



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/2016.

(Committee on Finance and Planning.)

JUNE, 2015

INTRODUCTION

Hon Speaker sir, The Annual Development Plan ADP is a statutory annual plan that guides the implementation of projects and programmes in each department in each fiscal year as they are stipulated in the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP)

Section 126(3) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 states that the County Executive Committee member responsible for planning shall not later than 1st September in each year, submit the Annual Development Plan to the County Assembly for its approval, and sent a copy to the commission on revenue allocation and the national treasury.

Pursuant to the provision of the above statutory the County Executive forwarded the Kitui County Annual Development Plan to the County Assembly for approval. However due to some teething problems in the department of planning the above timelines were not met and the Chief Officer gave a satisfactory explanation on the same.

The Kitui County Annual Development Plan was submitted to the Assembly on 16th June 2015 and consequently committed to the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning.

Background

Hon speaker sir, the committee on Finance and Economic Planning is a standing committee of the Assembly mandated to deal with all matters related to finance and economic planning policies, projects and programs among others.

Article 185(4) of the Constitution authorizes the County Assembly to receive and approve plans and policies.

Standing Order number 191(5)(b) as read together with standing order number 191(5)(g) respectively gives the committee the mandate to study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of implementation, make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation.

Acknowledgement

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee is grateful to the Office of the Speaker for the support granted in executing its mandate. The committee also extends its gratitude to the office of the clerk for facilitating and provision of technical support to the committee.

Further I wish to express my appreciation to the Honorable members of the committee who traded off their time to participate in the activities of the committee and whose dedication and fortitude saw the completion of this report.

Finally Mr. Speaker, the committee extends its appreciation to the citizens of Kitui County for their patriotism and input in development programmes and prioritization which has really helped enhance the need identification for the county.

It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege on behalf of the committee on Finance and Economic Planning to table this report and recommend adoption by this honorable house.

Committee membership

Hon Speaker Sir, the committee on finance and planning comprises of the following members:

Hon Jamhuri Mwango	Chairperson
Hon Kilonzo D Kauthi	Vice Chairperson
Hon Stephen Wambua	Member
Hon Patrick Munyitha	Member
Hon Alex Nganga	Member
Hon Colletta Koli	Member
Hon Phoebe Kisee	Member
Hon Hussein Mwandia	Member
Hon Jane M. Muli	Member
Hon Joyce M. Mutemi	Member
Hon Rodah Wambua	Member

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND FINDINGS

Office of the Governor.

Hon Speaker Sir, under the proposed budget, Sensitization on drugs and substance, abuse and HIV/AIDS and pornography control programme the committee recommends that the activities in this item are being run by non-governmental organizations as such the funds allocated be transferred to Community level infrastructure development programme (CLIDP).

On positioning, branding and county image the committee recommends that all projects being undertaken by the county should have a sign board bearing the county government logo and also indicating the start date of the project and expected completion date.

On the Kitui county investors conference the committee noted that the cost of one day event is too high and it's not itemized in the annual budget estimates as such the committee recommends reduction of the funds and the funds be channeled to Pro-poor programs.

COUNTY MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION OF COUNTY AFFAIRS

The committee observed that Disaster management and emergency response programme on the ADP is on the ministry of coordination of county affairs while on the budget it's on the office of the governor the committee recommends that the activity be solely undertaken by the department of coordination

COUNTY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND IRRIGATION

On promotion of sorghum, marketing and utilization the committee recommends a more proactive approach to ensure realization of the effectiveness of the sorghum act which was passed by the County Assembly.

On promotion of fish farming in the county, the committee found the programme not viable due to water insufficiency in the county and recommends that the programme be changed from building of fish ponds to restocking of dams.

On water provision, the committee observed that the water department had been allocated Ksh.348,286,359 for the whole financial year. The committee therefore recommends that water be given a priority and more funds be allocated to the department in order to curb food insecurity in the county.

The committee found out that in 2014/2015 financial year 205 sand dams were constructed yet in the 2015/2016 financial year only 200 sand dams are targeted for construction. The committee recommends that funds allocated on farm water ponds be reallocated to construction of sand dams to make the annual target for sand dams to be 500 which should be shared equitably.

On seed bulking, the committee was for the opinion that targeting individual beneficiaries will not reap the intended benefits for the county and therefore recommends that all the seed bulking programmes be concentrated at Kitui Agricultural Training Center (ATC) and Wikithuki Irrigation Scheme.

On Kitchen gardening programme, the committee found the programme not viable and recommends that funds allocated to the programme be reallocated to seed bulking programme.

On drip irrigation farming programme, the committee recommends that due diligence be adhered to in identification of beneficiaries and that the programme does benefit active and willing groups.

COUNTY MINISTRY OF BASIC EDUCATION, TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT.

The committee recommends that the size of ECDE classes be of standard measure which is 6.2metres by 7.3 meters and that amount allocated on bill of quantities should be enough to cater for the standard measurements.

The committee also noted that outdoor playing equipments for the ECDE Units were in the 2014/2015 financial year annual development plan and budget yet none has been put in place and in the 2015/2016 financial year the same activity has been allocated funds. The committee recommends that funds allocated in the 2014/2015 financial year be revoked.

On mentorship programmes and county exams, the committee recommends that the programmes be undertaken at ward level and the activities be subdivided and allocated as per the 40 wards. The committee further recommends funds allocated for consultative meetings be reallocated to mentorship programmes and ward level exams to improve character formation of our youth as well as improving national exam performance in the county.

COUNTY MINISTRY OF LANDS INFRASTRUCTURE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

The committee raised concern that on His Excellency the Governors opening speech of the assembly, he informed the assembly that a traffic and parking bill will be forwarded to the assembly to ensure good parking and hence revenue collection in all sub county headquarters. The committee notes with concern that no policy has been forwarded to the assembly for consideration on the same and urges for a consultative meeting between the committee on lands and the line ministry to ensure that a policy has been developed.

The committee also recommends that the town administration does come up with a town plan for Mutomo, Kitui and Mwingi towns.

The committee recommends that 100 kilometres of road be constructed and repaired per ward in each financial year appreciating the fact that the department is now fully equipped with machinery.

The estimated cost for construction of new public toilet at Garissa stage in Mwingi town is valued at 2.5 Million shilling the committee found the price exorbitant and recommends the cost be reviewed downward to a realistic cost.

On street lighting in towns the committee recommends that solar powered mast instead of electricity powered mast be erected using the 6.5 million allocated for the same activity this financial year in Kitui, Mwingi and Mutomo headquarters.

On roads in Kitui town administration the committee recommends that an additional walkway between the judiciary and cathedral be repaired and fitted with cabros and street lights.

COUNTY MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SANITATION.

The committee recommends rehabilitation of dispensaries or construction of new ones in areas where community members walk more than 5 kilometers in search of medical services.

The committee noted that in the Annual Development Plan 2015/2016 there is no projection for employment of new staff whereas there is a serious shortage of staff. The committee recommends that employment of staff to cater for the shortage and that each hospital/dispensary have at least a lab technician and a nurse.

COUNTY MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY, COOPERATIVE AND ICT

On ICT provision of IT equipment there listed 12 wards as beneficiaries but in the twelve Katulani is counted twice the committee recommends that a new center be identified to avoid the double allocation in Katulani.

On construction of 10 produce modern markets each market is said to cost a million each while the total estimated cost is 15 million.

The committee recommends due diligence be followed when identifying areas of construction of the markets i.e. where the towns have market days as it will of benefit to more members of public and more so bring revenue to the county .

The committee also recommends that all existing market centers be equipped with a modern toilet to ensure a clean environment in all towns.

In the annual development plan it is listed that there is a plan to equip 16 honey factories while on the activities only 10 are captured the committee recommends reconciliation between the target and activity.

COUNTY MINISTRY OF CULTURE YOUTH, SPORTS AND SOCIAL SERVICES

The committee recommends more engagement of youth and people living with disability in county activities and programmes this including the recommended 30 percent inclusion of youth in tender awarding. Further the committee recommends that from the subsequent financial year there be established a revolving fund for people living with disability to ensure their inclusivity.

On construction of sport stadia the committee noted that only two models stadia are earmarked for construction this is in Kitui town and Mwingi town the committee recommends an additional stadia in Kitui South to cater for the lower part of the county.

COUNTY MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND MINERAL INVESTMENTS

The committee comments the seedlings provisions for indigenous trees and recommends that seedling nurseries be part of the seed bulking programmes at ATC and Wikithuki and further that in contracting for the provision of the seedlings the county does give priority to local farmers.

COUNTY MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

The committee recommends that the ministry strictly adheres to stipulated constitutional timelines in submission of budget policy papers to the assembly to avoid any further delay and ensure full involvement of the public in making development programmes.

On automation of revenue collection the committee recommends the activity be hastened to ensure a culture of accountability and that the county does not lose any more funds.

The committee also noted that the item listed as purchase of generator had been on the annual development 2014/2015 and is also listed in this year's financial year the committee noted with concern the low absorption rate of funds by the ministry and recommends that the funds allocated for the same activity in the 2014/2015 financial year be revoked.

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Mr. Speaker, The committee recommends that the assembly does endeavor to provide more trainings and benchmarking activities for members of county assembly and members of staff to ensure enhanced legislation.

Committee findings

- 1) The committee found that some acronyms and abbreviations in the Annual Development Plan that were not defined in the list of abbreviations and acronyms hence the need to include them:
 - PDP
 - GIS
 - UACA
 - O.P.P
 - LAIFOMS
- 2) The ADP 2015/2016 also contains major typographical errors and grammatical; errors which need to be corrected.
- 3) The committee also noted that budget ceilings for different ministries differ with the figures in the Annual Development Plan and those in the annual budget.
- 4) The committee also noted that programmes in the Annual Development Plan and those in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper and the Annual Budget Estimates are different.