

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

THE HANSARD

Third Assembly (Second Session)

Wednesday 26th July 2023

Assembly Building

The House met at 10:20 AM

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Loise Kagecha) In the Chair]

PRAYERS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

CASA GAMES

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Loise Kagecha): There is a Communication from the Chair. Aware that CASA Games are scheduled to start on 19th-28th August, 2023, Participants Lists are required to be submitted to CASA Headquarters on or before 2nd August, 2023. In this case take note that selection of Team Participants will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday next Week in the afternoon in various fields.

It is also noted that majority of the Honourable Members are not taking their trainings seriously; this will deny the County Assembly the much-sought trophies during the festivals. Honourable Members take note on that. Next order?

PETITION

ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Loise Kagecha): There is a Petition by the following Enforcement Officers concerning getting of Appointment Letters, the Officers include;

1. Joseph Lagat
2. Moses Noor
3. Philes Nyabeni
4. Ruth Sibelenge
5. Kipkorir Langat.

This Petition is committed to the Committee on Labour. Next order.

PAPER(S)

AUDITOR'S GENERAL REPORT ON THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF NAKURU FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2022 AND AUDITORS GENERAL REPORT ON THE NAKURU COUNTY EMERGENCY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2022.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Loise Kagecha): There are two Papers to be laid by the Leadership and I am calling on Minority Whip Honourable Virginia to do that on behalf of the Leadership.

The Minority Whip (Hon. Virginia Gicanga): Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker, on behalf of the Majority Leader of this Honourable House, I would like to lay the Auditor's General Report on the County Executive of Nakuru for the year ended 30th June, 2022.

The second Paper to be laid on behalf of the Majority Leader is the Auditor's General Report on the Nakuru County Emergency Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2022. Madam Temporary Speaker I beg to lay.

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The two Papers are now committed to the Committee on PAC, Chair take note of that. Next order.

STATEMENT

1. PREPAREDNESS OF CROPS' PESTS AND ITS INVASION IN VARIOUS PARTS OF NAKURU COUNTY.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Loise Kagecha): There is a response to Statement to be done by Hon. Esabella Makori.

Hon. Esabella Makori: Madam Temporary Speaker, Hon. Members on Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 2:30pm, Hon. Elijah Murage requested for a Statement from the Chairperson Committee on Agriculture concerning the preparedness of the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Services in dealing with crop pests and its invasion in various parts of Nakuru County.

Upon receipt of the requested Statement, the Committee on Agriculture wrote to the CECM Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Services on 27th April 2023 concerning the Statement.

In response the CECM Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Services gave the Committee a detailed Report on the following:

2. NAKURU COUNTY CROPS PESTS' STATUS REPORT.

The Report indicated the following

1. Sub-County
2. Name of the pests
3. The crops affected by the pests
4. Approximate total area in hectares under the crop
5. Incidence Percentage
6. Management of the pests by the farmers.

3. BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR PURCHASE OF PESTSIDES IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/23 AND ALSO LONG TERM PLANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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SUB COUNTY	NAME OF PEST	CROPS AFFECTED BY PESTS (Key/major crops)	APPROXIMATE TOTAL AREA (Hectare) UNDER THE CROP	APPROXIMATE TOTAL AREA AFFECTED BY THE PEST	INCIDENCE % (Approximate) Column 5 divide by column 4 divide by 100	MANAGEMENT OF PESTS BY FARMERS
KURESOI SOUTH	Cut Worms	Maize	8450	5100	60%	Application of appropriate insecticides
	Aphids	Potatoes	5600	4450	79%	Spraying both systemic and contact insecticides
	Aphids	Garden Peas	530	30	5.6%	Spraying both systemic and contact insecticides
GILGIL	Fall army worms	Maize	800	500	62.5%	Application of appropriate insecticides
	Bean fly	Beans	600	300	50%	Application of appropriate insecticides

NAIVASHA	Fall army worm	Maize	3025	2010	66%	Application of pesticides such as escort
	Variegated grass hopper	All crops including trees	240	200	8.3%	Physical killing, application of cypermethrin
BAHATI	Fall armyworm	Maize	8290	90	1.1%	Chemical spraying, pymarc dust application, field hygiene
	Cutworm	Maize	8290	19.5%	0.24%	Pymarc dust application, Manual Killing, chemical spraying, early planting.
		Beans	5050	10	0.2%	Pymarc dust application, Manual Killing.

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Hon. Isabella Makori: ... management, pymarc dust application, manual killing, chemical spraying and also early planting. In Nakuru West they have cutworms, birds and armyworms. Plants affected are maize and beans.

Management is Scouting and Monitoring, Hand Picking and Crashing, use of Ash Escort and confidor. And in birds management they use scare crows. In Nakuru East we have cutworms and birds. Its management is Hand Picking and Crashing, use of ash and use of scare crows.

In Njoro we have cutworms and white flies. Plants affected are beans, kales and maize and their management is chemical control by use of insecticides in both. In Molo Sub-County we have cutworms which is affecting cabbages and its management is insecticides which have drastically reduced as a result of ongoing rains. In Subukia Sub-County we have fall army worms and white flies and its management is through spraying with insecticides. In Rongai Sub-County we have cutworms which is affecting maize and beans and its management is spraying with karate or any appropriate pesticide.

The budgetary allocation for purchase of pesticides in Financial Year 2022/ 2023 is Kshs 4 million. The tenders are at the Procurement Evaluation Stage. On top of the County Allocation, the Department has requested for more pesticides from the Plant Protection and Food Safety Department for the management of fall army worms in areas of high incidence.

Some of the pests' fee management options requested to include fall army worms traps...

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Hon. Isabella Makori: ...Pheromone among others that will be serviced at the beginning of every season to help in the monitoring of the pests. They also gave us the following long-term plans for the Department of Agriculture.

1. Training of more Spray Service Providers to perform spraying for farmers in exchange for a fee and as part of an Agri-Business Model.
2. Training of Integrated Pests' Management Champions to advocate for the use of less dangerous pests control solutions.
3. Training of Community Pests' Monitors will be a suitable way of ensuring pests operations do not go beyond Economic Injury Level.
4. Servicing and Monitoring of African army worm and fowl army worm traps in all the Wards at the beginning of the long and short rains.
5. Strengthening of Nakuru County Plant Health, Early Warning and Rapid Response Team to carry out Pests' Surveillance and Monitoring of pests for quick action.
6. Pesticides Risks Reduction Campaign is being piloted in Subukia Sub-County, Subukia Ward, and if successful, it will be up scaled to other Sub-Counties using Social Behavior Approach to make farmers change the behavior as far as pesticides risks is concerned.
7. Domestication and Implementation of Migratory Pests and Invasive Weeds Strategy.
8. Training of more Plant Doctors to run plant clinics.
9. Upgrade the Nakuru Farmers Call Centers to have a toll-free number of farmers to call in and report cases of invasions or inquiry on management of various pests' problems. Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Yes, *Mheshimiwa* Elijah Murage can confirm to us if he is satisfied with the response that has been given.

Hon. Elijah Murage: *Arises to acknowledge satisfactory response.*

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Loise Kagecha): Hon Members this House stands adjourned until 2.30pm today

The House rose at 10.3AM