Structural and electrical works.

**Findings**

- 95% complete and in use.
- Final completion certificate not issued.

**Recommendations**

- A slab to be provided around the building.

**(xxii) Renovation of Classes at Kavaliki Primary: Mui Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Ksh. 640,000.00**

**Name of Contractor: Brenzo Enterprises**

**Scope of Work**

- Builders works, roofing and finishes.

### **Findings**

- 80% complete and in use.
- Final completion certificate not issue.
- Leakages not repaired.
- Some window glasses not fitted.

### **Recommendations**

- Poor job was done and should be repeated.
- More funds to be provided to renovate the entire school.

### **(xxiii) Construction of ECD class at Ithingili Primary: Mumoni Ward)**

**Cost of the Project: Ksh. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_**

### **Scope of Work.**

- Builders works, roofing and finishes

### **Findings**

- 80% complete.
- Weak slab and floor.
- Broken shutters.

### **Recommendations**

- Provide a good slab around the class, replace broken shutters and floor should be redone.

- Second door to be provided.

**(xxiii) Modern Workshop Class At Kyuso Polytechnic Kyuso Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Ksh. 3,089,509.00**

**Name of Contractor: Garnet Building Contractors**

**Scope of Work**

- Structural and electrical works.

**Findings**

- 100% complete and in use.
- Handed over in August, 2014.

**Recommendations**

- The school requires more funding to expand the boarding facility due to anticipated increase in enrolment.



*Figure 5 Inspection of Ithingili Primary School ECDE centre.*





*Fig. 7 Section of the dilapidated classrooms at Maweli Primary School.*

#### **5.4 Culture, Youth, Sports and Social Services**

**(a.) Project(s) name**

**(i) Kitui Stadium: Township Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 8,000,000**

**Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_**

The purpose of the project was to use the facility to host games/sports as well as generating revenue to the county.

#### **Findings**

- At the time of visit, members were completely astonished to find that the contractor had absolutely done nothing and only the excavation of the top soil layer was done.

- That they found grounded caterpillar tractor on site, and the contractor clearly demonstrated incompetence and inefficiency to carry on with this project.

### **Recommendations**

- An expert on land scaping to be awarded afresh the entire responsibility.

#### **(ii) Mwingi Resource Center – Kivou Ward**

**Contract of the Project: Kshs. 30,646,135.00**

**Name of Contractors: Bavko Engineering (K) Ltd**

### **Scope of Work**

- Structural and electrical works.

### **Findings**

- The Capacity of the facility is 720 persons.
- Expected completion time September, 2015.
- 5% work done which include foundation laying and back filling.
- Issuance of LSO was delayed.
- There was a dispute on the facility capacity.

### **Recommendations**

- Provision for more parking to be done commensurate to the facility.
- More funding to the project to ensure requisite facilities are acquired to serve the purpose intended.





Fig 8. Site of the Mwingi Resource centre under construction.

## **5.5 Environment, Energy, Mining, Natural Resources and Tourism**

### **(a.) Project(s) name**

#### **(i) Slaughter Road Street lights: Township ward**

**Cost of the Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Contractor:** \_\_\_\_\_

The project was initiated with a sole purpose of providing street light to residents of Bondeni/Kiembeni estates as well as enhancing security in the said regions.

### **Findings**

- The project was half done and the workers were on site.

- No signs post erected to indicate the projects details such as the name of the contractor as should be the case.
- Slow-pace progress of the project.

### **Recommendations**

- Finally members resolved to caution the contractor with a view of speedy completion of the project.

## **5.6 Health and Sanitation**

### **(a.) Project(s)name**

#### **(i) MalikuMaternity: Kisasi Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 900,000**

**Name of Contractor: The Original Kingangi Construction and General Contractor**

The purpose of the project was geared towards providing maternity health services to expectant mothers from the area.

### **Scope of Work**

- Structural work.

### **Findings**

- The project was complete though with cracks on the floor.
- Members note that the room was too small.

### **Recommendations**

- The floor to be re-done again.

**Kyaani Dispensary: Kwamutonga/Kithumula Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

The group found out that:

- That the project was funded via LATF by the defunct Municipal Council of Kitui in the Financial Year 2011/2012.
- That the project was as good as complete but not operational.
- That fencing by the County Government was complete.
- That electricity wiring also funded by the County Government was ongoing, though it had taken too long.
- That equipping of the same was not yet done.

**Recommendations**

The group recommended as hereunder:

- That the County Government do set aside some funds in the next Financial Year to complete this project by providing gate and furniture.
- That there is need for staff quarters.

**(ii) Kyondoni Dispensary: Kauwi Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

- That the dispensary was being renovated and electricity was to be installed, at a total cost of Kshs. 650,000.

- That the contractor had shoddily done the renovation work and as a result had to re-do it.
- That the dispensary was not operational.
- That the contractor was yet to be paid and was no longer on site.
- That the contractor made away with some building materials that the local community was demanding to be returned (windows).

### **Recommendations**

- That the executive should ensure that the contractor completes the work as per the contract agreement.
- That the contractor be blacklisted for failing both the County Government and the Local Community by denying them health services.

**(iii) Mutomo Mortuary: Mutomo Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs 30,000,000.00**

**Name of Contractor:Mukavi Ways Contruction ltd.**

### **Findings**

- The Company has done 60 per cent of the work.
- The facility besides catering for storage of dead bodies, residents within its catchment will also benefit from post mortem services to be provided at the modern facility.
- The entire Kitui Southern region comprising Mutomo, Ikutha, Kanziku, Mutha and Athi lacked such a facility which subjects the residents to incur high expenses transporting dead bodies to Kitui town for storage, a distance of between 75 to 120 kilometers.
- The MCAs were satisfied with the quality of work done so far.
- The delegation found the builders busy fixing the post mortem slabs under the supervision of the site manager Mr. Sammy Titus. Installation of the cold rooms

was entrusted to another contractor who was not on site when the team visited the project.

### **Recommendations**

- The County government should give priority to the construction of the proposed Mutomo District Hospital to integrate its operations with that of the mortuary. It is worth to note Mutomo sub-county has no major government hospital and patients seeking advanced treatment are attended to at the Mutomo Mission Hospital which is sponsored by donors.

**(iv) Mutitu Mortuary**

**Cost of project: Kshs 24,000,000.00**

**Name of Contractor: Samco Construction limited.**

### **Findings**

- The site agent Mr. Mutemi told the delegation that the project is almost complete as 93 per cent of the work had been accomplished by Samco Construction Limited.
- The delegation lauded the contractor for job well done. Mr. Mutemi said the work had fallen behind schedule after the contractor was given some extra work which was not featured in the original BQ.
- That the installations of the cold rooms were entrusted on another contractor who was a bit slow in doing his part.

### **Recommendations**

- The County Government should ensure installation of the cold rooms is speeded up since work on the building structures is nearing complete to make the facility operational as soon as possible.

**(v) Kyuso Hospital Mortuary Kyuso Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Ksh. 24,603,457.00**

**Name of Contractor: Tryphosa Agencies Limited**

**Scope of Work**

- Structural and electrical works.
- Provision of specialized equipment's.

**Findings**

- Structural works 90% complete.
- Specialized equipment's not supplied by the second contractor 714 Contractors Limited which is in a separate contract of Kshs. 7,271,800.00(part of initial contract sum).
- Walk way poorly done.

**Recommendations**

- Walk way should be reconstructed.

(vi) **Proposed site for Mwingi Medical Training College Mwingi:**

**Central Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

- The land is five acres curved from Mwingi hospital staff quarters land.
- The land has three houses to be renovated as initial classes.
- First intake is expected to be done March this year.



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## 5.7 Lands Infrastructure and Urban Development

(a.) **Project(s) name**

(i) **Kalundu-Slaughter Road: Township ward**

**Cost of the Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Contractor:** \_\_\_\_\_

This project was initiated to act as by-pass to central business division (CBD) of Kitui town. It extends to approximately one kilometer long.

### **Scope of work**

- Heavy grading.
- Culvert and drift installation.

### **Findings**

- Wrong dimensions were used in making the road; it is to extremely narrow to allow two way traffic of vehicles.
- The diameter for culverts not up to the acceptable/recommended standard to allow high volume discharge.
- Use of incompatible soil thus compromising the quality and slope.
- Presence of nearby buildings thus posing a threat to road users as it does not allow proper visibility.
- Complete absence of road signs to alert the road users.

### **Recommendations**

- Members resolved that the contractor should be held responsible and correct the mess.
- To install road signs.



- There should be good planning for the roads ie. By-pass.
- Proper planning of buildings along the by-pass.
- Building neighboring the road at Bondeni Estate/M&M areas be demolished forthwith.
- Members demanded the County Government to tarmac the by –pass since it is the only by –pass connecting Kitui Central Business Division (CBD).

**(ii) Kitui-Kwa Masesi-Imale Road: Kyangwithya west Ward**

**Cost of the project: Kshs. 5,849,262.30**

**Name of contractor: Miambani Valley General Contractors Ltd.**

This project was geared towards opening as well as connecting Kwa Masesi-Kilawani and Imale areas.

**Scope of work**

- Publicity signboards, drift-1no., gabions-18, bush clearing.
- Culvert -9lines, concreteslab, heavy grading..

**Findings**

Members found that, there was no culvert located approximately 100metres away from Kitui-Machakos Road.

- Use of wrong materials which were incompatible affected quality and slope of the road to a great extent.
- The contractor failed to install proper drainage channels to control extreme surface run-off.
- There was no appropriate bush clearing to allow proper visibility by road users.
- The road is also too narrow i.e. not meeting the standard width of four meters and beyond.

- The drift erected along the road had wide spread cracks; a likely indication of poor ratio of sand and cement used during the construction.

### **Recommendations**

- Proper installation of standard culverts.
- Proper workmanship to be done.
- Proper width and length as per demands and
- Height and the diameter of the culvert should be site specific.
- The contractor to be investigated and further be blacklisted.
- The Engineer to be recalled to explain.

#### **(iii) Kalivini Drift: Kwa-vonza/Yatta Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

Members noted that the position of Masimbani sand dam along Masimbani River in Nyanyaa sub-location, Yatta/ Kwa-vonza ward had affected the access of Kiliko-Kalivini road. This was because the contractor/Engineer did not allow a reasonable distance between the road and the actual positioning of the sand dam to avoid the back flow.

### **Recommendations**

- Erection of a new drift along the section of this river to allow residents to maximize the road.

#### **(iv) Mukuku-Mikuyuni Road: Miambani Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 28, 000, 000**

**Name of Contractor: Movers**

This project extends to eighteen kilometers from Ndithini junction. The main purpose of this road upon its completion was to help connect Mwingi-Miambani towns through the

famous Ikoo valley. This will enhance easy and faster movement of people and goods between the two towns.

### **Scope of Work**

- Heavy grading,publicity signboards,drift-1no,
- Heavy grading, earthworks.
- Culverts-16lines.

### **Findings**

- There was no proper drainage system/structures.
- Use of wrong construction materials.
- Missing drifts and culverts in critical areas of the road.
- Narrow roads i.e. dimensions not to the acceptable standards.
- Missing / short slabs installed in sharp / fairly steep slopes and bends.
- Status of the road is incomplete ie. 40%.

### **Recommendations**

- The engineer to be called to give proper explanation about this project.

**(v) Kamandio Road (from Ndithini junction-Kamandio)  
Miambani Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 44, 000, 000**

**Name of Contractor: Bende Contractors Co. Ltd.**

### **Scope of Work**

- Publicity signboard,drifts construction-5no., Culvert installation-42lines.
- Site clearance,earthworks,Concrete slabs,heavy grading, stone pitching, and project vehicle.

This road project stretches from the junction at Ndithini to Kamandio town. The core purpose of the project was to connect Miambani-Kamandio-Mwinzilu – Mwingi Towns.

### **Scope of work**

- Culvert and drift installation.
- Heavy grading.

### **Findings**

- Poor drainage channels.
- Narrow roads.
- Absence of road signs.
- Poor installation of road's culverts.
- Missing concrete slabs in some critical areas.
- Inappropriate bush clearing.

### **Recommendations**

- That, the road Engineers/designers should be advising contractors accordingly.
- Thoroughly bush clearing done to allow proper visibility.
- Murram to be put in some sections.

#### **(vi) Kitungati-Kamulu Road: Mbitini Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 5,851,881.00**

**Name of Contractor: Mumu Contractors**

This is a six kilometer road and the project was initiated to connect Kitungati and Kamulu areas. Members found that the project had kick started but moving at a slow pace.

### **Scope of Work**

- Light grading, drift-1no., concrete slabs.
- Bush clearing, rock fill to swamp (filter material) culverts-10lines, gabions-15lines.

### **Findings**

- Status of the road is at starting stage.

### **Recommendations**

- Members resolved to caution the contractor in question with the intention of fast tracking the project.
- That the work ought to be completed in the shortest time possible.
- That the contractor is very slow and not serious

#### **(vii) Katwala-Kangweni road Mbitini Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 5,909,091.00**

**Name of Contractor: Salala Logistics and Consultants**

The purpose of the project was to link up Kangweni and Katwala areas. The road extends to eleven point eight kilometers.

### **Scope of Work**

- Culvert cleaning-Light grading, Bush clearing culvert-4no., drift-1no.
- Culvert and drift installation.

### **Findings**

- Most of the work done was merely grading.
- A drift erected along Wingoo River was extremely of wrong dimensions.
- Improper drainage /structures

### **Recommendations**

- Extension of a drift at Wingoo River to the acceptable standards.
- Proper bush clearing to allow good visibility by road users.
- Installation of culverts/Murram approximately one hundred metres, on the way to Katwala town.
- Putting murram in some sections

- Replacing culverts approximately half kilometer between Ngaangani and Kitungatini/Wayani shopping Centre which were generally weak.

**(viii) Kakumuti-Musengo Road: Mutonguni Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs.370, 702.00**

**Name of Contractor: Mitau Holdings Ltd**

**Scope of Work**

- Heavy bush clearing, Earthworks.

**Findings**

- That the road was reshaped manually and no grading done.
- That the same was done at a cost of Ksh. 300,000.
- That the work done was substandard since it involved patching of some areas only.

**Recommendations**

- That the road be reshaped again and maintained.
- That drainage system be put in place.

**(ix) Tulia-Mithini-Muthale Road: Mutonguni Ward**

**Cost of project: Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

- That the road was graded at a cost of Ksh. 290,000 by the County Government.
- That there was no drainage system.

**Recommendations**

- That more culverts were required for drainage purposes.

**(x) Katutu-Kyeng'e-Ngunguuni Road: Kauwi Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 893,200.00**

**Name of Contractor: Sonar Domain Company Ltd**

**Scope of Work**

- Site clearance, light grading, 600mm culvert installations.

**Findings**

- That the road was 14.3 km long (as per the advertisement).
- That only a distance of 4.2 km was graded by the contractor.
- That the project was funded at a cost of approximately kshs 950,000.
- That head walls were made of bricks and not concrete.
- That culverts were placed at the wrong place.
- That the road was generally poorly graded.
- That bush clearing was never done by the contractor.
- That there was no drainage.

**Recommendations**

- That the contractor should properly grade the road again.
- That the remaining 10.1 kilometers should be graded.
- That a report be filed in 14 days to show progress on the same.

**(Xi) Mutendea-Kwa Nduilu Drift and Culverts: Matinyani Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

- That the drift across the river was well done.
- That culverts placed next to the river were wrongly put.

**Recommendations**

- That the contractor be made to enlarge the culverts next to the drift and make it to be of standard size.

**(x) Kwa Siku-Yalatani-Usiani Road: Mutonguni Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

- That the road was well graded and concrete slabs well placed.
- That it was one of the best examples of a road well graded.

**Recommendations**

- That maintenance funds be provided by the County Government.

**(xi) Kea – Kamandio Road: Nguutani Ward**



**Cost of project:Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

- That the project was on-going and was 13 km long.
- That the Culverts were done poorly, that is halfway across the road.
- That the three contractors were on site and were being closely monitored.

**Recommendations**

- That the culverts be made standard.

**(xii) Migwani-Kaliluni-Kanyaa Road: Migwani Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

- That the road was too narrow hence occasioning many accidents.
- That the Culverts were blocked.
- That Murram was poorly put (big stones).

**Recommendations**

- That the road be expanded.
- That there is need to involve community when initiating projects.
- That the culverts be unblocked.

**(xiii) Makutano-Katalwa Road: Migwani Ward**

**Cost of project:Kshs**

**Name of Contractor:**

**Findings**

- That the Culverts were not of standard size especially the first one immediately past Makutano Market.
- That the drift was poorly constructed.
- That Gabions were required as one crosses Kandeng'e stream to Mulang'a shopping Centre.

**Recommendations**

- That funds for repairs and maintenance be availed by the County Government.
- That the said first culverts be improved to be of standard size.

**(xiv) Manzimeu Drift (Kyanika)**

**Cost of project:Kshs 1,100,000.00**

**Name of Contractor:**

The delegation arrived at the project at 3:58 pm and was welcomed by local residents who had converged at the site.

**Findings**

- The drift construction was complete.

**Recommendations**

- The County Government should intervene on other rural access roads facing similar problem.

**(xv) Re -Carpeting of Road from Target Supermarket to Old Posta: Mwingi Central Ward**

**Cost of the Project:Ksh. 11,000.000.00**

**Name of Contractor:Grarcher Enterprises**

**Scope of Work**

- Pot holes patching, tarmac dressing 0.5kms long and Drainage cleaning.

**Findings**

- Work to be completed by February, 2015.
- The completion percentage is 60%.
- The workmanship is very poor.
- Quality of material was wanting and insufficient.
- The drainage lining was not repaired and extended to deter the back filling by the silt.

**Recommendations**

- The drainage cleaning must be re done appropriately.
- That the stone lining should be extended to the tarmac edge to avoid loose soils from back filling the drains.
- Provide adequate slaps for the drain running from old post office to allow access to shops along the drain.
- Supervision to be enhanced to attain quality results.
- Pot hole patching at Sunkar area and Surface dressing near Mwingi market stalls Gate B.

**(xvi) Re-carpeting of road from KCB to Makuti: Mwingi Central Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs.24, 000,000.00**

**Name of Contractor:Ndeiya Contractors Ltd**

**Scope of work**

- Pot holes patching and tarmac dressing 1 km long.
- Drainage cleaning.

**Findings**

- Site clearance not done.
- Silts still dumped along the road.
- Storm drain not improved road flood experienced.
- Completion rate should be gauged to 75%.

**Recommendations**

- Drainage cleaning should be repeated.
- Site clearance to be done which will include removal of silt and murrum deposited along the road.

**(xvii) Grading of Nyaani to Nuu road: Nuu Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 20,000,000.00**

**Name of Contractor: Maangi General Contractors Ltd**

**Scope of Work**

- Heavy grading.
- Gravel patching.
- Culvert and Drift installation

## **Findings**

- 90% complete.
- Final certificate not issued (committee acceptance awaited).
- Work poorly done.

## **Recommendations**

- Widening of culverts at Syonzwii and Nyaani points.
- Road widening at some parts.
- Murram dressing should be redone.

### **(xviii) Manzuva to Iiani Road**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 10,000,000.00**

**Name of Contractor \_\_\_\_\_**

## **Scope of work**

- Heavy grading.
- Gravel patching.
- Culvert and Drift installation.

## **Findings**

- 40% complete.
- Drifts contraction not complete.
- Culverts not installed.
- Grading poorly done.

## **Recommendations**

- This was not a priority project.
- Colossal sum of money was sunk.
- Surcharge must be recommended to the officer who sanctioned the project.

**(xix) Construction of Kamali Drift: Tseikuru Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 620,000.00**

**Name of Contractor: Eituna micro enterprise limited**

**Scope of work**

- Structural of work.

**Findings**

- 50% complete.
- Foundation laid but concrete slab not done.
- Contractor at site.

**Recommendations**

- This projects requires more funding and proper supervision.

**(xx) Construction Drift of Kamengya Drift at Miramba –  
Ciampyu:Tharaka Ward**

**Cost of the Project Kshs.11,884,656.00**

**Name of Contractor: Danvin Distributors (K) Limited**

**Scope of work**

- Construction of 110 meters drift

**Findings**

- Completed
- Poor workmanship
- Part of the drift base had been washed away
- The drift base was not properly secured (used stone gabions instead)

## **Recommendations**

- The contractor should strengthen the drift base during this retention period before last certification



*Figure 11 A poorly installed culvert along Kitui – Kwa Masesi-Imale Road.*



*Figure 12 Inspection of Mwingi Town road carpeting*





*Figure 13 Kea – Kamandio Road inspection.*



Figure 14 A taste of the poor state of the roads in the County.

## **5.8 Trade, Industry, ICT and Cooperatives**

**(a.) Project(s) name**

**(i) Mbitini Market Sheds: Mbitini Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs. 900,000**

**Name of Contractor: M/s salala logistics.**

This was a project for 2013/2014 financial year. The core purpose of initiating the project was to provide permanent shed to traders in the town.

## **Scope of work**

Erection of steel structures and roofing on shades.

## **Findings**

- Sheds incomplete and only fixed metallic posts were found
- No roofing done.
- Very weak slabs.

## **Recommendations**

- Quick actions to be taken to the contractor to complete the project.
- Reinforcement of the weak slab

### **(ii) Safaricom Tower/Mast at Kamutei Hill: Athi Ward**

**Cost of project: Kshs 30,000,000.00**

**Name of Contractor:**

#### **Findings**

- The 30 million shillings project intended to boost mobile communication in the area and beyond, is a joint venture by the mobile operator-Safaricom limited and the County Government of Kitui. Located at Kamutei hill, the BTS station will have network coverage of between 45 to 60 kilometers hence benefiting other areas within that range.
- The mast is expected to emit a very strong signal due to its high location. The site agent Mr.Kitunguu Mwalimu told the delegation that the BTS station will be commissioned soon as 95 per cent of the work had been accomplished.
- The contractor faced a daunting task transporting construction materials uphill owing to steepness of the location.

## **Recommendations**

- The County Government should continue partnering with Safaricom to extend network coverage to the far flung/remote locations within the county for ease of communication and use of internet services by the residents.

### **(iii) Kanziku Honey Refinery: Kanziku Ward**

**Cost of project: Kshs 1,800,00.00**

**Name of Contractor: Deep-End Agencies Ltd.**

## **Findings.**

- Construction is 85 per cent complete.
- The project will boost incomes to local farmers by serving as market outlet for their produce which has been going waste due to the challenge of marketing.
- The delegation was impressed by the quality of work done by the contractor while the local residents appreciated the County Government for funding the project.

## **Recommendations**

The County Government should;

- Encourage local farmers to form cooperative societies and start selling their honey through the refinery
- Engage in deliberate efforts aimed at discouraging the local residents from perpetuating plunder of the natural vegetation to encourage breeding of bees for sustainable honey production.

### **(iv) Karunga Market Shed Kivou Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs.700,270**

**Name of Contractor:Busara Enterprises**

**Scope of work**

- Erection of steel structures and roofing on shades

**Findings**

- 90% complete.
- Final certificate not issued.

**Recommendations**

- Extension of roof top to protect sun all through.
- Provide fence to keep off stray animals.
- Provide raised slabs for display of wears.

**(v) Nuu Honey Processing Factory: Nuu Ward**

**Cost of the Project: Kshs.1, 500, 976..20**

**Name of Contractor:Joyzo Building and contractors**

**Scope of work**

Erection of steel structures and roofing on shades.

**Finding**

- 85% complete.
- Electrical work not complete.

**Recommendations**

- Provide more funds for construction of toilets and fence.



*Figure 15 Incomplete market banda shades.*



*Figure 16 Kanziku honey refinery.*

## **6. CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED**

- Poor state of roads which subjected the members to rough and bumpy drive leaving them exhausted. At times, the members were also unable to reach the projects on time due to slow drive occasioned by the pathetic conditions of the road network.
- Long hours of traveling as the delegation traversed the vast region which also left them drained.
- Vehicle used was not adoptable to the roads.
- Some contractors were not at site therefore getting scanty information.
- They also grappled with communication problems due to lack of network in the far flung/remote areas.

## **7. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS**

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

The following general observations were recorded as the members reacted to issues relating to development plans in the wards;

- Implementation of some projects had fallen behind schedule/There was public outcry on non-completion of projects on time owing to lack of capacity by the contractors involved to deliver on the job.
- There was poor facilitation and coordination in supervision and monitoring of the county projects being implemented thereby giving the contractors the leeway to deliver substandard work and being paid for the same.
- Kitui region had suffered marginalization.
- Some projects implemented were not public priority eg. Manzuva toiani road in Kyuso Ward which costed 10million.
- There was no stake holder's involvement in the projects implemented.
- There is no equity in project distribution within the county which contravenes the general principles of public finance which provides for promotion of an equitable society.
- That there was a serious lapse in technical advice to the projects from the initial stage of implementation which has led to the following:-
  - Under funding of projects.
  - Poor project designs which do not concur with the site topography hence unrealistic Bill of Quantities.
  - Use of improper and substandard materials to bridge up the underfunding gap eg. Kamali drift.
- The technical staff had certified for payment of some incomplete and poorly done projects without due regard of their professionalism leading to misuse of public funds.



- Use of unqualified (briefcase) contractors who did extremely poor jobseg. Mukai Earth Dam in Mulango Ward.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

In over view, the principles of public finance which should guide every public expenditure could not fully be realized. The spirit in Article 201 sub Article (a) and (d) which states "*there shall be openness and accountability, including public participation in financial matters*" and "*public money shall be used in a prudent and responsible way*" could not felt.

It is therefore indeed necessary for this report to clearly give some guiding recommendations in order to ensure that service delivery within the county is enhanced to the required standards.

As the way forward, the members recommended the following:-

- The County technical staff responsible for project implementations must be fully utilized to achieve quality service delivery by ensuring the following:-
  - Specifications and standards are adhered to.
  - Projects are completed within the contractual period to avoid cost overruns.
- Full stakeholder's involvement must be allowed in line with the principles of citizen participation which is provided in Section 87 of the CountyGovernment Act. This will allow the members of the public an opportunity to prioritize their needs and in addition enhance the sense of ownership.
- Local leaders who are the community representatives must collectively be involved eg. Respective Members of County Assembly ward development committees, ward administrators etc.
- Enhance County staff coordination and facilitation which is currently at a very pathetic state in order to maximize their input to service delivery.
- Specific sanctions must be preferred to county staff who in any way or under any undue influence misleads the county to loss of funds.

- Non performing contractors should be identified, blacklisted and denied the opportunity to handle county jobs. Breach of contracts.
- Sensitization of Projects implementation must be increased. Development should never be surprise to Mwananchi.
- All development projects must be coordinated from the Sub county headquarters. This will enhance project supervision hence quality and timely results.
- All development projects undertaken by the County Government should be branded to avoid confusion regarding source of funding for the entities.
- The County Government should ensure that the members of community are empowered to actively participate in project implementation and ensure sustainability.

## **9. CONCLUSION**

The inspection tour was worthwhile for it accorded the members an opportunity to come up with useful recommendations. In concluding therefore, the members must play their oversight role as expected in ensuring that value for money is achieved as the County pursues the full realization of the objects and principles of devolved Government as enshrined in Article 174 our Constitution 2010.