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[Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri) In the Chair]

PRAYERS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR.

KAMUKUNJI

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a small Communication. Honorable Members, take note that we will be having a brief *Kamukunji* after the session. Next order

STATEMENTS

FIREFIGHTING DEPARTMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Statement response; the first Statement will be responded to by Honorable Moses Koros the Chairperson for the Committee on Disaster Management. He will issue a Statement requested by honorable Leah Wambui Nganga concerning the status of Firefighting Department at the County Government of Nakuru.

Hon. Moses Koros: Honorable Speaker, I rise to answer the question asked by the Honorable Member for Kabtini. On 1ST march, 2023 Honorable Leah Wanmbui Nganga MCA for Kabatini sought a Statement from the Chairperson for the Committee on Disaster Management and Emergency Services regarding the status of Firefighting Equipment's and Personnel at the Department. In response to the Statement the Committee wrote a letter to the County Executive Committee Member (CEC) for Public Service, Devolution, Citizen Engagement and Disaster Management requesting....

Hon. Joseph Muraya: [On a Point of Order] I have the Order Paper and the response of the Statement and it is incomplete and I am not getting what the Honorable Chairperson is replying. I do not have the answer to the question.

Hon. Moses Koros: Honorable Speaker, the Member should wait a bit b because we are doing the introductory part of the answer. So be patient you will get the answer.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honorable Mwangi resume your seat. The Chairperson, they wait in anticipation that they will the paper or maybe they can follow you up as you read the response.

Hon. Moses Koros: For the Members who have not received copies of the same, they can as well follow as I read but a number of copies have been supplied.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Proceed as the Sergeant At Arms makes arrangements of responses distributed to Honourable Members.

Hon. Moses Koros: Thank you Honorable Speaker, I response to the Statement, the Committee wrote a letter to the County Executive Committee Member (CEC) for Public Service, Devolution, Citizen Engagement and Disaster Management requesting for a response on the same. The Committee further sought more information on the following issues-

1. The number of firefighting Engines and other equipment's in the County, Their functionality status and the distribution in the County.
2. The Staff Establishment in the Department of firefighting and whether they have requisite skills and knowledge to handle fire disaster in case of an eventuality.
3. The status of the County Department in Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation

The Department acknowledges the concern of the County Assembly to enable the County Government improves its effectiveness in the prevention, mitigation and management of disaster. The County Government has taken the following measures-

1. The process of developing a Disaster Mitigation and Management Bill is ongoing, the Department has had foundational consultation with Disaster Management Committee of the County Assembly. The Bill once tabled in the County Assembly once it is discussed and passed will provide the much-needed framework for Disaster Management.
2. The Department has developed an operational framework to guide our disaster prevention, mitigation and response. This Framework was developed out of experience of the Department in the last three months of coordinating Disaster Management. The Framework has enabled the Department to co-ordinate with all other Departments within the County Government and enabled a strategic linkage with our Sub County structures. There still exist some challenges especially with regard to prevention and response but we are working steadily towards resolving these challenges Honourable Speaker.

The Department wishes to respond directly to the incident mentioned in the letter. The response to the fire that razed down Nakuru Boys in Kabatini. On 21ST February 2023....

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honourable Chairperson is Nakuru Boys' School in Kabatini? It was a Member who raised some information about that school but the school is not based in Kabatini Ward.

Hon. Moses Koros: Thank you Honourable Speaker, I stand guided. This a response to the fire that razed Nakuru Boys' School. On 21ST February 2023 the Department...

Hon. Grace Mwathi: [On a Point of Information] I think the Statement the Honorable Leah asked was about Bahati Boys but not Nakuru Boys.

Hon. Moses Koros: Thank you Honorable Speaker. On 21st February 2023, the Department received a call that the school dormitory was on fire.

1. At the exact time the Fire Engine was already enroute to Njoro to respond to a similar call. The second Fire Engine was in Menengai on a different call. This meant that the Department could not respond in a timely manner to the one in Bahati because they were already engaged. Working with Kabatini Member of County Assembly, the Department has since visited the School with humanitarian support in form of blankets, bedsheets and boxes.
2. Capability of the Disaster Response. The Department acknowledges that the capability of the County to respond to a disaster needs to be improved. The County has a total of three functional Fire Engines. These are located in Naivasha, Nakuru City and also in Molo. This are three out of eleven Sub Counties, there is therefore need to mobilise resources to improve this capability. The Department will work closely with the County Assembly Committee on Disaster Management to resolve this challenge in the Financial Year 2023/2024.
3. The Departments thank the County Assembly for its strategic focus on the County's capacity to prevent and mitigate disasters.

Honourable Speaker, I as conclude I hope that the honorable Member who requested for this Statement has been duly answered. This is the response we received from the Department and we know the Department is still undergoing serious challenges but with the cooperation of all the Members. We want to see that Department being a vibrant one and one that is able to respond to any challenge on a timely basis. Otherwise I thank the Members for their contribution towards the development of these Department which is very important. Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honourable Chairperson, you may resume your seat but you cannot leave the House especially when you have just responded. The Honourable Member for Kabatini you had requested for the Statement and you may want to inform the House whether you have been answered satisfactorily or there were some gaps.

Hon. Leah Ng'ang'a: Thank you Honourable Speaker, I have heard what the Disaster Committee deliberated and I have agreed with their response but on what they have given. My prayer is they will follow up on what they deliberated and make sure that all the Fire Engines in the County Government are in good condition. *Ndiposa hilo jambo lisijirudie tena katika haya maeneo yetu ya Nakuru.* Thank you, Honourable Speaker, and thank the Chairperson for the Committee on Disaster and Emergency Services.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. If there is a Member or some Members, three or two who would want to make their input known on that issue of disaster. Honorable Mwangi from Viwandani and then Honorable Kanyere.

Hon. Mwangi Muraya: Thank you Honourable Speaker, first of all I wish to commend my colleague for having done what you requested in this floor of the House. If I heard very well because I had no copy, the first thing he said is that they requested the number of Fire Engines within Nakuru County. In the response to the House, the Chairperson has not given the number of Fire Engines that we have, their conditions they are in. that one, even if Honourable Leah from Kabatini had asked. If a question is asked in the floor of the House, it is deemed to have been asked all of us, so I am not satisfied with the answer and the Chairperson ought to answer that well. On how many personnel ...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it honorable Wathiai?

Hon. David Wathiai: [On a Point of Information] the Chairperson for the Committee on Disaster and Emergency Services when reading the Report, actually told the House that we have only three Fire Engines. He in fact said the County Government has three Fire Engines and I do not know where the honorable Member from Naivasha is confusing from?

Hon. Mwangi Muraya: Honourable Speaker, that is not what I heard; maybe we are not in the same Chamber with the honorable Chairperson for the Committee on Sports because I am very certain that the only thing the Chairperson said is that we have a Fire Engine in Naivasha, Nakuru City and in Molo. He did not even elaborate the conditions of the Fire Engines so saying we have three and yet I remember last year in the last regime the former Governor aligned 11 Fire Engines here when we were accorded the City status. It is...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Some new information Honorable Wathiai?

Hon. David Wathiai: Honourable Speaker maybe my brother is under the influence of something because...

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order! Order Mheshimiwa! Withdraw that.

Hon. David Wathiai: I withdraw Mr. Speaker. You know, he is acting very confused so I am trying to get what he is saying because even in the Report it is written here that the County has a total of three functional fire engines. This is from the Report that was read by the Chair Disaster Management. So I would like to request my brother to go through the Report again and maybe deliberate more on other issues.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): For clarity, you are saying the same thing. Maybe it is only that one is saying that there is a fire engine in Naivasha another one in Nakuru City and another one in Molo; then the honorable Wathiai is saying that we have three fire engines. It is the same thing because if we said Naivasha Sub County, Nakuru City, then Molo Sub County, those are three. So is there a difference? So I think the difference is the same.

Hon. Mwangi Muraya: Mr. Speaker, if the Honorable Member will allow me finish what I was saying he would understand because I was just given the Statement or the answer while I was raising my concern. So I think the Honourable Member is more confused than anybody else can

be. Now the second part is how many personnel in the Disaster Department are on permanent and pensionable employment.

Mr. Speaker, we have been out there and we have seen in several cases where the fire has caught us up and Mr. Speaker, they do not even have the tools to handle the gears to be used by this personnel. So Mr. Speaker this Statement is incomplete and we need a complete answer so that we can make recommendations to the Department and to the Executive on the way forward for us to mitigate these cases of fire. So Mr. Speaker, the two things are the only things that I want us to address; the Chair to give us comprehensive details.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): In the order that we had said there is honorable Kanyere from Nakuru East then honorable William Mutai from Keringet.

Hon. Anthony Kanyere: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend my Chair, Committee on Disaster and the work that they have done. But I just want to highlight some issues that I have gotten from the answer. First is to commend the Department because going by the recent happenings, we have seen that our County we have been dealing with a lot of issues to do with disaster and the response despite the minimal or less resources, they have tried as a Department.

However, the concern is the issue that was being raised by my fellow Members about the number of fire engines, you find that we have 11 sub Counties in our County, but going by what has been tabled as an answer, we have only three functional fire engines. And in this incident, when the Chairman was trying to explain, he said during the incidents one was heading to Njoro the other one was heading to Menengai. So you see if we could have had each and every Sub County having their own fire engine the response would be rapid and the damage will be minimal.

So my recommendation to the Department is let them factor in their Departmental Budgetary Allocation for this year so that we can consider as a House. Also Mr. Speaker, sir, I would like to say that Disaster Management is so not about fires. There is an issue about ambulances and all that you find our Sub-Counties are adequately serviced by such ambulances. So even in matters to do with the ambulance and the response should be enhanced. So through the Chair Department of Disaster Management, when we come to the Budget Allocation of that Department, let them consider that in the next Financial Year. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you.

Hon. William Maritim: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I also rise to commend to the Chairman Disaster for articulating the information concerning the questions that were asked by honorable Leah. Now according to me, if Hon. Leah is satisfied, I think there is not much that we can really mention but probably to only add on some information, Mr. Speaker, sir. I think just as honorable Kanyere said, the Disaster Management should not only confine itself so much on fire outbreaks. There are more other disasters that are happening in our County, and they seem not to be addressed adequately. Mr. Speaker, just the other day, I made a visit to the Disaster Offices through the guidance of the Chair to Report on a certain matter. But then I just realised that when I was there, there is some sense of hopelessness in the Office. Hopelessness in the sense that they do not have the capacity to handle some of the disasters that are prevailing in our County. A very

good example, it rained last week; a very heavy rainfall in my Ward which ended up destroying an ongoing potato cold store worth Kshs 5.2 million that has not been handed over to the County. And then I wanted some indulgence from the County Disaster Management but seemingly, they said that there is nothing they could do.

Along with that, the same rainfall broke down a shade that was constructed with the Stimulus Money from the National Office and being owned now by the County Government, it went down. And what happened in this case is that we even wanted to salvage some of the iron sheets and some of the materials that remained, but they cannot even afford to give some Kshs 10,000 for the *fundis* that could have actually removed those materials and kept them in safe custody. It is quite unfortunate and that is why I really feel for you Chairman and I hope this Bill that you are going to bring to the House is going to address some of the challenges that we have so that we can put in some money.

It is a Department that is concerned with emergencies and should be having money that can actually mitigate these kinds of emerging issues. So Mr. Speaker, I want to support the recommendation but they have to do more. To that effect, thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri) Thank you, the Honorable member from Rhonda. And then the honorable from ...

Hon. John Gachiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I am John Macharia representing the people of Rhonda. I stand to protect my Chair concerning honorable Muraya from Viwandani who wants each and every question to be answered here. First of all Mr. Speaker, I want to say we inherited...

Hon. Mwangi Muraya: Honourable Speaker I know your work is to protect each and every Member here so Honourable Speaker this is another disaster now. He has just taken your powers and your role in this House.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Noted Honourable Member for Rhonda; you felt that the Chair needed protection. Chair did you need any protection?

Hon. Moses Koros: Not at all Mr. Speaker.

(Laughter)

Hon. John Gachiri: Okay let me continue with my contribution because I am a Member of the Disaster Committee. I think the Chair has forgotten I am a Member of his Committee.

What I wanted to say is that Mr. Speaker, according to what we have inherited as a County led by the Governor Susan Kihika, we have nothing and I want to repeat nothing concerning Disaster Management. And we believe because the Chair Budget is here, and we have a lot of recommendations that we have made to the Department concerning even the divers, you can see what happened in Mbaruk Ward, where nobody can even save those who are dying. I believe as we continue, we need to set aside money for disaster and not only money. You can imagine where families where household items have been burnt and everything is destroyed yet as a County, we cannot even provide blankets or a mattresses for the families.

I think we are treading on the wrong foot. We need to have at least a warehouse where we can set these things because as you as we look forward, where will we start about being told about the procurement, we will buy Blankets I do not know when, I think is not right. So we need to do something as a County we need to do something as a House so that we can provide these things for us to be ready. We can have those divers who are ready.

Like two months ago, there is a body that was founded in Lake Nakuru, we took a whole month to search for that body. You can imagine, Mr. Speaker, this is because we are not prepared. And we look forward to be prepared. The guys who found that body are guys from *mtaani huko*. So I believe we need a great preparation for Disaster Management. So I pray and I prayed with this House through the Chairman Budget that we can finance the Disaster Management Director, all these guys so that we can be able to have funds which are ready, the properties that are ready, and even those machines that are not working so that we can make them work once again. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Honourable Member from Lake View.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker. I have gone through the Statement that the Chairperson Disaster has given Mr. Speaker though the Statement seems so much of a defense to the Department, I will say we fall short of each and everything that is stated here, Mr. Speaker. Mainly, this is a County that has been overwhelmed by disasters. Mr. Speaker.

When I look at the back there, I look at Mheshimiwa from Kihingo and this morning when I was coming from my home, I was listening to one of the vernacular stations and I heard him complaining of rains that caused havoc to his people last night. Mr. Speaker you will find that the Statement that is given here does is not just confined to things to do with the fire. Mr. Speaker. I think as a County, we are beyond that. And with the amount of money that this County is generating and even Nakuru County being elevated to a city status Mr. Speaker, we ought to know the Disaster Department and its capacity in dealing with disasters within Nakuru County. If it is for budgeting Mr. Speaker, then the Disaster Department should come up with elaborate things. And even the Executive should tell us how the Department of Disaster is run Mr. Speaker.

You find that Mr. Speaker we should be having more than one Fire Station Mr. Speaker. Our fire engine Mr. Speaker, you find that when you are doing the construction of this building for it to even be approved Mr. Speaker, there must be some monies that are paid for fire disasters. Each and every hotel within this County. Mr. Speaker, there are fire monies that are being generated, Mr. Speaker but we are only talking about three working engines with a population of around a 7 million people. Mr. Speaker, I think it is a disgrace when we talk about this in this age and we mainly blame the former regimes for not planning properly for this.

Mr. Speaker last week there was an accident that happened in my Ward in Naivasha that involved a bus carrying some students from Pwani University. So many lives were lost Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I visited the Naivasha Level 4 Hospital Mr. Speaker, and I saw fatigued doctors, fatigued nurses Mr. Speaker, without even a stipend Mr. Speaker. We must come up as a County and know that disasters are real Mr. Speaker and how well prepared we are.

Mr. Speaker, someone has talked over booty resting in Lake Nakuru for some one month Mr. Speaker. When we came to power Mr. Speaker, I lost six members of my own village, Mr. Speaker in Lake Naivasha and at that time Mr. Speaker, it enforces the MCAS or other local leaders to get money from their own pocket to fuel the engines, Mr. Speaker, so that they could retrieve the bodies. Mr. Speaker today, Mr. Speaker, I normally meet the CO Disaster getting to foot the bills under her own pocket. Mr. Speaker, I think something should be done and I ask the Chairperson disaster to give us a comprehensive Statement on the disaster preparedness of Nakuru County, Mr. Speaker, without favour of Department or even fear of victimisation from any arm Mr. Speaker because disasters are inevitable.

Mr. Speaker if today we are not well prepared, disaster can claim even us here as Members of this County Assembly. Mr. Speaker we had COVID-19, and it claimed even the Members who sat within this same Assembly. Mr. Speaker that is a Disaster, whereby you find that even the County was not well prepared with oxygen and even other items that were required Mr. Speaker, when we are talking about Disaster, we require a full Statement; an elaborate Statement that we shall defend. I propose that the CO Disaster be called and give this Statement to more than just the Committee on Disaster so that we know when we can help because even if we are talking of giving them budgets, we do not know what is straining them. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Honorable Member for Kamara, you will be the last one to give your input on this matter.

Hon. John Maritim: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I also rise to support what the Chairman has said and also give my contribution. We are talking more of fire. Some areas like where I come from in Kuresoi North, we have been having some harsh rains and many of our bridges have been swept away. I also believe that the best we can do as a County is that we can identify those regions. We need to add some funds in Disaster Management in that if these funds are not being used, we shall still carry them forward to another Financial Year. If today, we be given like Kshs. 10 million and this Kshs. 10 million fails to be used, we just carry forward. Disaster is like death; it just comes like that and nobody is prepared for it. Finally, we can still introduce some insurance cover. This cover can cater for crops, human life, animals and much more. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Hon. Members for your input on the issue of the Report that the Chair has read. What is coming from the discussions on the floor of this House is that the Member who requested for a Statement was more on fire because maybe that was the disaster that had struck but there is need for a comprehensive mapping and reporting on disaster preparedness in Nakuru County and the capacity to deal with the various disasters because the Report was based more on fire. Any other Member could rise up and request for a more comprehensive Statement on the issues that have been raised on the floor of the House.

The next response for a Statement is by Hon. Wathiai and he is responding to a Statement requested by Hon. Joseph Muraya concerning the impact of sports fund among the youth.

IMPACT OF SPORTS FUND

Hon. David Wathiai: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Before I respond to the Statement by Hon. Muraya, I would like to request for your protection from the same person who requested for this Statement because as I was seated next to him there, he was intimidating me and even threatening me. He actually told me in Kiswahili, *wacha nifike hapo utaniona*.

Hon. Mwangi Muraya: Hon. Speaker, the Honorable Chair is completely out of order because he is responding to what I asked. Asking him whether he has a comprehensive Report is not intimidation. That was way before I knew he would come to the floor of the House to respond to the question. As I said earlier, we must all listen not to reply but to understand. This Hon. Chair for Sports was listening to me so that he can come there to reply, not to understand what I was asking him.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Honourable Member for Viwandani, have your seat. Mheshimiwa Chair kindly proceed with the response.

Hon. David Wathiai: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I am here to respond to the Statement in regards to the impact of Sports fund on the youth and talent development. The fund is anchored on Public Finance Management Act of 2012 through Legislative Supplement No. 2 which allows the Sports Fund to be used to pay for services provided. The Sports Fund was established in 2015 to majorly cater for purchases of assorted sports equipment to be distributed to beneficiaries at the Ward levels and to cater for administration services in administering the fund. The personnel involved are the Chief Officer in charge of Sports, Finance Officer, Sports Officers, Sub-County Administrators and one Person Living With Disability.

The impact of Sports Fund on the youth in Nakuru County.

- I. The fund is mainly used to procure and purchase assorted sports equipment and distribute the same to the beneficiaries, right from the Ward level.
- II. The Kshs. 27.5 million is divided equally at sh. 500, 000 per Ward.
- III. Beneficiaries of the same are identified by the office of the Ward Administrator, MCAs and Sub County Sports Officers working with the various Federations and Associations with sports individuals.
- IV. Branding of sports kitties for men and women, boys and girls, within the County. The uniforms make them participate and compete without challenges.

Sports kitty since inauguration has led to mushrooming of sports clubs' tournaments within the County in disciplines like boxing, taekwondo, karate, athletics and participation of PWDs. Sports activities have increased both in numbers and participation. The indoor games such as table tennis, pool table and darts have also improved in competition and participation as a result of equipment purchased through Sports Fund and placed at various Social Halls throughout the Country.

In conclusion, the Sports Fund has enabled the sports scouting in identification, nurturing and development of sports talent from the grass root leading to promotion of sports in the County. We are in the process of formulating sports policy and regulations where we propose the Sports Fund be divided into supporting tournaments at the grassroots at Kshs. 250 000 and the purchase of

sports equipment to take another Kshs. 250 000. The policy will enable the Directorate and the County to source for more funds through Private Public Partnerships.

THE NUMBER OF YOUTHS WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE SAID FUND IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/ 2023

The past Financial Year has seen significant increase in the number of youths who have benefited from sporting fund.

The number of youths who have benefited is 2 500 (clubs) with assorted sports equipment across the 55 Wards.

THE NUMBER OF YOUTHS WHO HAVE REALIZED THEIR FULL POTENTIAL IN TERMS OF TALENTS

The number of youths who have realised their full potential in terms of talent;

- I. 30 football women who are currently playing premier league.
- II. 90 football women who are currently playing division 1.
- III. 300 football men who are playing County and Regional
- IV. 20 players who have joined different clubs
- V. Godson Changema who was selected to participate in trials in Manchester United
- VI. The last KYISA games five players were scouted to join National Sports Academy.
- VII. Danson Sunguti selected to join AFC leopard.
- VIII. Taekwondo clubs 14 members have benefited.

THE EFFORTS THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS EMPLOYING TO ENSURE THAT MORE TALENTED YOUTH ARE NURTURED

- I. Ensuring that sports talent is nurtured by proposing more training of sports technicians
- II. Proposal to enhance sports allocation from Kshs 250 000 to 1 million per Ward.
- III. Upgrading of sports infrastructure to be used in identification of more sports talents.
- IV. Align with the Governor's manifesto to create a Sports Fund to support and sustain sports talents.
- V. Ensure functional stadium in each Sub-County.
- VI. Distribution of sports equipment.
- VII. Diversifying of sports disciplines.
- VIII. Registration of sports groups and clubs.

CHALLENGES FOUND

- I. The allocation is not sufficient to cater for branding identification and distribution logistics.
- II. Part of the funds should be used to sponsor various tournaments from the Ward to the Sub County level.
- III. Delay in procurement process.
- IV. Transport challenges during sports distribution
- V. Lack of enough personnel to distribute the assorted sports equipment.

Please note that it is not defined as Sports Fund but it is referred to as Ward Sports Allocation.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Hon. Vice Chair of Sports and Culture for that response. We open it for some input, especially from the person who had requested on behalf of the House and then later, we are going to have Hon. Maritim.

Hon. Mwangi Muraya: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I do not want to degrade this Committee because they have given us a bunch of photos here so I would commend them for these photos that they have gathered from various Wards and not as per what I expected from the question that I asked.

The money that has been used from 2013 up to date; I have just heard of 30 football women who are currently playing premier league. These are totally self-sponsored women as per my knowledge. Unless I do not live in Nakuru County, we pay for even transport for these teams to go for tournaments. We pay for referees with our own money. The only thing that the Department has been doing is purchasing of uniforms from year to year which are now used by our young men and women *kuenda nayo kwa mashamba*. I know you have been an MCA for the last ten good years. The gentleman who went to Manchester, I do not even understand whether he is in the Academy; whether he is playing in the Manchester team or whether he went for a visit as a *shabiki sugu kama Hon. Wathiai vile yeye ni shabiki sugu wa Rugby na ametuambia alikuwa Dubai*.

We need a comprehensive Report from this kitty. We have sponsored a team that is currently under the County Government of Nakuru getting benefits, allowances and playing with other teams out there. I needed to hear that there are teams like a volleyball team that is from Nakuru County that is playing the Inter-Counties; a football team that is owned by the Nakuru County Government. Telling us that there are 90 or 300 football men who are playing County and Regional, these are self-sponsored and I dare the Chair to clarify and show me where they get the transport, where they get the money to pay referees and everything.

Hon. Fadhili Msuri: Point of order Mr. Speaker sir. Is the Member in order to dare the Chair of the Committee?

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): He is not the one to dare. What he can do is only seeking more information but not to dare.

Hon. Mwangi Muraya: Mr. Speaker sir, I told you that there are people who do not listen to understand. They just listen to reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it Hon. Vice Chair for Sports?

Hon. David Wathiai: Mr. Speaker sir, as long as he is addressing me, I kindly request you to protect me because I believe when he was taking lunch at the cafeteria, he ate a very big fish and I decided to ...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order Hon. Wathiai. The things that did not happen on the floor of this House, we should not get that information in this House.

Hon. Joseph Muraya: Mr. Speaker, I did not even visit the cafeteria.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order! Proceed with your final submissions the Hon. Mwangi

Hon Joseph Muraya: Mr. Speaker protect me so that I can finish...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): You are now protected. No other Member will get an opportunity to rise before you sum up on your submissions.

Hon. Joseph Muraya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As I was saying, we wanted to get the information on the impact to our youth for the past 10 years. Out there they are ever crying to us, they are always in our offices and our homes asking us what they can do with this fund. The Hon. Chair has told us that the proposal is for the money to be increased from Kshs 500 000 to 1 million but unfortunately during the last supplementary the money was scrapped from Kshs 500 0000 to Kshs 250 000. I am now wondering what will this do, if the Kshs 500 000 has done nothing, what will Kshs 250 000 do to make sure that the lives of our young men and women are changed? I am not satisfied with the answer from the Sports Committee. They should do more to make sure that this floor not only me but for other Members who also raised a concern here because we need to know, see, touch and not just hear what has been done. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. John Maritim then the Hon. Mike and then we proceed with another round.

Hon. John Maritim: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I also rise to get more clarification. The first question I want to ask is about these stationaries. These papers, are we paying for them or are they free? It is like a full ream and what we are getting from it is obsolete information. Beneficiaries of Molo Ward team received sports equipment from Governor Lee Kinyanjui that I do not understand. I think we need to get the latest Report on what is happening rather than giving us the old school Report. We are in a different era. The Vice Chair should sit down with the Committee and try give us the latest things that are going on. That is what we want. Since we have talented footballers in Nakuru County, we need to have some constant tournaments. In that, each and every Ward can have some competition either through Sub -Counties or we have a competition such that we can go there do some scouting and pick people who know how to play football well, those who can do well in rugby so that we can take them far and enable them to join these premier leagues. There was a gentleman who was very talented in aerobics. I found him in some town *akiuza mayai ya kuku nikakumbuka kumbe bado kuku ni ndege*. He wanted to be a pilot so that is a wasted talent. On talent realisation we need to be keen on that. These young people cannot be left out just like that. Another thing about sport...

Hon. William Mutai: Point of information

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it Hon. William?

Hon. William Mutai: Point of information Mr. Speaker sir to Hon. Maritim. He is actually misleading the House by talking of aerobics as being something to do with air piloting. Aerobics is something so different. It is a game. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Are you talking about aviation or...

Hon. John Maritim: Aviation. Thank you Hon. Member. You were once a teacher and I believe a teacher is always a teacher. I was also a student. In Nakuru County; we have 55 Wards. If we can

identify like five major fields that are good and in these fields we hold some games. We can have a tournament say in Subukia Constituency verses Rongai Constituency with a certain amount of money to be won. We as MCAs should also be spectators so that we can fill the field. We watch the game, reward them and make it a habit for those people because they know how to play very well. For us to make them do wonders, we should give them some incentives. Someone like the Vice Chair Sports can afford some spike shoes. That will be great if we provide these things.

Finally, I saw 30 women who are currently playing in the premier league. I wonder which premier league this is. Vice Chair if you are ready you can answer us which type of premier league this is because I have never seen any Women Football in Kenya. I only know of Vihiga Girls and I do not think that they come from Nakuru County. Thank you very much.

Hon. Michael Njenga: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend my Vice Chair Sports Hon. Wathiai for the good submission. From what everyone has said before me, we can all agree that the issue here is not the utilisation of the fund but the approach used by the fund. Everyone who has spoken before me, their major issue was how many people have benefited from this fund. You will note from what my friend Hon. Muraya has said, this Ward Fund tournaments that are held in our Wards probably over the weekend, we start a tournament on a Friday and finish it on a Wednesday, award the winner then after that there is no follow up. The next thing that will happen is after the next Financial Year, we have another weekend of the same and that is what is hindering us from really getting the targeted impact of the sports fund.

Another thing is that the Sports Fund should be more of a talent fund rather than it being a sport fund because when you call it a talent fund and what you do is change the approach and not let it not only be about football and volley ball. There are so many things that we can do like swimming and all these things are here to help our County. We were discussing about disaster before this and there was an issue that was raised about a body that was stuck in the lake for a month and they were looking for it. If we had good swimmers who are nurtured and talented in Nakuru County then some of these people would be joining these Departments and help us move the County forward. Also there is a need to have this sport or this talent as a continuous activity. Let it not be a one weekend activity but be continuous such that if we attend a sport in one Ward and identify that Viwandani Ward is good in football and volley ball, we move to the next one and if they are good in swimming then let us know what avenues and what channels and sports can be nurtured in different Wards. Let us make the fund be more about impacting the people in that Ward and nurturing their talent as opposed to just giving them sports tournament for a weekend then after that they do not have a ball to play with next weekend or even a jersey. They take those t-shirts they have been given as their Sunday best. The shoes they get probably he will sell it next week because he does not have food. If we nurture them and make this a continuous thing they will always know that next Friday there will be a game and some people will come to scout for good footballers, volley ballers, good basket ballers, good swimmers and that spirit will grow.

I have heard the Vice Chair say that there are people who have joined the league. Let them also come back and help the ones who are there right now. I believe that they also started from somewhere because you find like the guy he has mentioned went to Manchester and he has never come back here to even give hope to one or two people he left behind. This needs to be a continuous

process and well-coordinated between the County, the people who benefit and the people who were left behind so that it can be a continuous process to help the youth of Nakuru County.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Hon. Kanyere from Nakuru East, then lastly there is Hon. Everlyn.

Hon. Anthony Kanyere: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for giving me this chance. I just want to say that I am not going to support the Report since to me it looks more academic because we have just been given figures and this Report should be comprehensive. The Report says 90 football teams. We need to know which teams are there. We come from different Wards and I might want to know which teams from my Ward benefited from such a kitty. The question was so clear; the Member for Viwandani was so clear in that he wanted to know the impact so I expected the Committee to highlight the monies that have been used since the inception of this kitty and what it has achieved.

According to me I think the Committee needs to do more on this. Let us not take this House as a joyride. We are here to deliberate on very serious issues and those are monies which are being used. I want to say that the way our able Vice Chair was saying they should be given to different Wards. If Nakuru East Ward has been given Kshs 25 000, then let me be given that money so that I can know my Ward's priorities.

Hon. Wathiai said that one of the challenges was delay on the distribution of the kits due to some issues to do with procurement. The procurement aspect has been decentralised. They want to procure everything for each and every Ward and when Hon. Wathiai was finishing his Statement, he said that the fund is referred as Ward Sports Allocation. Let that Ward Allocation be given to the Member of County Assembly so that we can decide on our priorities. Some people sit somewhere here in Nakuru and decide for my Ward and I know as you have just highlighted we have different disciplines of sports but from what you have highlighted here it is more of football. I want to urge the Committee to get back to work and give us a comprehensive Report. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. Kirui then Hon. Alex. The Hon. William were you lifting your hand?

Hon. William Mutai: I have been a teacher for that long and I have been encouraging students to lift their hands.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): So now you will be the last one. In the Assembly you now have a different game plan.

Hon. William Mutai: Mr. Speaker since you have got my attention why can I not continue.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. Member we already have a round. Kindly allow us to go in that order so that you be the last one to give your input.

Hon. Everlyn Chepkirui: Thank you Mr. Speaker for the chance you have given me to comment on the Report that has been given by the Committee on Sports. I am a bit concerned when I see the number of youth who have realised their full potential in terms of talent. We have been given

the number of football women who are currently playing in premier league. I would really like the Committee on Sports to give us more details or a comprehensive Report about this number we have been given. They have given us ninety football women who are currently playing division one. I really would like to know these women who have benefited by their names and where they are playing.

Secondly Mr. Speaker, I have seen that PWDs are also participating but from these pictures here I do not see any PWDs group. We have the sitting volley ball team for both women and men on the side of PWDs and I have not seen them. In my Sub-County of Kuresoi South, I was there when all these uniforms were given but it is sad that there were no shoes given to all these players. How are we going to know that those people who were given uniform are players? When the uniforms were being given out in Kuresoi South, I just saw a group of men and women who were given. It was around 6:30 pm in the evening so I do not know how we are going to be sure that those people who were given uniforms are the real football players.

When we talk of Sports and Culture, we also have these students who are singing traditional folk songs and all others. It seems like the kitty did not help them. In Keringet Ward we have Ndavibit who always perform to the National level through the singing of folks songs. That group is not a beneficiary of this kitty. I would really like to encourage or to propose to the Committee that when we talk of sport kitty it is not just about football. We have not been given how many athletes have benefited from this. Mr. Speaker it was just recently when I heard some of our Honorable Members talking about an athlete who wrote a message to our Governor saying that he needs sport shoes. If this kitty could have really benefited these people we would not have heard such embarrassment where someone has to write a message to our Governor to be given shoes. So, I really wish and really pray that we may use this kitty for those people who deserve and those who have talents. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Hon Kirui.

Hon. Bernard Kirui: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand not to support this Report but ask my friend Vice Chair Sports Committee that at least do some amendments on this Report. I think this Honorable House is the one that facilitates this Department with funds but when you see personnel championing this thing, we do not have a representative from this House. Mr. Speaker we have Chief Officer in charge of Sports, Finance Officer, Sports Officers, Sub-County Administrators and one PWD. I think we should have one of our own from the Sports Committee who represents this Honorable House in this Department. No two; we have this fund Kshs 500 000 per Ward. This money was fixed just to buy materials like jerseys, boots but there are some problems that our youth are going through like transport or even lunches when they are visiting some areas to play with other teams. I think this Kshs 500 000 should be given to an MCA who represents that area to share among the teams that are in that particular Ward.

So I think this amendment if this Committee goes through to include these proposed amendments, I think we are going to support them but we have a point where they decided to increase this money from Kshs 250 000 to Kshs 1million; I think it is good but the first amendment that I have already talked about I think should be considered. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Alex and then the last person will be Hon. William

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This Report as noted here is a good Report but remains to be a good Report in paper because one person has indicated that this is just a Report that remains in paper and I just take it as that. When you look at the last 10 years since 2013, I think this fund has been there and Kshs 27.5 million given to the County to the various Wards. Up to this date we are talking about Kshs 275 or Kshs 100 million we are almost hitting Kshs half a billion.

With this and since then, all that we have been doing is purchasing kits some of them when you are doing rounds within our Wards they are of very low quality. You cannot compare them with kits bought through NGCDF money at the Constituency level. We have found and seen games being well organised at the Constituency level from the money allocated from the NGCDF level. All that Nakuru County has concentrated on is buying kits of which if you are told to purchase kits throughout for instance, I have seen some teams here which have been given kits. This year Mr. Speaker, we are still giving more kits; we are not even doing an engagement with these teams on the ground. We are not doing any favour to these people if this fund was to be increased, we would then request of what use to this youth, what is the purpose of this fund to these teams and I cannot stand here to defend the Chair or Vice Chairperson on Sports Committee in saying that this is a good Report. This is not as good Report; my youth and I can tell you Mr. Speaker that if we move on this mediocrity kind of working as a House, we are losing a whole generation. We must stand and say as it is; we have a young Government led by Hon. Susan Kihika our Governor and I know there are so many hopes enshrined and inclined in the hearts of the youth from this County. When you look at this *Bunge*, most of us are youth and I am very sure even from your own seat Mr. Speaker, you cannot spot a team that really progressed in your last term in Biashara Ward as the MCA for 10 years. You cannot actually say this where I found this team I brought it here and these are the talents that I nurtured and that is where we are saying that mediocrity must stop in this Government and we must work for the people and hence we ask the Committee on Sports to go back on the drawing board and nurture the youth. If you do not do that, you are not going to heaven my friends. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

Hon. William Mutai: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker sir for this opportunity. I concur with my colleagues Hon. Alex. I stand here not to support the Report. This Report seemingly is very ambiguous and sincerely speaking, it has not given the real meaning that was intended even at the beginning when the Chair read the Report, I could not tell in this paper where he started is page 1 or page 2 because of some points, he concluded before going to the next page.

(Laughter)

That means even the Chair himself is not aware of what is happening. To cite some few areas, look at no.4 (iv); under the Impact of Sport Fund For The Youth In Nakuru County, whether you can make some meaning out of it; “that branding of sports kitty for men and women, boys and girls within the County with the uniforms makes them to participate and compete without challenges.” What is the real meaning of that Mr. Chair? Mr. Speaker sir, as I also scrutinise and look at

photographs that have been presented which is actually consuming a lot of resources unnecessarily and without driving any much meaning apart from telling us there was something that was done. I referred to Keringet beneficiaries from my Ward and I keenly looked at the photograph and identified some of the political cronies who can never by the look of things, they can never participate in any of our sporting activities. I have even indicated one old mama who has been given a T-shirt. I am very sure this was not sporting it was actually politics being played

(Laughter)

Mr. Chair I want to beg that you go deep into the response; the Report again is so biased if the Chair cannot bring out athletics, which is actually one of the sporting activities that we export in this Country by even recognising some of the international athletes; about 50 that I have in my Ward or by even giving them shoes, spikes or capturing them in a photograph like this, that means the Report is shady and it was actually prepared in a house and these people never went out to do their research. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Hon. William, you come from a very rich area for the discipline of athletics and so from what I am gathering from the Members and their input, it is like now the Hon. Member who had requested for a Statement was more on football than other disciplines. The Hon. Member for Viwandani you have 1 minute that this would be the third time that you talking about the same issue.

Hon. Joseph Muraya: Mr. Speaker, the Committee now has put you into assumption what I was asking about. I asked a general question about the beneficiaries of this sports fund that has been revolving within our Wards. So, Mr. Speaker when I listened to Hon. Michael Gathanwa, a Member of this Committee challenging the Report, I was worried because it seems that this Report was just an in house as Hon. Mutai has said. They thought that they will just come and answer here and then we leave.

Mr. Speaker we are not living the House until we are satisfied; we are not letting them leave until we are given a comprehensive Report about the beneficiaries of this kitty that has been going around for more than 10 years. So my humble submission is that on part of the composition of the personnel that are involved, you see the Chief Officer in charge of Sports, the Finance Officer, Sports Officer, Sub-County Administrator. One PWD. Hon. Speaker these people that are here are do not even think of the importance of this fund. You see the formation is all about how they can benefit and how this money can benefit themselves not our youth. If you look in the photos, you cannot see clearly what was given. All these sports kits are in sacks; we needed them displayed so that we can see. We cannot even know whether there were sports kits that were distributed. *Ni kama mahindi ama mboga imewekwa mahali*. So we need this Committee to go back, do their research, and do a comprehensive Report on this floor of the House. Mr. Speaker I beg that you send them back. I am now even more confused than I was before I asked this question

(Laughter)

Thank you the Chair Sports; now what is clear from this House is that at times a Committee right now as we talk, we do not enjoy firsthand experience because we rely so much on what is provided

for from the mother Department and maybe this is what is necessitating at the National Assembly, the CS would be appearing before the House or the Committee of the House so that now there could be such if the CEC and CO were seated in this House they could benefit from the aspirations of the Members of the County Assembly.

Maybe in the last two terms, those Members aspired to get more of the branded jerseys but behold time has come when changes are needed maybe you need money to achieve a different thing or objective. The Chair Sports you may need to sit with the CEC for Sports and CO the Directorate of that Department, so that now you can come up with a comprehensive Report and maybe have a different approach to how you want to enhance the sporting activities in this County.

More to that Hon. Members, you may realise that we do not have a substantive Sports Act in this County. That is work you need to come up with so that will take care of the various disciplines so that it does not become a Ministry of Football or a Department of Football. It needs to be a Department of Sports and that needs to be seen to be working that way.

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members this House stands adjourned until next week Tuesday at 9.30am. As earlier I had communicated, we are going to have a very brief *Kamukunji* after this. So Members, kindly remain behind.

The House rose at 5.00pm