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*The Assembly met at the Assembly Chamber at 2.30 pm.*

*[Hon. Speaker [Ndegwa Wahome] in the Chair]*

Prayer

#### QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

*(There is quorum as confirmed by the Clerk-at-the-Table)*

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, quorum having been recognized we can proceed with the business of the sitting.

First order.

#### MOTION

##### COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018-2022

Yes member for Kanjuiri ridge and the chairperson of Committee on Finance and Economic Planning Hon. Suleiman Kihika Kimani.

**Hon. Suleiman Kimani:** Thank you Mr Speaker sir, I beg to move the following motion

That this House does adopt the report of finance and economic planning committee on the consideration of the county integrated development plan CIDP II 2018-2022 as report of this House and the recommendations there is as resolutions of this House.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

This is the report on CIDP II. Every member in this House knows very well that we had a CIDP I and not we have the second one. It is the one on the table and on which we are reporting to the House. I thank the office of the Speaker and that of the clerk of the county assembly for facilitating the committee as it compiled this report. We have done our best and I know the report on the table is well scrutinized by the committee and we have done our best.

On page four, we have the committee membership led by me as the chairperson and then the secretariat. There is also the committee's mandate and we do not have to read through everything in this document. I am only going to make a few highlights.

On page five we have the committee meetings that were held before the committee proceeded for a report writing. We also had county public participation and you can see the dates that we held those public participation. We tried to see to it that every sub county participated depending on the population. We had two public participation in Kinangop South and North, the three in Ol'kalou, one in Kaimbaga, another in Karau and the other in Mirangine. We could not cover them in one meeting.

Mr Speaker we also held another meeting with all the members. We met at Sweet Lake Resort for two days. We deliberated on issues affecting the sectoral committees. We also had another two days meeting as the committee on finance and examined the views of the sectoral committees. Lastly, we had a consultative forum, which was held in Top Cliff Lodge in Nakuru with the county ministry of finance and economic development led by the CECM Hon. Mary Mugwanja.

We thank the office of the CECM Finance for coming for those two days so that we can consult as the executive and the assembly to ensure that we have a good document, which can be followed for the development of this county for the next five years. We shall not go through the preface because we shall see the highlights made here as we go through the report.

Mr Speaker the aim the CIDP is to provide comprehensive baseline information on infrastructure and social economic characteristics of the county. it will be the basis of the spending and budgeting in the county and will be used in allocation of scarce resources to priority projects and programs.

The Constitution of Kenya 2010, the County Government Act, 2012, the Kenya Vision 2030 and its Medium Term Plans provide the foundation for the preparation of the County Integrated Development Plan.

Based on the law and guidelines available, our County planners prepared this 5-year Integrated County Development Plan and the annual projections of budgets to implement them.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the County Integrated Development Plan 2 has to a large extent, taken into account the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, County Government Act, 2012, the Vision 2030 which is Kenya's development blueprint read together with its Medium Term Plans and the Nyandarua's Governor's manifesto.

The main objective of CIDP 2 (2018-2022) is to achieve the **Socio-Economic Transformative Agenda** whose primary objective is to harness all resources available for Nyandarua in order to create "*a productive, prosperous, and a Newly Industrialised and secure County that adds value to its citizens and competes effectively in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*".

Mr Speaker we have the Legislation on Integrated Planning in Kenya, which guides the preparation of the CIDP.

There is the Constitution of Kenya 2010, the Vision 2030, The County Government Act, 2012, Public Finance Management Act 2012 and the Intergovernmental Relations Act 2012

Mr Speaker sir we went through the CIDP as was presented by the executive and these were our findings and observations. We shall go through it sector by sector.

County Department on Youth, Sports and Arts

### **Flagship Projects**

#### i. Talent Academies

Mr. Speaker Sir, the County Government intends to establish talent academies in each sub-county at a total cost of Kes 100 Million, in line with the Governor's manifesto. The talent academies will form a key driver in nurturing the diverse talents among the youths of this county who constitute over 60% of the population.

However, based on the input from the members of the public during public participation and the Committee's deliberations it was resolved that the County should establish three distinct talent academies:

- a) Sports Academy – to include football, athletics and indoor games
- b) Art Centre – to include drawings, paintings, carvings etc.
- c) Performing Art Theatre – including acting, drama, music, storytelling etc.

The Committee noted that the establishment of the talent academies is capital intensive and proposed that the funding to be increased to Kes. 500 Million to be financed by the National and County Governments as well as through Private Public Partnership.

#### ii. The Youth Fund

The County Government plans to establish a Youth Enterprise Fund to support viable business ideas and infant Youth businesses at a cost Kes. 50 Million.

The Committee noted that the CIDP 2 has several other enterprise related funds: Men Fund, Women Fund, Trade Fund and the Cooperative Fund.

Considering the need to increase efficiency, resolve overlaps and make better use of resources to achieve economies of scale, the Committee proposes merging of the Funds into one fund – the Nyandarua Micro Finance Fund to the tune of Kes. 1 Billion

#### iii. ICT Incubation Centres

Mr. Speaker Sir, the labour market globally is now technology and innovation-driven. As a result, the Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology is currently establishing Constituency Innovation Hubs (CIHs) across the 290 Constituencies.

The platform will provide online work opportunities for the youth like on-line work ranging from transcription services to software development on sites like Amazon's MTURK and the Kenyan-owned Ajira platform - a multi-sectoral Government initiative that aims to introduce young people in Kenya to online work amongst other functions.

With the Constituency Innovation Hubs (CIHs), the Committee proposes that the planned ICT Incubation Centres be **co-funded** by the County and National Government.

#### iv. Youth Internship / Mentorship

Mr. Speaker Sir, the County Government plans to establish an internship/mentorship program for gifted youth and children to acquire skills, training and certification under the sub-programme of Youth, Sports & Arts. The Committee proposes that the programme be moved to the office of the County Secretary, as the Office is responsible for the County Public Service and is, therefore, best suited to place interns and industrial attachés across the county departments

v. Boda Boda Sheds and Insurance

Mr. Speaker Sir, the County Government plans to roll out a project of constructing Boda Boda Sheds and payment of insurance premiums for the riders.

The Committee acknowledges the importance of the Boda Boda sub-sector in terms of employment and mobility. However, the Committee notes that payment of Insurance premiums is not one of the county functions listed in the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution, and is likely to create dependency syndrome and perpetuate a moral hazard. Instead, the members of the public proposed that given the large number of untrained riders, efforts should be made to subsidize training and issue of driving licenses.

The Committee proposes that the insurance component is expunged from the sub-program.

vi. Nyandarua County Youth Service Institute

Mr. Speaker Sir, the County Government plans to allocate Kes. 150 Million to lay the foundation for the Nyandarua County Youth Service Institute, an ambitious programme fashioned after the National Youth Service (NYS).

The Committee proposes that the sub-programme is expunged from the CIDP 2 as it is a duplication of the functions of the National Youth Service (NYS).

Other programs and projects

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee also scrutinized other projects and programs in the Department and made the following observations;

i. Establishment of a High Altitude Training Centre:

The County Government plans to establish high altitude athletics training academies in the County. It was observed that this project is transformative and needs further support.

The Committee proposes that design for such a facility should be enhanced and constructed as a multipurpose training complex covering talent development and practice in soccer, indoor games and athletics.

The Committee therefore proposes that the budget for the same be increased from Kes. 500 Million to Kes. 750 Million.

ii. Sports Equipment, Awards and Uniforms:

The County Government intends to promote grassroots sporting activities through annual competitions.

The Committee proposes increasing the number of trophies to cover more sporting disciplines other than soccer and volleyball. This will increase participation among the youths.

iii. Youth Empowerment and Support:

The Committee noted that the County Government intends to empower youths through training and support.

The Committee proposes that focus should be on empowering youths through income generating projects as opposed to mere trainings. Some of the projects proposed to include; Poultry Incubators, car washing machines, green houses, tree nurseries, fruits and vegetable farming.

County Department of Lands, Housing and Physical Planning

Flagship projects

i. Development of a County Land Bank

Mr. Speaker Sir, in the National Land Policy (Session paper 3 of 1999), land banking is a process by which the government will be able to hold known geo-referenced pieces of land for access by investors and government projects.

The County Government plans to incentivize investors to put up 3-5 Star rated hotels by creating a Land Bank and leasing it to them.

The Committee took note of the fact that the Jubilee Government has rolled out a similar programme which is supposed to contribute towards the achievement of the “Big Four” economic agenda of the government that involves the provision of housing.

Land banks, being quasi-governmental entities, created to effectively manage and repurpose an inventory of under utilised, abandoned or foreclosed property will go a long way to improve several issues related to land management.

The Committee proposes that acquisition of land for the establishment of the county land bank be done in an objective manner based on anticipated future socio-economic and industrial development of the County. The focus should be on land purchases within the county in a transparent and competitive manner.

The Committee also proposes that immediate focus is on recovery of grabbed public lands.

ii. Construction of affordable housing units

The County Government plans to construct at least 100 affordable housing units for County Government staff at a cost of Kes. 2 Billion. Indeed, affordable housing is one of the four key pillars that will form the core of the Jubilee government economic agenda.

While some members of the public were opposed to the project, the plan is essential so that most of the staff can operate near their workstations.

The Committee also notes that the houses will be built using appropriate building technology (ABT) which lowers the cost construction significantly. The 100 units translate into Kes. 20 Million per unit which is expensive given prevailing costs for similar units using the said technology.

The Committee, therefore, recommends that the units be increased to 600 at the same cost of Kes. 2 Billion. This translates into Kes. 3.34 Million per unit which is more realistic.

We have seen Nyandarua county staff operating from Laikipia, Nakuru and even Nairobi

iii. Ol'kalou, Mairo-Inya and Engineer special municipal status

The CIDP highlights plan by the County Government to upgrade some of the towns in the county to municipal status in line with Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011. The Committee observed that such a move would require a huge infrastructural upgrade to meet the criteria set in the Act.

It is therefore proposed that amount be increased from Kes 100 Million to Kes 300 Million. This will help to increase revenue in the said towns in the long term.

iv. Urban upgrading and construction of parking lots

The Committee is alive to the low local revenue collection due to limited revenue streams.

It recommends that amount for this project be increased to Kes. 150 Million from Kes. 75 Million. This will have a direct benefit of enhancing the aesthetic outlook of our towns and increasing county revenue from parking fees.

County Department of Water, Environment, Tourism & Natural Resources

Flagship project

i. Construction of the 6 Planned mega dams and their associated infrastructure (Pesi, Kinja, Malewa, Shamata/Kirima, Kiburu & Geta)

Mr. Speaker Sir, the County Government intends to partner with National Government to accelerate the construction of the three planned major dams and the associated infrastructure – namely Pesi, Kinja and Malewa. Actually, the National Water Conservation and Pipeline Corporation (NWCPC) has already advertised tenders for the Kinja and Pesi dams.

During the public participation exercise, there were specific concerns for some members of the public. The main issue was whether the county can afford to live with the likely environmental consequences of these developments. Plausible consequences have been surmised to include desertification in the catchment and the downstream areas as well as future deaths of flora and fauna dependent on the ecosystem of the project basins.

Mr. Speaker Sir, let us remember that Kenya's collective environmental fears found their way in the discussions on the 2010 Constitution, leading to the recognition in Article 69 of the principle of sustainable exploitation of the country's natural resources and equitable sharing of accruing benefit.

The public, therefore, requested active community engagement during design and implementation of the projects and information sharing on socio-environmental impact and remedies associated with the dams.

The constitutional principles on use of land also concurred with the arguments, and encapsulated the principle of sustainability in the use of the county land resources.

It is important to note that despite the indication that the Shamata/Kirima, Kiburu & Geta dams are listed as “mega dams” realistically; they do not fall under that category, but under associated infrastructure. It was noted that their inclusion in the CIDP 2 was because of the ‘local factor condition’ issues arose as to whether the water providers will bypass the local populace to take the much-needed resource to take it to other areas.

#### County Department of Health Services

##### Flagship Projects

- i. Upgrade and equipping of JM Kariuki Memorial, Engineer and Ndaragwa hospitals

Mr. Speaker Sir, JM Kariuki Memorial is a Level 5 (County Referral Hospital) Hospital while Engineer and Ndaragwa hospitals are Level 4 (full Hospital) and Level 3 (Health Centres) respectively.

There were questions on the inclusion of Ndaragwa Hospital in the category, however, the upgrade is being financed by the national government.

- ii. Equip and operationalize of Bamboo, Manunga, Ngano and Mirangine health centres including a rehabilitation centre
- iii.

Mr. Speaker Sir, with the soon to be conducted exercise of boundaries delimitation by the IEBC in line with the requirement of Article 89 of the Constitution, boundaries, whether administrative or electoral, have an effect on the incentives of those affected.

The Committee is of the view that there is a likelihood of the emergence of new sub counties and as such proposes that the program is amended to read “**Upgrade and equipping of at least one health centre in every sub-county to a level 4 hospital**” This will ensure that each sub-county gets either a low or high density level hospital and reduce patient-doctor overload on the two county referral hospitals.

*(Hon. Hussein Kassana rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it member for Magumu Hon. Hussein Kassana?

**Hon. Hussein Kassana:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I would like the mover of the motion to be specific. He should not say one health centre; he should specify if it is in North Kinangop or mention its name.

**Speaker:** The concern of the member is that you are talking of sub counties. Where you have to elaborate is whether the sub county is the one under the national government’s infrastructure or it is the one pursuant to the constitution, which established constituencies as sub counties. We have two parallel infrastructures where we have sub counties. These under the national government are provincial administration and we have seven sub counties in Nyandarua. Under the constitution we have five sub counties.

That is where you require clarification. I believe that naming of specific dispensary of health centre will come during the CFSP and mainly during the ADP, which now clarifies, on the program.

**Hon. Suleiman Kimani:** The reason why we said it that way is that we are predicting that there will changes in the boundaries.

**Speaker:** For the purposes of the Hansard, it is the sub counties as per the constitutions and not as per the infrastructure in the management of the national government.

**Hon. Suleiman Kimani:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I appreciate the member for seeking that clarification.

iv. Community health programme

The County Government acknowledges the critical role of community health programmes in the prevention of disease attack and laid down an elaborate programme on the same.

However, the Committee proposes that this programme should not be flagship programme but a program in the department.

Other programmes and projects

i. Development of KMTC and County Government Revenue Sharing Formula

The Committee observed that the County government has injected over Kes 100 Million towards the construction of Nyandarua KMTC. The purpose for the establishment was to increase enrolment of students from the county in the said institution. However, prospective candidates from the county have not benefited as earlier envisaged not to mention that the county does not receive any revenue from the institution.

The Committee therefore proposes that a revenue and student sharing agreement between the two entities be included in the department's programs to ensure the county government gets optimal benefits from KMTC

ii. Promotion of specialized health skills

Health services is among the 'Big Four Agenda' of the Jubilee government and its anticipated that more health institutions will either be set up or upgraded. Implicitly, demand for health practitioners will also be high.

The Committee proposes that establishment a health training college be included in the CIDP to offer specialized courses in health.

There is only one course offered in the KMTC

This will increase student enrolment in health courses especially from the county and raise county local revenue.

Department of Education, Culture and Social Services

**Flagship Projects**

i. Aged persons in NHIF Scheme

Access to health is a basic right enshrined in the Kenya Constitution, 2010. The Kenya government under the 'Big Four' agenda has outlined access to universal health care as one of the key pillars.

The County Government plans to Kes. 30 Million to cover senior citizens under the NHIF Scheme. However, considering there are over 15,000 persons aged over 65 years, the amount is too little to cater for the needy aged persons in the county. In addition, the national government is also rolling out a similar program.

The Committee proposes that the National Government undertakes the programs while the county spends the amount to improve access to healthcare, especially, at dispensaries and health centres.

- Other projects
- i. County Bursary Fund

Article 53 (1) (b) provides that every child has the right to free and compulsory basic education. The county seeks to promote access to education by offering bursary to needy students.

The Committee proposes that the kitty is increased to Kes 1 Billion over the next 5 years to cater for the increasing number of needy students.

- ii. Men and women empowerment

The Committee notes that the County Government intends to empower men and women through trainings. Instead, the Committee proposes that focus of the program should be on the establishment of sustainable income generating projects for target beneficiaries. This way the program will have a wider and far-reaching impact compared to mere trainings.

- iii. Youth polytechnics

Youth polytechnics play a critical in providing specialized economical skills. In order to make our youth polytechnics responsive to the market needs, the Committee proposes that the county government does reorganize courses offered in polytechnics in such manner that a given polytechnics specializes in a few courses that promote operating efficiency. The county government should also establish centres of excellence among the youth polytechnics.

Further, the committee recommends a new programme on strengthening of vocational skills for self-employment and income generation within our polytechnics. The main objective is to ensure the county polytechnics engage in the development agenda by being contracted by the county government in provision of certain goods and services i.e. construction of ECD classes using ABT, making of furniture, culverts, ECD playing equipment etc. through this, the polytechnics will generate income and provide hands on experience to the students.

Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

### **Flagship Projects**

Mr. Speaker Sir, agriculture is the backbone of the majority of the households in the county. As such, the county government has formulated elaborate flagship projects geared towards transforming peasantry farming into agribusiness/ commercial agriculture across the three sub-sectors.

Key flagship projects include: Integrated agricultural extension services; Fisheries development; Milk Coolers; input subsidy (fertilizer and seeds); Seed potato multiplication and tissue culture laboratory; and promotion of pyrethrum, sugar beet, giant bamboo, avocados and sunflower.

The Committee observed that amount allocated to the promotion of pyrethrum, sugar beet, giant bamboo, avocados and sunflower is Kes 22 Million which too little.

Therefore, the Committee proposes that the amount be used for seed multiplication at the County Agricultural training Centres (ATCs) as prorated in annexure on flagship projects. This will ensure farmers can access affordable and

quality seedlings/ seeds within the county. This will also increase revenue for the ATCs and the County Government at large.

#### Other Projects

##### i. Crop promotion for household income

The Committee noted with concern the low targets set for pyrethrum, sugar beet, fruit trees, French beans, potatoes, seed potato multiplication, cut flowers, giant bamboo and sunflower. The Committee notes the urgent need to commercialize agriculture for increased household income and industrial processing.

The Committee therefore proposes that production target and funding for the said crop be increased as indicated in the annexure.

##### ii. Improvement of post-harvest handling and commodity marketing

The County Government intends to reduce farm based post-harvest losses by constructing cold stores, pack houses and warehouses. The Committee proposes that amount for construction of cold stores and pack houses be increased from Kes 120 Million to Kes 240 Million. The amount will be sufficient to complete construction of two pack houses and build a mega cold store for storage of horticultural produce.

The County Government intends to build 5 cereal warehouses. However, given that cereal farming in the county is not wide spread, the Committee proposes that the county does consider constructing multi-purpose warehouses which can be used to store cereals, seeds, fertilizer among other commodities.

##### iii. Agricultural Mechanization Services Support

Mr. Speaker Sir, modern day farming is science and technology driven. Despite this, adoption of mechanized farming among our farmers still remains low. The county government intends to modernise the AMS machinery.

The Committee, therefore, proposes that purchase of machineries be consolidated and the budget increased to Kes. 310 Million. This will allow access to subsidized mechanized services.

##### iv. Livestock feeds and feeding

The County Government cognizant of the importance of the dairy sector has purposed to increase animal feeds through preserved hay and silage. Precisely, Kenya is the leading milk producer in Sub Saharan Africa with an estimated 5 billion litres produced annually. The sub-sector accounts for 14% of agricultural GDP with a per capita consumption of 111 litres per year and is expected to continue rising.

The Committee proposes that tonnage of preserved hay and silage be increased from a target of 500 tons to 500,000 tons in order to support the feeding of over 300,000 dairy herds in the county.

The project will also help to transform dairy farming from free range to semi-zero grazing resulting to increased yields.

##### v. Livestock marketing and value addition :- Livestock registered with Stud Kenya book

The County Government intends to have about 50,000 dairy herds registered with Stud Kenya book over the next 5 years. The committee is alive to the stringent rules and conditions for registration of animals.

The Committee proposes that the department sets realistic targets (about 10,000) and accelerate subsidized artificial insemination program. Farmers should also be sensitized on-farm record management in order to trace genetic history of their dairy herds. This will help farmers in the county to sell their steers and heifers at a premium.

vi. Promotion of sustainable livestock production technologies

The County Government intends to roll out various farm technologies including: zero grazing units, bio gas plants, poultry hatcheries and incubators, rabbit breeding centres and apiary.

In particular, the Committee acknowledges the importance of poultry, rabbit and apiary in promoting diverse household incomes and nutrition. However, the targets proposed are too little to make impact at the household level.

The Committee proposes that the number of target beneficiaries under each be increased and produce markets fast-tracked to support commercial ventures.

vii. Sport fishing

The Committee proposes that this program is moved to the Department of water, environment and tourism where its best suited.

Additional programmes proposed

i. Promotion of Horticultural Exports

Mr. Speaker Sir, upon scrutiny of the CIDP, the Committee noted a serious omission on export-oriented agriculture. While cut flowers are meant for exports, the committee notes the need to expose our farmers to export markets. The county needs to leverage on increasing demand in the EU and the direct US flights soon to be launched. This has numerous advantages but not limited to; increased household incomes, employment creation and foreign exchange earnings.

The Committee, therefore, proposes the *promotion of high-value crops* for export. These crops include; French beans, snow peas, passion fruits, avocado, tree tomato among others. Introduction of these crops to be based on agro-ecological zones suitability rather than mass promotion across the County.

To penetrate the lucrative horticultural export markets, the Committee also recommends that the department of agriculture does train farmers on global good agricultural (Global GAP) and EuroGAP practices.

This will ensure our produce is traceable and meet international market standards. The county will also make good use of the pack houses being constructed.

ii. Establishment of fodder banks / reserves

The Committee proposes the construction of 5 fodder banks / reserves (1 per Sub County) at a total cost of Kes 10 Million. This will provide enough hay storage of about 60,000 bales per fodder bank and provide incentive to hay farmers, and also offer subsidized hay to dairy farmers. This will help to smoothen milk production due to constant availability of feeds thereby increasing household income.

## Department of Public Administration and ICT

## Other programs, sub-programs and projects

## i. Introduction of an Integrated Fleet and Machinery Management System

Mr. Speaker Sir, bearing in mind that the County Government is the single-largest owner of motor vehicles in the county, knowing where the county owned vehicles and machinery are, helps regain control of the fleet operations.

An integrated fleet and machinery management system shall give the exact movement, speed and efficiency of the county government owned vehicles by controlling fuel operations. It will also help computerise workshop operations.

The Committee proposes to introduce an integrated fleet and machinery management system.

## ii. County Enforcement Courts

Mr. Speaker Sir, the County Government plans to establish County enforcement courts in Ol'kalou & Engineer towns. After deliberations on the matter, the Committee agreed to propose the expunging of the plan from the CIDP 2 due to the following reasons:

- a) Local Governments used to pocket all fines collected by municipal and city courts, which arose from violations of the various by-laws prior to establishment of the devolved system of governance.
- b) Replacement of the Local Government Act, Cap 265, which established the courts and set out the offences, with the County Government Act, 2012 however struck out the lower courts, cutting off the crucial revenue stream from the counties.
- c) Until the matter touching on revenue collection by the courts is addressed within both constitutional and legal frameworks, it is prudent to expunge the plan. The current legal regime requires that all revenues collected by the Judiciary be sent to the Consolidated Fund.

## iii. Staff Rationalization Programme

Mr. Speaker Sir, at the onset of devolution County Governments established their human resources from staff inherited from the defunct local authorities, officers seconded from the National Government and new recruitments. This officers had differing competencies and job scales. Coincidentally officers performing the same tasks had differing remunerations.

As a result, about 38 Counties have wage bills that are beyond the stipulated wage bill threshold of 35% of the total annual budget, Nyandarua being one of them, the Committee proposes a staff rationalization programme.

The Committee took note of the joint initiative between the National and County Governments' Capacity Assessment and Rationalization of the Public Service (CARPS) Program, whose overall objective was to ensure government functions are properly structured and capacity built to facilitate transformation of the Public Service for efficient and effective service delivery both at the National and County Governments.

It was also alive to the contents of the Report emanating from the joint initiative, majorly, some of the recommendations that are proposed to be implemented that are bold steps to weed out ghost workers and reduce the ballooning wage bill.

iv. Establishment of an Integrated Information Management Systems

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee proposes the establishment of an Integrated Information Management Systems be included in the programmes for the following reasons:

- a) The National Government developed a record management strategy for public institutions in the year 2011, and,
- b) There exist the Kenya National Archives and Documentation Service (Cap 19) of the Laws of Kenya, purposefully designed for records and archives management.

Department of Industrialization, Cooperatives and Trade

Flagship projects

i. Potato, vegetable and fruit processing plant

The National Government under the 'Big Four' Agenda has prioritized manufacturing to increase the level of value addition and promote the export of processed goods as opposed to raw materials. The County Government also plans to promote value addition in potatoes and fruits.

The Committee observes that the county produces various vegetables and proposes construction vegetable processing plants. This allows farmers to diversify their production both for fresh and processed farm produce thereby increasing their household incomes and reduce vulnerability to price fluctuation.

ii. Nyandarua County Micro Finance Fund

As earlier discussed under the youth fund, the Committee proposes consolidation of all enterprise related funds into Nyandarua county microfinance fund. The fund will benefit all the target beneficiaries as indicated in the CIDP.

iii. Dry port at Naivasha SGR Main Terminal in Naivasha

Cargo handling, consolidation and transportation management greatly impacts on commodity prices and their competitiveness in the global markets. The County Government proposes to construct a dry port at Mai Mahiu at Kes 2. Billion to tap into transportation opportunities at the SGR and international highways.

Members of the public and the Committee raised concerns on viability of the project considering that most of goods from the county are fresh produce from the farm and therefore perishable. In addition, upgrading of various roads to bitumen standard and proposed upgrade of existing railway and linkage to SGR will open up Nyandarua and sought mobility challenges in accessing markets.

Considering the huge budgetary outlay, the Committee proposes that the dry port be established at the SGR main terminal in Naivasha and be funded by both the national and county government as opposed to full funding by the latter.

iv. Modern agricultural wholesale market at Magumu

Our County is one of the major bread baskets in the country and the closest one to the capital city – Nairobi. However, all farm produce are sold mainly in Nairobi and Mombasa.

The Committee noted the omission to construct an ultra-modern digitized wholesale agricultural produce market.

The Committee proposes that the market is constructed in Magumu. The market will create over 5,000 direct jobs in online commodity trading, logistics and transportation, postharvest loss handling, packaging among others. This will increase revenue for the county as well as household income.

v. Establishment of industrial parks / special economic zones

While this project is not indicated as a flagship project, the Committee proposes that the same be classified as such given the magnitude of funding (Kes 1 Billion). This is a noble idea that should be modelled along ‘Hawala Industrial Park’ in Ethiopia which conglomerates all related service and product enterprises creating economies of scale.

The industrial parks should have all the necessary infrastructure to attract prospective investors especially agro-processors and business process outsourcing.

vi. County Industrial Policy and Master Plan

Throughout the CIDP, the County Government outlines various industrialization initiatives without mentioning formulation of policies or a master plan to guide the same.

The Committee proposes that industrial promotion is preceded by formulation of a county industrial policy and master plan.

This way the county will attract industries that support our agro based economy. Great lessons in formulation of the same can be drawn from the national framework – Master Plan for Kenyan Industrial Development (MAPKID) developed by the Ministry of Trade and Industry in 2008.

Other programs and projects

i. Agro processing plants

The Committee proposes that development of the various agro-processing plants be merged into and respective industries to appear as key performance indicators.

ii. Operationalization of the Nyandarua Cooperative Union

The Committee appreciates the noble idea to link the various cooperatives under the Nyandarua Cooperative Unions. Funds allocated for this project should be directed towards strong sub-county cooperative unions and ultimately the Nyandarua Cooperative Union.

The cooperative union will help to strengthen the corporate governance for affiliate cooperatives, enhance coordinated produce marketing, and ensure price stability and producer bargaining power.

iii. Investment opportunity profiling and mapping

For any country or county to attract the right private sector capital, there is great need to have credible data and information resource endowment and comparative advantages.

The Committee observed that the county had proposed to carry out an investor mapping at a cost of Kes. 10 million and instead, proposes that the County Government should focus on sector specific investment opportunity profiling and mapping. The cost for this exercise requires experts in the various sectors and should be increased to Kes. 30 Million.

Detailed information on key investment opportunities should be documented before vigorous investor pitching is undertaken. This will help prospective investors to analyse the opportunities, provide answers to pertinent questions and make decisions to invest in the county.

Other Salient issues observed

i. Review of the CIDP 1 (2013 – 2017)

Mr. Speaker Sir, the preparation of a CIDP should be informed by historical performance trends in the county. CIDPs should be prepared in such a way that they consider successes and challenges from previous years.

The Committee noted that the county was unable to generate adequate funds to implement the last CIDP. This was because the county overestimated national transfers and local revenues.

ii. The inclusion of Rapid Result Initiatives (RRIs) in the CIDP 2

Mr. Speaker Sir, the RRIs, are one of the tools of Results Based Management (RBM) that support performance contracting aimed at jump-starting major change efforts and enhancing implementation capacity.

Table 4.4.1 summarizes the activities that have been identified under RRIs that are to be turned into an implementable action plan to fulfil the Governor's development agenda which he intended to fulfil within his first 100 days in office.

The Committee unanimously agreed that the RRIs are expunged from the CIDP 2.

iii. County Urban Institutional Development Strategy (CUIDS)

The Committee noted that the county executive submitted the CUIDS together with the CIDP 2 contrary to section 38 and 41 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011. Therefore, the Committee proposes that Annexure IV on the CUIDS is expunged from the CIDP2 and should be submitted in accordance with the relevant laws.

CIDP Project Costs and Resource Mobilization Plan

Mr. Speaker Sir, ideally, it should be clear how priorities in the CIDP will be funded. This includes national transfers, donor funds, and loans. More importantly, counties also have the mandate to raise their own local revenue to fund their projects.

Mr Speaker the following table shows the resource for the CIDP 2. We do not need to go through all the tables.

The total revenue projection of Kshs. 182.604 Billion includes revenues for current year of Kshs. 28.069 Billion. However, the actual revenue estimates for the current year is 5.744 Billion.

The balance of Kshs. 22.325 Billion is in form of projects being implemented by the National Government in tarmacking of roads, setting up of the Nyandarua University, construction of executive offices, fiber optic cable among others.

Therefore, the projected revenue for financing the CIDP projects over the Five years is 182.604 billion against a total cost of Kshs. 205.960 Billion. This implies a deficit of Kshs. 23.562 billion

The deficit will be financed through increased resource mobilization of private sector capital and additional national government funding in sectors with little funding at present.

### Recommendation

Arising from the above findings, the Committee recommends:

1. That the annexed Nyandarua County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP 2) 2018 – 2022 be the reference document for county planning in particular in the formulation of the key budgetary documents.

### Conclusion

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is important to note that this CIDP 2 is program based i.e. does not have specific activities and their allocation with the exception of flagship projects. Therefore it is imperative that the subsequent Annual Development Plans (ADPs) which are project specific should reflect equity in distribution of ward projects in line with ward priorities.

I urge the all the Honourable Members to commit themselves to the actualization of the programmes, in our second County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP 2) for 2018 - 2022 which will be implemented through successive Annual Development Plans (ADPs).

In implementing the projects outlined in our CIDP 2, let us endeavour to increase our engagement with the national government, other county governments and development partners (both local and international) towards mutually beneficial interventions. Close cooperation and collaboration among all elected leaders in the county (the Governor and Deputy Governor, the Senator, the Woman Member of the National Assembly, and the Members of Parliament (MPs) will also assure the realization of holistic development for our people.

Lastly, the Committee urges that implementation of projects, be undertaken in such a manner that in each financial year, development activities are ongoing in each of the sub counties.

Mr Speaker that the report on the CIDP. As I have said the projects should be reflected and be in line with the ward priorities. A good spatial plan can have all the needs of the county and while preparing the annual development plan we can know all the needs of the ward. We urge the executive to make a good spatial plan so that the every ward's priorities are captured as we do every year's Annual Development Plan.

Lastly, I want to make comments on the activities that are supposed to take place in the budgetary process. We have tabled the CIDP and what is supposed to follow is the Annual Development Plan, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper that sets the ceilings, the budget estimate and then the County Appropriations Bill. If we would follow that process, that would be good. If the executive does this, we shall have development in the county and each ward would have projects implemented as per priorities regardless of how little resources are. If well distributed no member will be bothered.

I am sure that Nyandarua will have development that will attract investors from other places. I conclude and call upon the vice chairperson to second.

**Speaker:** County member from Njabini Kiburu Hon. Margaret Wanjiru Ileri

**Hon. Margaret Ileri:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I second the report. It is timely and it will benefit Nyandarua farmers more. It is time they get good extension services. We need to promote free A.I services so that the farmers get hybrid cows.

It is good that we construct industries so that the farmers can add value to the agricultural produce. Midland factory can add value to the potatoes. We should also have milk-processing plants.

I second

*(Question proposed)*

Yes member for Gatimu Hon. John Kieru Wambui

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish to appreciate the work of this committee and for the time that they have had to deliberate on this very important document.

Mr Speaker the efforts and the work of this committee has been noted and I would want to start by saying that they have gone into detail of the said document. I would like to have a copy of it because I will refer to something.

I support it. This document will hold us for the next five years. I have my own concerns. One is that the committee conducted public participation but we are aware that during those public participations the public does not appear. The committee however did its role and brought the report.

What the committee has done here will take us for the next five years. I do not want to go into details of this document because the chairperson has read most of chapter four. They have made the document easy for us to understand. They have expunged some of the proposals and have brought to us a proposed county integrated development plan running from 2017 to 2022. I do not know why they still maintain 2018- 2022 because this document has programmes that will be financed by the 2017/ 2018 budget.

This is a plan and one of the responsibility of the county assembly according to the constitution of Kenya is to approve plans. This is a significant plan on the development of this county for the next five years. This is a blueprint of all the things we plan to do for the next five years. This is document is expected to be followed in service delivery to Wanjiku. It shall deliver us from complains of our people. As a county, we have always complained that we have been left behind since independence. We have said that this county has had no resources as it is supposed to have. Today if we do this document well and adopt it we shall be saved from complains of generations to come. It is a result-oriented document.

I pray that this becomes a document for the count government of Nyandarua for the next five years. This is not a document for an individual as has been said by some people. This document is said to be a document of Wanjiku because it shall get a nod from the

representatives of Wanjiku. I said here sometimes back that in the executive the people are represented by merely two elected people, the governor and his deputy. The rest do not have any direct relationship with Wanjiku. Therefore, the people have Wanjiku at heart and those elected, the governor. The deputy governor and the member this county assembly. As we talk about this document, it is important to talk about what is achievable and deliverable to the people of this county.

Mr Speaker development is what touches Wanjiku directly. If we do not plan properly, we shall end up supporting programs that are very expensive for this county. Some of these programs will be funded by the county government, others by donors and national government. I tried to do a tally of these programmes; it so ambitious and I commend them for that. It is good to be ambitious but it is also good to be realistic. These ambitions shall put us on a weighing scale come the time when Wanjiku will be gauging us in terms of development. In 2022 we shall all be put together; it shall not be Kimemia's document but what we all promised Wanjiku. When this document will be adopted today, it shall become a document for Wanjiku. It will be used by Wanjiku to demand for the promises that we made. We promised a dry port in Naivasha, a university that will cost the county to a tune of Kshs. 5 Billion and feeding programs for ECDE children to a tune of Kshs. 500 Million. We know that some of these things are achievable and others are not. I would want to see those donors that would finance feeding program to a tune of Kshs. 500 Million. We only made a budget of Kshs. 40 Million and later realized that Kshs. 22 Million was enough. Now we are being told that every financial year we shall spend Kshs. 100 Million. If this is achievable, well and good but the oversight role of this assembly will not come to halt. We shall keep them on check. The committee on implementation will get quarterly reports on the donor-funded programs. We shall also know what has been funded by the county government. They have put feeding programmes for ECDE and then written to be funded by the county government/donors. It could have been for instance Kshs. 90 Million by the county and Kshs. 10 Million from the donor. As I support this document, I am also airing the views of Wanjiku because it is important.

It has been said that the national government is going to fund some programs. We want the county government to start signing agreements with the national government. Last term we were doing the stadium and it was being financed in the county annual budget. We stopped financing it because the national government promised to finance the construction of Ol'kalou stadium. From today all that we want to see are signed agreements. As the county executive does that ADP, we want to see proving documents of what the national government is financing the county projects with as promised. In the morning Mr Speaker, you challenged the members of the county assembly that they must generate business. We want to see what the county executive is doing every month.

We have signed so many deals and we want to see them coming to actualization. All these deals are in this document and we should legalize them by adopting this document.

Mr Speaker they have talked about bursary and scholarships that go to a tune of Kshs. 610 Million. This is very good but who will fund this? It is the county government and the private sector. Which private sector? When the ADP for every financial year is being done, we should be clearly told who this private partner is who give Nyandarua county funds for bursary and scholarships. It is important because once we put this money here; we shall be questioned about it. Kshs 610 Million for the five years means more than Kshs. 100 Million every financial year for bursaries. It is good to see who is financing this budget.

Mr Speaker I want to support Aged Persons NHIF Scheme that goes to a tune of Kshs. 30 Million. We want to know the parameters that will be used to select these people. We have seen some being financed by the county government and we do not know how they were selected. Let there be proper policy document adopted by this House. There can never be a policy document implemented by the executive without having an approval of this House. That is an illegality. Many things may happen but they require the county assembly's approval.

In bursaries, there was a list came from my ward but the people written on that list are not the ones that benefited from the money. Some changes happened. Some people replaced others, some are doing masters, and they were financed to a tune of Kshs. 190,000. How is a person doing masters in the University of Nairobi given a cheque of Kshs. 190,000 and day scholars in secondary schools in my ward were left out? These things should be clear and should be done in the right way. When you say scholarship, you can finance any person you decide to. Where is the policy that guided the choice of the people to be sponsored? People are sponsored to get education according to certain policies. In future are going to not only going to support and itemized budget but also a program-based budget supported by the CIDP, ADP and CFSP. We are ambitious but that does not stop us from speaking the truth about this document.

Mr Speaker I support this document but with an amendment. I propose an amendment. This is the notice I gave to your office.

Notice of amendment to the report by the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the Scrutiny of Nyandarua County Integrated Development Plan CIDP II 2018-2022.

Mr Speaker in compliance with Standing Order no 56 and 57 of the County Assembly Standing Orders, take note that I intend to move the following amendment to the report by the committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the Scrutiny of Nyandarua County Integrated Development Plan CIDP II 2018-2022 during the motion for its consideration.

Mr Speaker you approved.

I now propose the amendment that;

1. The report be amended by adding the following by adding the following as a new recommendation number 2

*The in the county planning and in particular in the formulation of the key budgetary documents in every financial year, the county programs as approved by this Assembly be undertaken and implemented equitably in all wards of the county with an a accumulative allocation of at least Kshs. 50 Million shillings per ward every financial year.*

2. By inserting, the following new concluding paragraph at page 225 of this report under resource mobilization framework of the CIDP as was submitted by the County Executive Committee Member to the County Assembly and therefore it becomes 5.5 on Development Resource Allocation.

*In implementing this plan and the programs contained herein, the county government shall ensure that county programs are implemented equitably in all wards with an accumulative allocation of at least Kshs 50 Million every financial year per ward. The county government shall also strive to finance and implement county flagship projects in phases and within the period to which these plans relates.*

Mr Speaker I am saying that, this CIDP has proposed developments in nature, and some of those developments are flagships with billions of money in them. Which is good, but we need to touch Wanjiku at the grass root so that, that which is touching Wanjiku at the grass root becomes the avenue of the flagship projects. What do I mean? I propose that in this CIDP, in each and every financial year, we are not saying that it is undoable. In each and every financial year, the Executive should make sure that there are programmes in each and every ward amounting to not less than 50 Million. A certain ward might have a hundred Million for development while another ward has only 5 or 10 Million. To avoid these differences we are proposing the least that each ward should have is 50 Million, the remaining money can be used in flagship projects of other developments or as per the needs or as per the formulae derived by the County Executive on sharing resources. There are population reasons, geographical reasons, poverty index, and financial status of each and every County. The bottom line is, let the bench mark be 50 Million so that development can reach Wanjiku in each and every ward. I have finished my proposed amendment and would like to call the seconder Hon. Ngamau Ngumo to second.

**Speaker:** Member for Gathanji Hon. Ngumo Ngamau

**Hon. Ngumo Ngamau:** Very well Mr Speaker, I hundred percent support and second what Hon. Kieru has said. The voluminous document we have here is good but it could give a lot of ambiguity which might not help us at this particular time. In this house, we were elected and represent Nyandarua people.

I want to support this, flag ships are very good, but Wanjiku does not understand what flagship is. Wanjiku will only understand what is happening within the ward. Then again, we have the issue of roads, health, Education. In my ward I do not have any painted flag ship project, whether health, education or that kind of a thing. But as long as roads are being done in my ward, and supplied water pipes. ECD schools with good classrooms. This is okay.

I want to emphasise and say, 50 Million shillings is very little money, this translates to only a billion shillings across all the twenty five Counties. With these, works will be felt on the ground in Nyandarua County. I want to support this and say, 50 is so little and would recommend 70 Million.

*(Question proposed)*

**Speaker:** Yes member from Murungaru Hon. Kariuki Muchiri

**Hon. Kariuki Muchiri:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I want to support this motion that was brought by Hon. Kieru and seconded by Hon. Ngamau

I have been thinking about Equalisation or equitable distribution of resources in this County. If we can have a figure that is uniform in all the wards, there would be fairness. If monies are not set aside for the wards, some wards will stand disadvantaged. If we can have this kind of money, which will spread out in all the sectors, then the money will address the adverse situations in the various wards. If there is a ward disadvantaged in terms of water, the so much more can be allocated in that sector. For those that feel roads is a serious problem like Murungaru, then a lot of this money can be allocated in the roads department. The wards that feel they need to do more boreholes, then money can be allocated to that end. There those wards

that feel possibly the health of their people is more important than doing roads, this 50 Million will address that problem.

I think this amount, and it is not little neither much. If you look at the current Budget, and you put every money in a ward. You will find that generally every ward has around 20 Million in all sectors. So we are asking the Executive to add around 30 Million and I believe if this is done, there would be fairness.

Again Mr Speaker, let there be a policy. The monies will continue increasing. Let there be a policy on how resources will be distributed equitably in the County. I will also be urging as I support this amendment that the Executive looks into the issue of the Equalisation fund, look into it, do a policy and bring it into the Assembly. If it comes from this assembly, it will not be supported for we tried and failed. With these I support.

**Speaker:** Member for Kipipiri Hon. Paul Ngeche.

**Hon. Paul Ngeche:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I rise to strongly support this amendment with two reasons. We all know that this is the mother document. Having 50 Million captured in this mother document, I will be able to legislate without necessarily going to some body because my ward is being left behind. Now days we find that one needs to lobby for development to be brought into his ward. For the MCAs who do not know how to lobby, then their ward lags behind and the Wanjiku starts to throw stones. If you look into what is happening, you will find that Kipipiri is allocated for some money, and then this money can be moved somewhere else. This happens because we do not have clear policies that guide this allocations and categorically state that the wards should benefit with the allocated amounts.

So I am privileged to say that with this money there, I will relax because I will not be gagged or loose on development despite my belief in not lobbying.

**Speaker:** Yes member for Githioro Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah

**Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah:** Thank you very much, I would like from the onset to say that I am supporting this particular CIDP and I am going to give my amendment after giving my contribution. I want to identify myself with the sentiments of Hon. Kieru and Man Ngeche. We are told that it is only a fool who does not learn from History. And as it is right now, some wards have benefitted immensely from development projects at the expense of others. On trying to find out the reasons why, I found out that you must either have bribed loyalty, or be an opportunist which I do not belong to.

Development must be predictable, it is unfortunate that as I stand here, the honey moon between the Executive and this Assembly ended some time back and some of did not know. The reason why some wards are enjoying serious development projects while our wards are lagging behind. It is unfortunate because, this might call for another revolution from Ol Kalou to Githioro, Kipipiri to Githioro. We must realise that politics or no politics, the bottom line is to serve Wanjiku and I feel that my people have not been well addressed.

I am happy that the committee and I must thank them for the hard work, and considering our contribution about the dry pot. I want to commend the committee through the Chairman because we cannot run before we start crawling...

*(Hon. Gathure Wambui rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it member for Kaimbaga Hon. Gathure Wambui.

**Hon. Gathure Wambui:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I think you should clarify to the Hon. Member from Githioro, I think we are not on the substantive motion but we are talking about the on the amendments. I think he is going beyond it.

Speaker: Actually yes, I agree with the member for Kaimbaga, the member for Githioro had started on very well, about equalising the wards, but has then veered off from the amendment.

**Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah:** Sorry Mr Speaker, I stand corrected. The reason I dwelt on that is because it was mentioned and I did not have an opportunity to come here and address the same after my opportunity is gone

**Speaker:** Order! Order! Member for Githioro, we are only contributing on the amendment. Actually if there is another amendment on this amendment you still have another chance to contribute, and further you will still have another chance to contribute on the main motion.

**Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah:** On the same I would like to say, in this very assembly, there was a motion that was passed on the establishment of an intergovernmental committee that was going to liaise between the County Government and the National Government.

Mr Speaker, the CIDP proposals here are serious. As I sit down after supporting this, I would like to say that the heart of this CIDPs success will be resource mobilisation and we have not been shown how so far, and this is why when the Hon. member moves this amendment to have every ward benefit from the 50 Million, I think it should also have a rider that should read, or the members of County Assembly should have the freedom to determine the ward development needs. Otherwise we should not have a blanket requirement where you are given money for water and you do not need water. A requirement for roads and some wards do not need roads. I support.

**Speaker:** Yes member for Wanjohi, member for Central you though I was not going to see you. Yes member for Wanjohi Hon. Isaac Kun'gu

**Hon. Isaac Kun'gu:** Thank you Mr Speaker sir, I rise to oppose the amendment, and being a member of the Finance committee, I understand the feelings of members. As the Finance committee, this is a matter that we discussed at length, together with the consultants and other stakeholders concerned with the preparation of this document. In conclusion, just like you can read from the statement written there that, 'Therefore it is imperative that the subsequent Annual Development Plans ADPs which are project specific should reflect equity in distribution of wards projects in line with ward priorities'.

I want to say that this is a working house, and in each year after we have passed the CIDP, we will be looking into ADPs, and some of these specific issues we are illustrating, e.g. The 50 Million, these are some of the issues we are able to sit down and look into when we are coming up with the ADP and CFSP. Why am I saying this, I do not know which consideration *Mheshimiwa* Kieru has put when he was indicating the 50 Million.

We have witnessed a cash crush in a country, for example when we are talking of the Cabinet Secretary not being able to get the 70 Billion. When we talk of a figure, our figure

should be informed by the CRA, because every year the CRA gives a document showing us the amount of money that the Government is going to give. The minister of Finance gives the Projection of the amount of money he is going to collect from the local revenue. We might put a figure here that we are not certain about here. We are talking of 1.8 Billion going to development, we are not sure if that money will be there tomorrow. Nobody will prevent this house from putting a certain figure anytime. The budget committee is there and it has all the authority to appropriate funds. So whenever the budget committee sits, they will be able to advice the members of certain amounts of money of figured being able to go to the wards. Then I want to deviate from the reasoning of saying that we should have 50 Million in each and every ward. I am convinced within my soul...

*(Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah rises on a point of information)*

**Speaker:** Member for Wanjohi do you need any information from the member from Githioro

**Hon. Issac Kun'gu:** No.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker:** Okay proceed member for Wanjohi

**Hon. Issac Kun'gu:** What I have said is this, we have always stated that we need the spatial plan, and the spatial plan, going forward should be the document guiding how much money should go to each and every ward. Populist politics of saying this amount of money to go to each and every ward is not right. There are wards that are five to six times bigger than others. I consciously believe there are some wards that do not need the 50 Million but 20, while others need 250 Million, so let us not just do things for the sake of doing, let us do them professionally. We should not play populist politics in a document that will be the face of Nyandarua, and accessible to all stakeholders and investors who want to come to Nyandarua. We will be here every year making a budget, if we feel there is a ward not sufficiently provided for, then we can always add. If we said that we want 50 Million for development in the previous budget, would it have been possible? We know it would not have, then why are we in a flight mode and cannot wait for when we will be coming up with the ADPs and CFSP and we indicate the amount of money that should go into each and every ward? Why can't we move for a special plan and get to sit down here and come up with a formulae of equalising our wards? That is what I would go for rather than putting figures here that we are not able to verify nor defend. Putting the executive on a tight rope such that we might end up killing some flagship projects that would be so helpful in our County, I oppose the amendment

**Speaker:** Yes Hon. David Mwangi Maitai

**Hon. Mwangi Maitai:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I rise to oppose the amendment but support the report on the following grounds, we all know that the CIDP is a ...

**Speaker:** You first deal with the amendment

**Hon. Mwangi Maitai:** I am on the amendment that I rise to oppose, we all know that the CIDP is a dream and a dream will never be quantified. We can never have any figures for a dream. According to what Hon. Kieru has said about the 50 million, when we put this figure on the CIDP, Wanjiku will always ask, you have been given 50Million for development, what

have you done with the 50 Million? We know very well that our revenue is subject to so many things. Just the other day it was announced that the Government is not doing well because there is no money in the Government, the revenue collection is less, and we might therefore even not be able to get the amount of money we were getting from the National Government. At the same time we had factored the President Pledges and it is just the other day we were talking of bridging the gaps and this marriage might lead us somewhere else. So at the end of the day we might not be able to get the money we were expecting from the President.

It is also good to note that we have factored in the money we expect to get from the PPO, the Private Public Partnership. We had to put very high figures so that we can attract foreign investors, we need them to see that we have a plan, we are not guaranteed of even a shilling in this. So why should we put the 50 Million and give Wanjiku space to complain.

The emphasis should be on the annual development plan which should be itemized. Believe me when I say that if we come up with such an argument, it's going to work out because my needs are not the same as yours. All we have to do is adopt the same criteria that the National Government uses to distribute resources. Different wards require different amount of money in different sections. Let's leave it that way but we try to make sure that in the ADP, there will be a good amount. So I totally oppose this particular amendment. Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

**Speaker:** Yes, the majority leader and the member for Leshau Pondo, Hon. Peter Gathungu Kamau.

**Hon. Gathungu Kamau:** Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. I rise to support the amendment by the Hon. Member for Gatimu, Hon. Kieru Wambui. For devolution to be realized, we must ensure that there is equitable distribution of resources at the ward level.

I would like to echo the sentiments said by the members who have contributed before me, Hon. Ngeche and Hon. Sambigi. We have our own affiliations and we would like to legislate without fear. I would not like a situation whereby if am of a different opinion, my ward is punished for it. With this Kshs. 5 million, I can speak out my mind freely anytime and anywhere.

As the CRO has been doing, there is distribution of money to counties but as the situation stands, if we don't state it, some members will be perceived to be controversial. Their wards will rug behind and their people will also suffer. We are the representatives of the people. So when I stand here, am speaking on behalf of the 500, 000 people in Leshau Pondo ward. If I were to get Kshs. 5 million every year, am sure devolution will be felt in every corner of Leshau Pondo ward. So I strongly support. Thank you.

*(Hon. Gathure Wambui crosses the chambers without bowing)*

**Speaker:** Yes member for Kaimbaga, Hon. Gabriel Gathure Wambui.

*(Hon. Kieru Wambui rises on a point of order)*

What is it member for Gatimu, Hon. Kieru Wambui?

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Thank you Mr Speaker. The member for Kaimbaga has run from one side of the Assembly to the other without even bowing. That character requires him to be moved out of this house because that is gross misconduct.

**Speaker:** I had noted that one but I suspect that it must have happened with the kind of speed that the member has approached his seat. Just go back where you were and repeat the motions.

*(Hon. Gathure Wambui bows in correction)*

Proceed member for Kaimbaga.

**Hon. Gathure Wambui:** Thank you Mr Speaker. You know Hon. Kieru wants me outside because he knows very well that I have risen to oppose his amendment. Hon. Kieru and the likes should know that, gone are the days when he would move amendments without thinking that the Hon. Members will not close examine his amendment.

*(Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it member for Githioro, Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah?

**Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah:** Mr Speaker, is the member for Kaimbaga is in order to impute bad motive or intentions on the part of member for Gatimu that, “he thinks that the Hon. Members are not going to scrutinize and even saying, gone are the days.” Is that parliamentary language?

**Speaker:** Very well. Member for Kaimbaga, I would be upholding that objection by the member for Githioro. You know you cannot even remotely, impute bad motive or throw aspersions on fellow member unless through a substantive motion but I think you did well. You used some diplomatic language unless you are saying that this is some kind of deceit on the part of the member for Gatimu which is not proper nor parliamentary and therefore avoid that approach.

**Hon. Gathure Wambui:** Thank you Mr Speaker. The Hon. Member from Githioro misunderstood me. I was referring to when we were moving the...

**Speaker:** I don't want to go back to that issue because I have already ruled on it member for Kaimbaga. Please proceed.

**Hon. Gathure Wambui:** I rise to oppose this amendment because as you are aware, we have the equitable share that we normally receive from the national government, and the commission for revenue allocation, which is Kshs. 5.4 billion. Our wage bill stands at Ksh.1.9 billion and you also add the recurrent expenditure which is almost Kshs. 1.5 billion. We had a supplementary budget in which we were allocated Kshs. 800 million. All these amounts to almost Kshs. 3.2 billion. If you add the amount being proposed by Hon. Kieru, Kshs. 50 million in each of the 25 wards, which is Kshs. 1.25 billion. If you add this to Kshs. 3.2 billion, it becomes around Kshs. 4.5 billion then you minus it from Kshs. 5.4 billion. You are aware that the supplementary budget we passed was Kshs. 6.07 billion but we are aware that there was a balance brought forward from the previous financial year.

This means that the executive will not be left with any other additional coin to fund various projects. The projects in our wards, like the flagships need a lot of funding. I would

like to echo the words of Hon. Maitai and Hon. Kung'u that, approving this amendment will be a disadvantage to the bigger wards. A ward like Wanjohi is 199.2 square kilometres, central ward is 287 square kilometres, Kaimbaga and Karau wars are almost 430 square kilometres, but Gatimu ward is only 73 square kilometres, Magumu is 53.8 and Kiriita is 73.3 square kilometres. This means that, if Hon. Kieru is allocated Kshs. 50 million, he can even tarmac his whole ward. What about Hon. Kenn or Kung'u whose wards are bigger? So when we talk about equity, we want a situation where more money is allocated for the bigger wards to get to the same level with the smaller wards. I think this amendment is selfish and I oppose it. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Yes member for Karau and the deputy majority leader, Hon. Kenn Mukira.

**Hon. Kenn Mukira:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support the amendment with reference to what had happened in the last five years. People who were closer to those in leadership, their wards were paid attention to while the others were not. In the ward that am serving right now was left being not marginalised since the leader who was there before me was not close to those people on top. This seat that am in in not mine. Am here to represent my people. We need to have equal share.

You know the problem we previously had in this county. The governor and the senator were not in good terms. Today, the Governor we have is in good terms with the senator. The work of the senator is to also lobby for resources on behalf of the county. We should share what we have and borrow from other counties on development issues. Some even receive more than Kshs. 50 million for development at the ward level.

If I today sit and do a budget for my ward, I will conclude that I need more than Kshs. 50 million. If you don't dance to the tune, people will compete and win. Scapegoats and messengers will be used against you just to jeopardise your ward leadership. We need to safeguard people in this house by documenting development. If tomorrow you are no longer a leader but a messenger, your ward will look better and the leader will be questioned. If you use our opponents to jeopardise our leadership, we are also going to use our powers to safeguard the interests of our people.

When we talk about supporting the Kshs. 50 million, I can give an instance, if the finance team that has brought a very good report to this house, was to benchmark like two wards, the report they will bring would be very alarming to our community. Some people want to send us home because we are not dancing to their tunes. We are here to represent our people and make equal share for every person.

If we talk about health, there are some wards with more than five health facilities while in other wards, you find that there is only one facility that was built in the colonial times and does not even have enough staff, no equipment and no one is concerned. Think about that young man and woman dying back in the village with no one to represent them here. We need to be fair. We have an able senator who can work together with the governor to get resources for this county. Our governor has got a wide network, he can be able to get us even more money than this one. We are talking about Kshs. 1 billion that cannot even be able to finance one flagship project but the Kshs. 1.2 billion may mean a lot to the half a million residents of Nyandarua county.

We all say that after five years, we will go back to our people and show what we have done for them. What will matter is not the flagship project but the small touch in their hearts. One old man said that, “our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than to look back.” Thank you.

**Speaker:** Yes member for Weru, Hon. Mbogo Mburu.

**Hon. Mbogo Mburu:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support the amendment but with some reservations. Kshs. 50 million is a higher estimate because being a member of the budget committee, if I scrutinize carefully, it means that we are only going to leave Kshs. 400 million at the disposal of the Governor and the executive to equalize on other matters.

When we have an irreducible minimum for all wards, it’s going to touch our peoples’ hearts. It’s also going to help the members of this Assembly in deciding issues independently and do whatever they want as long as it is lawful. I don’t know whether I move another amendment amending this other one because Kshs. 50 million is more than enough. We cannot actualize the plan if we go by Kshs. 50 million, but if we reduce to Kshs. 40 or Kshs 30 million, all wards are going to benefit and then what is left can be used by the executive on important issues.

When I look at Karau ward for instance, there are flagship projects like the JM Hospital and it’s not considered when we are deciding on the irreducible minimums. We want to refurbish the field in the same ward and it is not provided for in the irreducible minimums. If we extract and move...

*(Hon. Kenn Mukira rises on a point of information)*

**Speaker:** Do you need the information?

**Hon. Mbogo Mburu:** Absolutely.

**Speaker:** Yes member for Karau, Hon. Kenn Mukira.

**Hon. Kenn Mukira:** It’s just information to the Hon. Member. In Karau ward we don’t have a field.

**Speaker:** I thought member for Karau would give more information that, JM Hospital is in Rurii ward and Nyayo Stadium is in Kaimbaga ward. So there is no flagship in Karau ward. So proceed member for Weru.

**Hon. Mbogo Mburu:** Thank you Me Speaker. I stand guided. I might not be having tangible evidence of where the flagship projects are but we can specify on one ward. For example if we look at Rurii, its going tom receive a bigger amount as compared to the other wards. So in as much as we are going to move an amendment, it must have actualized figures.

Am now requesting for the speakers leave, if I can move an amendment, reducing the Kshs. 50 million to Kshs. 30 million.

**Speaker:** So member for Weru your amendment is on the other amendment which is allowed because you are not expected to have seen the main amendment within two hours. You will be required to confirm the figure you are proposing and then move an amendment on both

the report and an amendment that was moved by the member for Gatimu in both areas of the proposed amendment.

**Hon. Mbogo Mburu:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I stand guided.

**Speaker:** What is it county member from Rurii, Hon. Geoffrey Kariuki Ngaruiya?

**Hon. Geoffrey Kariuki:** I thought we are still contributing.

**Speaker:** No no no. The member for Weru is still on the floor.

**Hon. Mbogo Mburu:** Thank you Mr Speaker. We are still in the learning process and I appreciate that my sentiments have been accepted. I now wish to move an amendment on the report and an earlier amendment by Hon. John Kieru Wambui, to reduce the figure in his amendment from Kshs. 50 million to Kshs. 40 million per ward. Thank you Mr Speaker. Now I call Hon. Simon Sambigi to second.

**Speaker:** Yes member for Githioro.

**Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah:** Thank you Mr Speaker. It's my feeling that we are walking on a very tight rope but I think that the most important thing in this debate is the general consensus that we need these funds. I don't speak on behalf of the executive neither does any other member here. This is the error of who knows where it pinches the most. There is a saying that goes, "whoever has ever been bitten by a snake, will always fear a rope." We have been bitten and am saying this devoid of any emotions. Am saying it for posterity. In this Honourable house, debates should be without any emotions but we should face facts as they are. The figures as presented by the two members, are good within my own thinking. I would agree with the member for Weru that, a good ideas yields a better idea. I bed to support. Thank you.

*(Question on the amendment proposed)*

*(Question on the amendment put and negatived)*

*(Laughter and murmurs)*

**Speaker:** Yes the Member for Weru; you are still on the main amendment.

**Hon. Mbogo Mburu:** Thank you Mr Speaker. The motion on the amendment having not gone through I go back to the original motion on fifty million shillings per ward and I support. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Very well; now call the mover of the amendment.

**Hon. Mbogo Mburu:** I call the mover.

**Speaker:** Yes Hon. Kieru Wambui.

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I thank the Members for supporting my amendment motion. It is important that my fellow Hon. Members understand the following; the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning has brought us a document. The document projects a budget of two hundred and five billion shillings. That is the money the CIDP will cost the taxpayer. In five years the county government receives about seven billion shillings for development. That translates to about 3.5 percent of the total amount projected by the CIDP. We cannot concentrated to the allocation that is approved by the CRA. The Members of this House who appear to oppose the motion on amendment are divorcing themselves from the

report that they brought to this House. Does it mean that they brought a report that is not achievable?

*(Hon. Isaac Kung'u rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it the Member for Wanjohi, Hon. Isaac Kung'u:

**Hon. Isaac Kung'u:** Is it in order for the Member to say that those who are opposing the motion are divorcing themselves from the report they prepared whereas what we are presenting are facts? This has never been precedenced even by the national government. We have never seen the national government, when planning for CDF, saying that a constituency should get a certain amount of money because money follow functions. We cannot start stating the figures while we do not have the projects for which the money will be utilized. The national government state, for example, that at least two percent of the total budget will go to CDF after which they develop a formula. Why don't we state that a certain percentage of the total projected budget should be allocated for development in the wards and then we come up with a formula of the money will be shared amongst the wards? Why is the Member misleading the House?

**Speaker:** Okay; the Member for Gatimu I agree with the Member for Wanjohi. The Committee on Finance and Economic Planning is not retracting its position. I have not heard any Member of that Committee disowning this particular document. So it would not be fair to throw aspersions that the Committee that it does not appreciate its own document which it brought to this House.

Proceed the Member for Gatimu.

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Thank you Mr Speaker. What I said is simple; that the total cost in the CIDP is two hundred and five billion shillings.

*(Hon. Gathure Wambui rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it the Member for Kaimbaga?

**Hon. Gathure Wambui:** Mr Speaker the Member for Gatimu is continuing to mislead the House. The total amount projected by the CIDP is a hundred and eighty eight billion shillings and not two hundred and five billion shillings. The only equitable share in the CIDP is thirty two billion shillings. The governor will get the other money from other sources. It is not a must that we get the money.

**Speaker:** But the amount the projection in the CIDP is two hundred and five billion shillings. That is the actual figure being stated.

Proceed the Member for Gatimu.

*(Hon. Isaac Kung'u rises on a point of order)*

What is it the Member for Wanjohi?

**Hon. Isaac Kung'u:** Mr Speaker, I support the Member for Kaimbaga. The two hundred and five billion shillings includes proceeds from the national government and the money that will come the through public private partnership. We cannot dictate where that money will go. The seven billion the Member is talking about is part of the thirty two billion shillings. This is the money we are sure we can send to the wards. We cannot tell the national government to send certain money to the wards. So we should be talking of thirty two billion shillings which we are clear about; not the two hundred and five billion shillings.

**Speaker:** Then I also get very worried if that is the thinking of the committee. I do not think that donors will throw money here. Donors will bring money based on the projects we

have put in place. We are not dictating but the funders cannot give out money that is not projected by the CIDP, the CFSP and the ADP. What I can agree with you is that you might have your projections but you may not realise it. But you cannot tell us that any amount that is above thirty two billion shillings is speculative. I believe there is a very elaborate infrastructure put by the Executive to ensure that the two hundred and five billion shillings or something close to that is sourced. If you do not get seventy percent of your projections then you are failing. Even if you reduce the amount by thirty percent we will still have enormous funds at our disposal.

Proceed the Member for Gatimu.

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Thank you Mr Speaker.

*(Hon. Suleiman Kimani rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** Hon. Kieru Wambui, you have information from the Member for Kanjuiri ridge Ward. Do you require it?

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Sure.

**Speaker:** Proceed the Member for Kanjuiri Ridge.

**Hon. Suleiman Kimani:** Mr Speaker, I want all Members to understand that the two hundred and five billion shillings is inclusive of the money projected for the projects about the national government including construction of roads and dams like Pesi and Malewa. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**Speaker:** Very well; I believe, the Member for Gatimu, that information is useful to you. Proceed.

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** It is, indeed. The two hundred and five billion shillings, when received, will be used for various programmes, especially those that are flagship in nature. But how do you get to flagship projects how can you, for example, reach Ol Joro Orok ATC when the road to there is not in good condition?

We need programmes that have very minimal figure. In five years the money for development is about seven billion shillings. I think if the total amount of money every ward gets fifty million, it will go a long way in helping *Wanjiku*. In the last regime we started with ten million shillings per ward, which was increased to twenty five million shillings and then to thirty eight million shillings. Why do we want to go downwards again in terms of ward allocations. We should go progressively.

During the last regime, the governor was not barred from implementing flagship projects. There was a year Kaimbaga Ward was allocated thirty two million shillings. In addition, the governor decide to implement a project worth fifty eight million shillings in the same ward.

*(Hon. Mwangi Maitai rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it the Member for Central?

**Hon. Mwangi Maitai:** Mr Speaker, now that the Member has said that the wards were getting the allocations cumulatively, I think that is what led to some wards being marginalized. It might also have been the reason why the former governor went home. Thank you Mr Speaker.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker:** Surely, how can the Member be out of order when he is stating facts about the first governor of our county? Proceed the Member for Gatimu.

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** I was saying that Kaimbaga Ward, above the ward allocation, benefitted with a flagship project — a pack house worth fifty eight million shillings. There were of course other flagship projects in other wards. So, the governor can, besides the fifty million shillings wards allocations, issue money for flagship projects in the wards. This money can be gotten from the funds disbursed by the national government or money given out by the donors.

The Senator for Murang'a, who is the architect for the Ward Development Fund, fronted a Bill proposing that every ward be getting a fifty million shillings allocation every year. He does not talk about percentages; he talks of fifty million. What we are saying is that the minimum allocation, regardless of the total projects, be fifty million shillings.

CIDP informs the ADP; so the CIDP is the mother document. If we do not put a programme in the CIDP, we cannot put it in the ADP and subsequently in the CFSP. We say once beaten twice shy. We know where we are coming from. Let us do it Mr Speaker; it is doable. If we do it this way we shall realise development in the county.

I moved an amendment on change of a road project. Some Members thought I did not know what I was doing. Today they know what happened when they got stuck there. Today I am talking out of my little experience. I know what happened during Governor Waithaka's time. This time let us do things the right way and that is why I am proposing the amendment. When we say that we are developing the wards only, we should understand that wards make up the county. We are not developing the MCAs. The twenty five elected MCAs work for the benefit of the county as the governor. It does not end with the MCAs. Who is the architect of the budget? It is the Governor. The money projected in the CIDP will be used for the benefit of Nyandarua County.

Because I know this House will support the amendment motion, I move believing that it will see the light of the day. I will not go to the mathematics that were done here on a lot of money. In the end, the Governor will be left with about a billion and a half billion shillings for development every financial year from the CRA total allocations. With those many remarks, I beg to move and believe the amendment motion will see the light of the day.

*(Question on the amendment put and agreed to)*

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, this is important as we move on; we can disagree politically as we move together but when it comes to the people of Nyandarua we should remember that even the Constitution was passed for us to manage *Wanjiku*. Even the election of the president is for purposes of taking care of *Wanjiku*. It is all about *Wanjiku*, nothing else. All the public institutions are there to take care of *Wanjiku*. Nothing else! I am going to give out the Hansard on today's deliberations so that he can look at it. What is happening here, and Hon. Members we know it, is that there are fears amongst Members. We know how some of us are being treated by the Executive with which we work for the sake of *Wanjiku*. This is because of one or two issues. I know doors that are being closed for some and doors that are being opened for others. We are working for *Wanjiku* of this County; we are working for a child of God. Nobody has become an angel in this County for them to get more beneficial support than others. All the children of our County, and we are all children of God, should be treated equally. No one out of a Nyandarua population of about five hundred and ninety six thousand is an angel. We are saying, and I am going to report this, these fears and theses amendments are necessitated by the feeling that we are not treating our people equitably. That is the bottom line. If our people are treated equitably and if there is certainty about what will happen to *Wanjiku* who elected the Members and who is suffering then these debates would not be there. That will ensure that, even if one is not in the House and there are others in the House, we are moving in the same

direction and that all resources in this County are shared as equitably as possible by the people of this County.

Hon. Members, I have talked about this issue for those who have listened to me; that we try as much as possible to give equal treatment. I might disagree with Mheshimiwa Gathure who is the Member for Kaimbaga, for example. But when it comes to a resident of Kaimbaga, we shall give them a hundred percent attention. Let us separate leadership and political differences, and let us disallow the consequences of the latter from spilling over to *Wanjiku*. That is the advice I will give. Let us fight even, though not physically; let us be harsh to each other, but let us not allow that to spill over to the innocent *Wanjiku* who does not even understand these wars.

Yes the Member for Githioro, Hon. Sambigi Mukuria.

**Hon. Sambigi Mukuria:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I am also introducing a very emotive topic. I am going to introduce an amendment to the CIPD. I request for the indulgence of various Members who seem to be impatient even without knowing what I am going to talk about.

There are many ways of doing things. I want to say that my heart is in the interest of the children of Nyandarua. Without the children of Nyandarua, we are not assured of the next generation that will carry on with our dreams even if we are going to have flagship projects. It will therefore be in vain if we do not nurture our children and provide them an enabling environment for learning.

I am on record as being the greatest proponent of the ECDE schools feeding programme. I note here with a lot of apprehension that when it comes to tabulated total figures, a whopping half a billion has been allocated for the school feeding programme for the next five years. The ECDE school-going children should be fed.

Nonetheless, do we have toilet facilities at the ECDE schools for the children to use after they take the milk? Ask yourself as an honourable Member, do the ECDE schools have toilets where the children can release themselves? Do the ECDE schools have convenient classrooms that would enable implementation of the constitutional requirement on provision of free primary education? I submit here that most of our ECDE schools do not have suitable classrooms in which the young can learn. These schools do not have suitable toilets for the young to use.

I also want to submit that some parents are paying fees, which is a violation of the Constitution. I want to ask, what came before the other, the horse or the cat? We are in a hurry to roll out the school feeding programme, about which I do not hold anything negative, but we must ask ourselves whether the environment in which our children are schooling is conducive. Mr Speaker, you find that in some schools where there are two streams, the teacher teaching children in one stream is paid by the government whereas the teacher in the other stream is not. So parents have to dig deep into their pockets to pool money for the latter. As we stand here, children of Mumui ECDE at Mumui Primary School have been forced to go home because the ECDE School has no toilet. The toilet that was there was in a dangerous condition and eventually collapsed.

I contemplate what half a billion can do in term of establishing infrastructure at the ECDE schools. Mr Speaker, I know it is not attainable at a go. But I want to say that what we are having now is extremely needing.

Mr Speaker, I would also like to look at it from a social point of view and ask whether the proponents of this Bill really carried out a cost-benefit analysis. As it is, for example, I spoke to one of the parents who lives in a colonial village and has three children; one on her back, the other one is in an ECDE class and the last one is in class one. The mother, although appreciating that one of the kid is feeding, was apprehensive that one of the kids will get nutritional benefits. However, what do we do with these other two? The one at home and the

other in class one. We might even have a situation where all the kids in ECDEs will refuse to transit to class one. This is a worrying trend and we all know that kids in class one cannot differentiate between Free Primary Education and this issue about ECDEs. Where does the kid in class one belong?

**Speaker:** May be to interrupt your apt line of thought, would it not have been better if you moved the motion first, then, you add ‘flesh’ on the same.

**Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah:** Mr Speaker, I stand guided. In view of this, I would like to introduce a notice of amendment to the report of the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the scrutiny of the Nyandarua County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP 2) 2018-2022.

Mr Speaker, in compliance with the Standing Order No. 57 of the Nyandarua County Assembly, take note that I intend to move the following amendment to the report of the Committee on the (CIDP 2) 2018-202 during a motion for its consideration by the Assembly:

1. That the report be amended by adding the following as a new recommendation:  
That...

**Speaker:** I think you are reading the amendment meant for Hon. Kieru. The amendment I have is different.

**Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah:** I don’t know who changed this.

**Speaker:** Clerk-at-the-table please give him a copy of the amendments.

**Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah:** I have it. I am sorry about that; you know some of us don’t see. We only feel with our hands. Thanks to God we can still make our way to this House.

*(Laughter)*

Mr Speaker, in compliance with the Standing Order No. 57 of the Nyandarua County Assembly I beg to move an amendment to the report of the Committee on the (CIDP 2) 2018-202 during a motion for its consideration by the Assembly:

That this House does amend the report whose motion of adoption is under consideration by reducing Kshs.250 million from the amount of Kshs.500 million allocated for feeding programs of ECDEs at page 24 of the report and subsequently, on page 27/45 of the annexure thereto and by increasing with the same amount of Kshs.250 million to sub-program on improved learning environment on 181 classes constructed using Alternative Building Technology (ABT) thereby allocating it Kshs.350 million.

It cannot be gainsaid that from a health perspective, we are risking the lives of our children. This is because with the current lack of toilets and children coming to school from various backgrounds, it is a matter of time before we have an outbreak of diseases such as cholera. In my ward, there are dilapidated classrooms that are almost falling and God forbid, one classroom in ward at Kangondi ECDE can collapse any time. Kids are pushing stones out using their hands. You can attest that children are not strong enough to push a stone out and therefore, it explains how weak the structure is.

My feeling is that their priorities are lopsided. I also feel like we are not addressing the real development issues because even as we allocate such amounts of money, we must ask ourselves whether we have requisite infrastructure to support the same.

Mr Speaker, allow me to digress a bit because this falls squarely on the Committee on Education, Gender Affairs, Culture and Social Services which I am the Chairperson. On the issue of bursaries which, in actuality, is a function of the National Government, we are proposing to increase them to a tune of Kshs.1 billion within the same period. I would call this

double allocation. We cannot go out there and start assuming functions that are not ours. If they are not a part of the domain of the County Government, we should not propose to have Kshs.1 billion allocated to that cause when our classrooms are falling. I don't want to talk about TVETs.

With those remarks, I beg to move this amendment to the report. I call upon Hon. Paul Ngeche to second.

**Speaker:** Yes Hon. Paul Ngeche, Member for Kipipiri.

*(Hon. Paul Ngeche bows in secondment)*

*(Question on amendment proposed)*

Yes, County Member from Rurii, Hon. Geoffrey Kariuki Ngaruiya.

**Hon. Kariuki Ngaruiya:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I stand to oppose...

*(Hon. Kieru Wambui rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it Member for Gatimu?

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Mr Speaker, I really need your guidance on this. If my mind serves well, which I know it does, I actually saw the member who is contributing log out of the House through the biometric register. He is currently on the floor and I don't know the implications of that but please give guidance Mr Speaker.

**Speaker:** Do you confirm, seargent-at-arms that the County Member from Rurii, Hon. Geoffrey Kariuki Ngaruiya had actually logged out?

*(Seargent-at-arms confirms that Hon. Kariuki Ngaruiya had logged out)*

So, the Member is not within the House and I cannot actually see him.

*(Laughter)*

However, the Member for Kaimbaga was on his feet.

**Hon. Gathure Wambui:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I never thought that you can fail to see someone in this House.

Mr Speaker, I rise to oppose the proposed amendment. I think this amendment is offensive to our ECDE pupils. I am a member of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations as well as Committee on Education. When we were preparing the supplementary budget, there were policies and guidelines that we were given of the amount that was required for the feeding program.

It is noteworthy that the feeding program was not initiated by the County Executive. If I can recall very well, it is Hon. Wairimu Njane who moved the motion for the feeding program to be introduced...

*(Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah rises on a point of information)*

**Speaker:** Do you require that information, Member for Kaimbaga?

**Hon. Gathure Wambui:** Due to time Mr Speaker, I don't think I will require the information.

**Speaker:** Okay.

*(Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah rises on a point of order)*

How is the Member for Kaimbaga out of order Hon. Sambigi?

**Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah:** Mr Speaker, I think the debate at hand is not the motion that was sponsored by Hon. Wairimu Njane. We are discussing the CIDP 2 and it was clear that Hon. Wairimu Njane's motion was on school feeding program for fortified porridge and not about milk. In any case, if we were to take the direction of the Speaker who moderated the debate, then, we must question ourselves on figures and facts. The Member for Kaimbaga is talking about being a member of the Committee on Education, which I chair. He has also mentioned that he is a member the Committee on Budget and Appropriations where I only 'hear news'.

Mr Speaker, we have figures, some gathered from information we collect during our benchmarking trips. However, the Kshs.40 million that was allocated for this financial year was way above the amount of money that was required because it has gone down to Kshs.22 million.

Mr Speaker, the Hon. Member is therefore not talking about the same thing as I am.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, although we continue learning, let us be concise on what is a point of order. This is because the main issue, although the member for Githioro has explained other issues, was on whether the Member for Kaimbaga was in order to invoke the name of the Member for Charagita, Hon. Wairimu Njane, on the issue beforehand. I think that one, Member for Kaimbaga, you are in error. The motion that was moved by the Member for Charagita was not in any way related to milk and was specifically on fortified porridge.

Proceed Member for Kaimbaga.

**Hon. Gathure Wambui:** Mr Speaker, I would like to continue by saying that the amount is not enough. Although milk was offered in the short run, we believe that fortified porridge will be provided to pupils in the long run. In fact, fortified porridge will require more resources. We will need to buy flour and hire cooks to prepare the porridge. The nursery school teachers cannot cook and teach at the same time.

I therefore rise to oppose the motion and assert that the amount is indeed, not enough. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes County Member from Magumu, Hon. Salome Gathoni Kamau.

**Hon. Salome Gathoni:** Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. I rise to oppose this amendment. I also seek guidance on the issue of Hon. Kariuki Ngaruiya because we are still in the learning process. I believe he should be allowed to contribute because we are still learning...

*(Hon. Paul Ngeche rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** Order Member for Kipipiri. Your point is taken County Member from Magumu and actually, the presence of the County Member from Rurii, Hon. Kariuki Ngaruiya is not recognized even if it came to voting or even any pronouncement in the House. This gadget is meant to clock you in and clock you out only once during a sitting. It is designed that way for a purpose. If you go out and come in, you would be entitled to have sat for two sittings in allowances which cannot be allowed. I would advise him that it is good to listen to the debate or peacefully leave.

Yes Member for Magumu.

**Hon. Salome Gathoni:** In that case Mr Speaker, we stand guided because we don't know about it. So, thank you very much.

I rose to oppose this amendment because the feeding program is very important for these children. We know how happy these children become when they get this milk. Actually, the allocation for this purpose is not even enough. Even if we are saying that the construction of classes and toilets is important, not all latrines and classes are in bad shape. We know that

some classes and latrines are not in good shape but I think the current allocation for that purpose is quite adequate. That is the reason I am opposing this motion. We should retain the allocation of the feeding program and also ensure that the money for construction of classes and latrines is adequate.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes Member for Murungaru, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri.

**Hon. Kariuki Muchiri:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support the amendment on various grounds. When the motion on feeding the nursery children was brought to this House, I think we were excited. Seriously excited. We didn't look at the issue very critically. This is because there are certain aspects that needed to be looked into first before the program was rolled out.

The learning environment for these very young children is not good and healthy. In most institutions, they are using primary school latrines and the classes are dilapidated. Second thought therefore came into me as a person; that we ought to have improved the infrastructure first of all before we could roll out this program. But because of the excitement that was in this House and bearing in mind that we were new in the second Assembly, I think we rushed.

I support that we first of all do the infrastructure as we continue feeding the children. By and by, and the infrastructure is in place, we can then roll out the feeding program in full. That is why I support the amendment that we reduce the amount meant for milk so that we can have the infrastructure and by doing this, we shall have looked into the health of the children.

I support, the amendment.

**Speaker:** The mover and Member for Githioro, Hon. Simon Sambigi Mukuriah.

**Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah:** Thank you Mr Speaker. As it goes, figures don't lie. When the County Member from Magumu stands here to say that not all latrines are in bad shape, she should come up with figures and tell us where she got them from. We want to work with figures not imagination.

Mr Speaker, we have already been treated to a lot of shenanigans in this House whereby development is taking place in some wards and not others. May be where the Hon. Member comes from, there are those facilities and they are now ready to go to the next level. Since devolution is for all, we demand that we walk together because this is a journey that involves all of us.

I just pointed out here that the budget was estimated to be about Kshs.22 million despite us having allocated Kshs.40 million. This is the reason that I said that figures don't lie. Even if we were to move with that figure, the Kshs.500 million will not be attained. If we went to the wider society, because we are social beings, we are a product of the society. The spirit of passing the school feeding program and supporting the milk program largely because we thought it could have a trickle-down effect by having our farmers sell the milk to the government was lost. As it is now, we are getting this milk from KCC and I believe that waiting a little bit longer so that we can have our infrastructure in place won't hurt. This will ensure that we save the local dairy farmer.

Mr Speaker, we look at various milk processing companies around, they require huge investment so that they can come up with tetra pack. The spirit of 'buy Nyandarua, grow Nyandarua' should be embraced and I think the county government should have engaged various milk processing companies in this county so that they may enquire on the technology that is required because after all, this is our county. These are our farmers. Other than children benefiting from this program, it is also good that the farmers have something good in their pockets.

It is inconceivable that a farmer has market for his or her milk but his kid is going to school to be fed with the same milk. It is inconceivable! That is why I am wondering, and loudly so, who came first. Was it the horse or the cat? Let us be patient. We know that our

children come first and that we supported *Mheshimiwa* Njane's motion fully but let us not be guided by emotions. What will happen when that classroom in my ward collapses? What is happening now in Mumui Primary School where a latrine is completely destroyed and the kids are at home? Are they benefitting from that milk while at home? We need to put more thoughts into this program, otherwise, as it is said, the idea is noble but the implementation is wanting.

With those many remarks, I beg, with the indulgence of these Hon. Members to support the amendment to this report and bear in mind that we are doing all this for the betterment of not only our children but also the farmers out there...

*(Hon. Samuel Mathu rises on a point of information)*

**Speaker:** Member for Mirangine, I have not seen your request coming in during his points but I will give that room to you if the information is needed by Member for Githioro.

**Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah:** Mr Speaker, I don't need the information.

**Speaker:** Proceed Member for Githioro.

**Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah:** Mr Speaker, I beg to move the amendment.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Speaker:** Yes Member for Wanjohi, Hon. Isaac Kung'u.

**Hon. Isaac Kung'u:** Thank you Mr Speaker sir. Hopefully, the amendments are now over...

**Speaker:** Actually, I don't have any notice of another amendment. I can assure you of that.

**Hon. Isaac Kung'u:** I stand here stranded because I had a very good document before it was mutilated by Hon. Kieru and Hon. Sambigi. All in all, I rise to support the motion for the adoption of the report by the Committee on Finance and Economic planning.

The Members who have gone through this document and done a comparison with the document that was tabled in this House prompting us to go for a retreat to look at it, you will realize that we have considered pieces of advice given to us by various committees.

**Speaker:** Yes member for Wanjohi, Hon. Isaac Kung'u Wanjiru?

**Hon. Isaac Kung'u:** Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. Hopefully the amendments are over.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker:** Actually I don't have any other notice of amendment. I can assure you that.

**Hon. Isaac Kung'u:** I stand here stranded. I had a very good document before it was interfered with by Hon. Kieru and Hon. Sambigi, but all in all, I stand to support the motion of the adoption of the report by the finance committee.

If members have gone through this document and compare it with another document that was tabled in this house before we went to prepare this one, you will note that we have considered many advices that were given to us by specific committees. They have been taken care of by the finance committee. We tried our level best to come up with a document that we felt will be owned by this county and enable it to sail to great heights.

*[Change of chair. Hon. Ndegwa Wahome leaves the chair and Hon. Zachary Njeru (Deputy Speaker) takes over]*

I want to say that this is a very serious document because it is going to guide the projects that will be carried out in this county for the next five years. It is very ambitious. What I would emphasize since I don't want to contribute a lot is that, we should be very careful in the area of mobilization of funds. This documents comprises of the CIDP for the Assembly and we are going to mobilize Ksh.1.9 billion while the Executive is going to come up with almost Kshs. 4 billion every year. I would call for this house to be vigilant in oversight, and to make sure that this document is implemented. It is my feeling that even if it's 70 percent that will be implemented, this county will be on the right truck. So I support. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, any other member who is willing to contribute? Yes member for Murungaru, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri.

**Hon. Kariuki Muchiri:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support the report by the finance committee on the county CIDP. This is a very important planning document for this county because development for the next five years will be guided by this.

Even though am supporting this document, the chairman talked of the RRI and said that it should be expunged from it but within the first 100 days of H.E. the Governor being in office, he used some money which was supposed to be based on the CIDP because it's a plan. I would just say that it's okay because I had not written an amendment but ought to have not been expunged from this report as it makes part of the CIDP. This document will inform the ADPs, the county physical strategy paper and the budget for this county for the next five years. With those few remarks, I support.

**Speaker:** Yes Member for Charagita, Hon. Catherine Wairimu Njane.

**Hon. Wairimu Njane:** I rise to support this document but not the amendment of the milk.

*(Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it chair for Education, Hon. Simon Sambigi?

**Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah:** Mr Speaker, is it in order for the Hon. Member to drag us back to a point where we have already departed?

**Speaker:** Member for Charagita, I think you are out of order getting back to the earlier amended motion because it has been ruled upon already, so stick to the main motion and as you are aware, time is running out. Carry on.

**Hon. Wairimu Njane:** I support this but of course with reservations. I will not say my reservations because am not allowed to air my views. CIDP is a very important document because it will guide us for the next five years. I really feel that when we are discussing such an important document, we should try as much as possible not to politicize the document because it's going to jeopardize some of the initiatives. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Yes deputy majority leader.

**Hon. Kenn Mukira:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support and to also congratulate the committee of finance for a job well done for the interest of our people and the members of this house. During the public participation, members of the public raised some issues and the

executive has also outlined some issues that will be very well tackled like water, if this CIDP is implemented to the letter. I wish that the whole house supports this document. Thank you.

**Speaker:** You can now call the mover to respond.

**Hon. Kenn Mukira:** I now call the chair, also the mover.

**Hon. Suleiman Kimani:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to move the motion. I also thank the members. Every member in this Assembly has the right to air his or her views and what I can say is that am happy because you have all supported the motion, and for those whom had changes, I know they have done it for the benefit of this county.

The issue of the milk money being reduced, I know we can source more money elsewhere like the PPP to see to it that the programme runs. I visited an ECD in my ward and this is not a bad programme. I was wondering what I would say to those kids if it was to fail but I know it will not fail. We shall make sure that the programme continues. I thank the secretariat for the work they have done. I know they have been working day and night. I remember one of the members telling me that he slept at 2.00 am, 'saa nane usiku.' It was really hard work and I thank them.

*(Hon. Mbogo Mburu rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** Yes, what is it member for Weru?

**Hon. Mbogo Mburu:** I am suspecting that there is no quorum.

**Speaker:** Clerk, confirm whether we have the requisite quorum.

*(Hon. Gathungu Kamau rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** You cannot rise on a point of order ...

*(Hon. Gathungu Kamau rises on a point of information)*

**Speaker:** What is it majority leader?

**Hon. Gathungu Kamau:** I want to know whether when a Hon. Member is in the washroom, is considered part of quorum.

*(Quorum is present as confirmed by The-Clerk-at-the-Table)*

**Speaker:** The mover, you can conclude.

**Hon. Suleiman Kimani:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I beg to move the motion.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Speaker:** The document has been adopted as it has been amended and has become the property of this house and the same will be given to the executive for implementation. Next order.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, the business for the sitting having been exhausted, this house stands adjourned to tomorrow, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018 at 2.30 pm.

*The house rose at 5.54 pm.*