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[Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich) in the Chair]

PRAYER

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you. I rise pursuant to Standing Order 45 and 46 to respond to a Question raised by Hon. Wesley Ruto on the 28th February 2023. The Question was concerning leaf wilting and scoring of a tea clone 15/10 which was developed by the African Highlands. The tea clone has been seen wilting in Chepchabas ward and its environs within Konoin sub-county.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Hon. Member wanted to know whether the department of Agriculture is aware of the case which has resulted in decreased yields and negative impact on the quality of tea produced across the ward. He also wanted to know the steps which the department has taken to investigate the possible cause of the case on the specified tea clone and if there is any mitigation measures that the department has put in place to cap the spread as well as to reduce the impact.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, when the Question was committed to the Committee on Agriculture, we wrote a letter to the CEC on 21st March 2023 requesting her and the department to avail a comprehensive report to the Assembly on or before Thursday 6th April 2023. Hon. Deputy Speaker, in the letter dated 3rd April 2023, the CEC responded to the issues raised on the Statement as follows:

AHP S15/10 is a tea clone developed by African Highland Produce (AHP) currently Finlay's. The clone is a high yielder with broad leaves hence larger crop canopy.

On the awareness on the above mentioned case, the county Government of Bomet, Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries is aware of the above-mentioned problem within the tea industry and staff have visited some farms including Embomos County Tea farm for assessment.

On the Causes and investigative steps taken by the department, the tea clone AHP S15/10 has broad leaves hence larger crop cover with high transpiration rates and water use. Yields from clone AHP S15/10 normally decreased drastically with drought as the maximum soil water deficit increased. If the drought persists like late last year to early this year therefore, it can lead to the leaf wilting, withering, scorching and finally drying of the plants. This happen especially if the drought precedes fertilizer application.

The second probable cause of the above-mentioned problem is micronutrients deficiency. Hon. Deputy Speaker, I am delivering a Statement written to us. I also ask the Hon. Members to underline the word ‘probable’ because the Hon. Member once told us that the devil is in the details. It is therefore good to get into the details. Recently deficiency of micronutrients in some tea farms have been reported. The clone exhibit curling and edge scorching of leaves which are signs of copper and zinc deficiency. Deficiency of micronutrients results in many anatomical, biochemical and physiological changes in plants.

Third probable cause is moribuncy. Tea yields peak in 21-30 years after which yields decline. In Kenya an average of 30-50 years. Declining productivity and moribuncy has been reported in many of tea fields mainly due to prolonged period of monoculture under tea, physic-chemical and biological properties of soil. The deterioration slowly leads to debility and death of bushes. The moribuncy is caused by diseases, pests, faulty agronomic practices, soil physical condition and fertility deterioration due to inadequate fertilization, soils becoming acidic due to fertilization with nitrogenous fertilizers, erosion, poor drainage, compaction among others which leads to death and uprooting of old tea bushes.

The County Government of Bomet, Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries has put in place several measures to curb the spread and reduce the impact. They include the following;

1. Planting of wind breakers along the edges of tea fields to reduce transpiration rate and create conducive micro climate for the tea clone.

(Hon. V. Rop rose on a point of order)

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you. The report being read by the Hon. Member is not with us. I have tried checking it in my phone and I cannot find it.

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): I have seen it in my phone. You can check properly unless there are other members claiming to have not received.

(Hon. D. Busienei rose on a point of order)

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, this report should be in our social media group but I have not seen it. The person who was supposed to share this report is the Member who asked this Question. I do not know how these other Members accessed this information yet we are in the same group unless there is another group.

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Whoever has it can kindly share. If you do not have it kindly go online. Proceed, Hon. Member.

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you. The report was shared earlier. Remember the date of response has been deferred several times. If you can go back to what was posted earlier on, you will find it.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, you will also forgive us because not all of us have smart phones. We also circulated three hard copies. I will ask the Serjeant-at-Arms to supply the Hon. Members with a copy.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the County Government of Bomet, Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries has put in place several measures to curb the spread and reduce the impact. They include the following;

1. Planting of wind breakers along the edges of tea fields to reduce transpiration rate and create conducive micro climate for the tea clone.
2. Advocate judicious use of fertilizers
3. Correct timing of fertilizer application
4. Sourcing and use of fertilizer application with correct and complete nutrients including micronutrients.
5. Correction of the micronutrients deficiency through correct foliar application. Though the deficiency could be corrected through foliar application, this mode of foliar application has its shortcomings on perennial crops where in the long run, the plant root may have deficiency. In addition, since the mobility of nutrients from the leaves to the roots is slow to correct, the deficiency would require soil application.
6. Encourage application of organic fertilizers one in a prune cycle.
7. Sensitization of farmers.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee sat down and analyzed the report and made the following three observations. Allow me to read them.

The committee on its sitting on 18th April 2023 deliberated on the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) response and made the following findings and recommendations that;

1. There was neither a proof for a site visit made to the affected areas nor any research initiated
2. The Committee noted that tea is a perennial crop and the AHP 15/10 tea clone in Chepchabas ward was planted in 1990 that knocks down the probable cause as moribuncy
3. The committee found out that the department does not have either a research Centre or soil testing unit for basic tests of this kind. Therefore, the committee, recommends that in the subsequent budgets such important facilities should be established
4. The committee recommends that department should liaise early enough with relevant institutions within ministry of agriculture purposely to establish a mechanism of handling diseases of this kind that affect both crops and livestock.

In conclusion, the response to the statement was elaborated though slight clarification was sought from the CEC and therefore statement is satisfactory. The Members, including the Hon. W. Ruttoh who asked the Question, adopted the response from the department.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to stop there and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to deliver the report.

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): I give this opportunity to the Hon. Member who asked the Question to comment on the response.

Hon. W. Kiprotich (Chepchabas Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity to give an input on the Question that I asked in March. Hon. Deputy Speaker, as I said earlier, and I am happy that the chair keeps referring to it. The devil hides in the details. The Statements that we raise here are Statements based on realities. When we raise an issue on maize wilting, it is true that maize is wilting at some point and some parts of the county and there are people who are placed in those particular places to act on behalf of the others. For an individual to hold an office then there must have been what takes them there.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries has given us the Statement that was written. He has undertaken that it was written and he is only reading it. Hon. Deputy Speaker, you will remember that one day in this Assembly I said that we do not encourage issues to do with compositions that are supposed to be given to us only for the sake of doing so.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I remember Hon. Busienei mentioned and raised a red flag on the issues to do with rabies. We are always in the news as having rabies attacks in our county and people have died because of it. If the issues raised by Hon. Busienei were taken candidly then we could have protected those individuals from dying. I do not know whose blood those individuals are crying

unto. Is it the County Assembly? Did we fail in any way? We thank Hon. Busienei for raising the issue and we could have gone ahead to mitigate that issue. When the response was given to us, we remember critiquing in this Assembly until we now have drugs that are coming from donors and even from the county government of Bomet coming up.

Here we are. I asked a Question on what is happening in Chepchas. Hon. Deputy Speaker, it is worth noting that the response is referring to Embomos ward, which I did not mention in my Statement. Hon. Deputy Speaker, are we here to only read compositions? I did not mention anywhere about Embomos in my Question. I came here to represent the people in Chepchas who sent me with this Statement and if some clips of a public participation that was in Chepchas was played, you will be able to see residents of Chepchas asking about it. I would be glad if they were watching this response although the response is about probable causes.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, probable comes from the word 'probability' which has space between 0 and 1. They should have given us what this probability is. Is it close to 1 or close to 0? Hon. Deputy Speaker, I will mention a few of the same, otherwise let it be known by your chair that it is true *camellia sinensis* AHP 15/10 is wilting. I also have a small farm and my 15/10 are wilting.

The first reason they gave for the wilting was on transpiration. Transpiration is the losing of water through vapor by their leaves. Hon. Deputy Speaker, there are 3 types of transpiration if I still remember well. There is stomata transpiration, cuticular transpiration and lenticular transpiration. Which type are they talking about? Hon. Deputy Speaker, reason with me. Is transpiration only happening in 15/10 while there are several other bushes here? They also said broad leaves. Hon. Deputy Speaker, there is a clone of tea which I will quote in Kalenj. In my place it is called 'Chesombori'. It is clone 35 and has more broad leaves than 1510. Hon. Deputy Speaker, what is the aspect of growing tea? We are not growing it for its roots, not for the stem neither is it for the branches. We are growing tea leaves for the leaves. The broader the leaves, the heavier it is. That is what we are striving to have.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, this response is not satisfactory. It was not taken to any research neither was it taken to any laboratory. How is the issue of drought affecting some parts? Hon. Deputy Speaker, let me inform you that the wilting is not uniform. There can be a plant that is wilting where I am seated, that is if I take this to be a farm, and another plant wilting in where Hon. Emily is seated. In between the rest of the plants are okay. Why is it that the wilting occurs in a few parts of it? Drought does not choose which one to affect and which one not to. That answer is out.

The other probable cause is moribund. Hon. Deputy Speaker, tea is a perennial plant and can sustain more than 100 years. When we tell our residents that tea between 21 and 30 years should be uprooted or its yield is going down, then we are going against the value of tea as a perennial crop.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, there was no research done on this Question. There was no visit done on the sites that I mentioned. There was no visit to Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization, Tea Research Foundation or any other laboratory.

Moribund means that it is near death. If we say that the plant is at the point of death that is to say that we do not have any preventive measure or curative measure. On the pH, they did not even state which PH sustains the good growth of tea. We are aware that it is supposed to be acidic between 4 and 4.5.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the current technology is coming up with tea which is drought resistant, pest resistant and everything as long as it comes up with high yield and good quality. Tea Research Foundation plays a good part and I believe that it has come up with the required species and clones of tea.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, all the mitigation measures that they talked about are just English words that have been interchanged. In doctor's training, I am told that, if you are given an exam and you do not know the first question and you go ahead to answer wrongly, those marks will be deducted from the answers that you answered right. You will find an exam that you have a negative instead of positive because those you answered wrongly are more than those you answered right. That tells the doctors that if you do not know, do not guess and treat. Hon. Deputy Speaker, what we have been given here is guesswork.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, you need to send this back to the sender despite the fact that the Chair mentioned that we discussed about this and agreed that we provide it here and then we find a way forward. Let them do a research. Let them take the soil to a laboratory and give us a substantive answer. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Member from Ndanai/Abosi Ward.

Hon. P. Kirui (Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA, Majority Leader): Hon. Deputy Speaker, allow me to comment on the report that has been given by the Hon. Member that this problem that has affected tea bushes is something that needs a lot of research. I do not want to dismiss the Committee's report in totality because this is the start of the process. Any scientific problem requires investigation. The Committee has tried. It is a serious issue but I know any scientific

problem started by just throwing a hypothesis that it is supposed to be this and that. That is a question that will come. We also have experimentation. Some research is supposed to be done. At this point, we can say that the Committee tried but this is the beginning of everything. Since the issue has been raised, the department and the scientists will go back to it because this problem has been noted and the Committee can be asked to go back to the drawing board and carry out more research so that the exact problem is established. Otherwise, I beg that the Committee is allowed to go back and in future, bring the proper results.

Hon. Victor Rop (Nominated MAC, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, from the onset, the committee failed. The first thing they had to do was to visit Chepchabas Ward, an area that was affected by *Camellia Sinensis*.

The same disease five years ago hit the lower parts of Chepalungu and Emurua Dikirr. It is a natural calamity and the remedy was that the people of the said places prayed to their God. It is a humble plea to the Member from Chepchabas that you kindly organize with the Governor to pitch a tent and invite Prophet Awour and you will see the problem done and dusted.

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): The report is clear that they have not done a thorough research. Tea research is in another county and it should not be difficult to visit other counties to find solutions. The solutions proposed by the committee seems to be guesswork. Soil testing is not done in Bomet. Water testing is done in Kisumu. So we expect more than what we have received. The committee should go back and give us a proper solution.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, there was a question I raised earlier to the same committee and I have not received the answer yet. I do not know whether there is a selective approach in terms of approaching questions.

The response by the department shows that there is a weak link on how we respond to issues like that. I do not know the relationship between the fertilizer and wilting of a crop. So we need to go back and have a consultative meeting. If we are lazy about issues like this, we may not achieve much. So, the Chair should engage more and give a proper answer. Clone 1510 is popular in Konoin and has a high yield. Similarly, the county government should invest in research to solve issues like this.

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Members, I noted that the mitigation measure especially on fertilizer was not a proper one. Bomet County is a tea growing zone and it is a backbone of our county's economy. The committee should liaise more and include visiting a research centre.

The Chair is at liberty to ask for sufficient number of days to delivers a sufficient answer.

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I am not an advocate of the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. Therefore, the executive department is responsible for visiting the institutions mentioned by members and give a report to the committee. Secondly, *Camellia Sinensis* is a clone of tea and not a disease as referred to by a member.

Thirdly, if you check the budgetary allocations for research, it is zero. It is akin to asking a mother to cook *ugali* and you the father has not provided the flour.

The reason why I chose to table the report the way it is because he convinced me that the he has not budgetary allocations. I encourage the Members to give arsenal to the department to fulfil this. Otherwise the competition reading will continue.

Finally, I request for 14 days.

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): The Chairperson seems dissatisfied with the order to go back. All the committees have visited the areas they are supposed to receive the information from.

Where does money come from when the Assembly requires answers? He should tell us if he is tired of his job.

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Honorable. Busienei is debating whereas he rose on a point of order. Is he in order?

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Member, remember you are on a point of order.

Hon. D. Busienei (Chemagel Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I had the same issue sometimes back and I went round the county yet I did not complain about money.

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): Hon. Member, I grant you 14 days and we acknowledge that budgetary allocations might not be sufficient but try your best. Make visits to Chepchabas and Kenya Tea Research. They may have information to assist you furnish the Assembly with sufficient answer.

In the public gallery, we have one student from Loreto High School on her way home on a short holiday by the name Lynn Chebet. I welcome her and request to know what is going on in the Assembly. She is from Silibwet Township Ward.

(Applause)

Hon. F. Chepkirui (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, my question is to the Chairperson of the Committee on Education, Youth and Sports concerning the status of implementation of its programs and activities as contained in the approved Annual Development

Plan (ADP) and the budget for the financial year ending 30th June, 2023. In his reply, the Chairperson should state the following;

- i. The total number of youth and teams that the department has supported with the sporting apparel and equipment
- ii. The sporting tournaments that have been conducted so far by the department and the planned sporting activities
- iii. The financial expenditure for the sporting activities undertaken
- iv. The plans the department has put in place to ensure continuous implementation of sporting activities targeting the youth.

Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): I commit the statement to the Committee on Education, Youth and Sports and to furnish the Assembly with an answer within 14 days.

MOTION

COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move a motion that pursuant to the Standing Order 201 (5) (g) this assembly adopts the report of the committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the Bomet (County Integrated Development Plan) CIDP.

Pursuant to Article 185 (4) (a) of the Constitution of Kenya and Section 147 of the County Governments Act approves the Bomet CIDP.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I have a voluminous document but I will only give the highlights.

This document outlines priority programs for the next five years. This forms the basis for county budgeting and its needs. Through the office of the Governor, the CIDP was submitted to the assembly on 28th February, 2023. It was tabled on the same day and committed to my committee.

The Committee was required to examine, take necessary action including stakeholder engagement through public participation and present a report on the findings and recommendations for adoption by the Assembly in line with Article 185(4) of the Constitution.

On behalf of the committee on Finance and Economic Planning, I wish to recognize and appreciate in a special way the committee for their unreserved support and participation all the way from public participation forums and actual document review. The committee, as a formidable team, out of which invaluable comments and input fast-tracked the development and timely completion of this report. Gratitude is further extended to the Sectoral committees, Honorable members

representing their respective Wards and interest groups as well as members of staff who participated throughout the process including collection of views from the members of public in all the 25 Wards of the county.

I am also aware that there are many individuals, groups or departments that I have not named though they actively participated in one aspect or the other in the process. To all those involved, I would like to express my personal and committee's gratitude for the participation, assistance and contribution. We all acknowledge, and indeed we now shift our focus to, the greater challenge of ensuring that the executive implements the document to the letter and spirit of its objectives and in accordance to the Assembly's resolutions and recommendations.

In approving the Third CIDP 2023/27 for Bomet County, the Committee considered a number of factors and parameters that were categorized as both quantitative and qualitative. A number of review objectives were set to guide in analyzing the Plan particularly on the Constitutional and legal obligations of County Planning as best described under Article 220 of the Constitution, Section 106 and 108 of the County.

Government Act and Section 126 of the PFM Act. The Committee, in preparing the report for approval of the CIDP 2023/27, ensured wide stakeholder involvement. The Committee also confirmed from members of the public that the executive indeed carried out public participation over projects to be implemented in the next five years.

Public participation forums were organized and conducted in all the twenty-five wards of the county in compliance with Article 196 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Sections 87(a), (b) and 115 (1) (b) (ii) and (iv) of the County Government Act 2012 by both arms of the County Government.

Notification (by the Assembly) of the stakeholders were done by placing an advert in one of the main print media and airing in the local radio station. The Public hearings and collection of views were held from 20th - 24th March 2023 in all the 25 Wards.

Honourable members including those representing special interest groups (Gender issues, Persons with Disabilities and Youth) were also involved in the public participation particularly on projects affecting their respective Wards and interest groups of which they submitted their oral submissions on projects that may have been omitted.

This approach ensured the views, comments and agitation of the public and other stakeholders were catered for prior to approval of the county integrated development plan. I agree that the members of the public generally just that their hope and trust on the new administration in terms

of implementation of programs and projects for the next five years. Mr. Speaker, I will not go through the legal framework on county integrated plan, but I will touch something on integrating national and county planning. Section 106 of the county government act provides that cooperation in planning shall be undertaken in the context of the law governing inter-governmental regulations. County plans shall be based on the functions of the county governments, as specified in the fourth schedule to the Constitution are known relevant national policies. County plans shall take due cognizance of the financial viability of development programs. County planning shall provide for citizen participation. Section 108 of the county government act stated they shall be five-year county integrated development plan for each county, which shall have clear goals and objectives and implementation plan with clear outcomes, provision for monitoring and evaluation and clear reporting mechanisms. Mr. Speaker, I will not touch another section 108 of Section Two and section three and four. I want to go straight to review and analysis of Bomet county integrated development plan 2023- 2007.

Review objectives, the following objectives which inform the review and analysis of CIDP 2023/27, Answer number one to ascertain whether the county Integrated Development Plan was prepared in accordance with the law to review implementations status as of the previous CIDP and to appreciate the challenges being faced there and to establish whether the programs and a project proposed in the CIDP 2023 Or not replicas of the past 2018 to 2022 CIDP. To establish whether there is a relationship and linkages of challenges, issues, objectives, targets and timing of implementation period aimed at operationalizing the projects. To determine whether the CIDP was prepared through an inclusive and consultative approach by engaging in stakeholders, involve the stakeholders and whether there are plans to involve the stakeholders during the implementation phase. Establish whether the priorities in the plan have taken into account those espoused in the governor's manifesto. Establish whether the plan contains the projects and programs with specified timeframe and sources of funding, whether the CIDP took into consideration and as a clear monitoring and evaluation framework. To establish whether the proposed Bomet CIDP 2023/27 has aligned its plan to national plans like Kenya Vision 2030 medium term plans national Spatial Plan sector plans issues affecting neighboring counties and international commitments particularly Sustainable Development Goals.

Analysis of the submitted CIDP, the governors' foreword provide a summary of achievements realized during the implementation of the CIDP of the previous CIDP as per the guidelines and notable part 1.4 was not exhausted. Specifically map of the counties administrative and political

units have not been inserted. The table on population density for Bomet as at 2019 was 440 not 2280 as stated. Subsequent projection should be rectified. On the population of PWDs were not satisfactorily addressed, as per the guidelines. Other particulars such as speech was left out. The table ought to have classified into age groups. Other general vital information stated in the guidelines have been explicitly left out. These include infrastructure development, land and land use, employment, irrigation infrastructure and schemes, crops livestock and value addition, tourism and wildlife industry and trade, forestry, agro forestry and value addition. Financial services among others are noticeably missing reference should be made to the guideline. CIDP being a principle of planning document should be exhaustive.

Analysis of Chapter Four missing flagship possible flagship projects, the Department of Roads, Public Works and transport did not plan for any flagship projects in the CIDP. It is expected that acquisition of new machines should ultimately reduce the cost of maintenance of gravel roads. The county should therefore plan to tarmac, at least, I think that should be underlined at least 10 kilometers of roads every year across each ward at an estimated cost of Kshs 500. This will in the long run, reduce the cost of roads maintain while expanding road network accessibility in the rural farming areas, thereby boosting the county's economy by reducing the cost of transport on farm produce.

The Department of Lands housing and urban planning should in collaboration with the National Government consider operationalization as expansion of Bomet airstrip as a flagship project. Lack of baseline budgets, the CIDP did not indicate the baseline budgets in the sector programs. So when I look go through that one, I think members can be able to check the report which was shared to the WhatsApp groups and members were involved in this thing and Sectoral committees were involved and they made their own Sectoral recommendation, which I will not go through all of them because of time. So I will go straight to the Department of Finance, ICT and economic planning. I want to assure the honourable member that those recommendations that you made in central committees was captured, so you can check through the report that was shared to you. So I will deal with the department of economic plan. The community committee notes that the Department of Finance at a total allocation of 1,626,284,130 from the year 2018-2019 to 2022 - 2023 and a total of Kenya shillings. 1,161,011,020 has been utilized, excluding 2022- 2023 giving a variance of Kenya shillings 463,272,202. So the committee also notes at the Department of Economic Planning at that total allocation of shillings 1,280,087,259 From FY 2018/19 and total head to 2022 2023, and a total of Kenya shillings. 475,000,871 Seven antisepsis demand has been

utilized, giving a variance of Kenya shillings 804,215,500. The committee observed that this translates to 37% absorption rate. The committee also observe that the automation of revenue is not streamlined. And its impact on the overall collection of all source revenue has not been assessed. The committee also observe that the following projects were proposed to be undertaken. However, the particular location of the projects is not indicated. We have CCTVs five public hotspots six ICT apps. So they were they were proposed, but they did specify where they want to put those projects.

Committee's recommendation, the committee proposed the installation of computers and Wi Fi in ever ward for ease of access of government services by the residence. The committee proposed that all VTCs be installed with government hotspots. The committee proposed that Library Information Management System be developed to ease efficiency in libraries. The committee proposed installation of TVs, computers and Wi Fi in all public social roles within the county to engage the youth. The committee proposed acquisition of integrated medical track management system to announce Monitoring drugs invented for timely, timely procurement of drugs. The Committee recommends that the automation of revenue should it be streamlined. And it its impact on overall collection of on source revenue shall be assessed. Upon scrutiny and analysis of the Bomet county integrated development plan 2023/27, the Committee of finance and economic planning makes the following recommendations

- Chapter one of the CIDP shouldn't be exhaustive the chapter should include information of infrastructure development, land and land use, employment irrigation, infrastructure and skills, crop, livestock and value addition tourism and wildlife Industry and Trade, blue economy, forestry, agro forestry and value addition financial services among others.
- That the department shall strike to absorb the allocated funds so that the county is not deprived of development projects and service delivery because of the failure of some departments to utilize their funds.
- Number three, that the projects in the CIDP should be prioritized, costs and the yr. of implementation should be specified.
- Number four. All the planning documents, such as the annual development plan should grow its project and programs from the CIDP being the principal planning document.
- Number five, that the Sectoral committee's recommendation provided above be adopted.
- Number six additional public participation projects listed in Annex (ii) be included in the CIDP 2023/27.

- Number seven that CIP should conform to the guidelines as to the form of content.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, sir, pursuant to Article 185 For section four of the Constitution, and in fulfillment of the requirements of section 115, of the County Government Act, I urge the assembly to adopt the report of the Finance and economic planning to pave way for further approval of Bomet County integrated development plan 2023/2027 with the stated amendments, Mr. Speaker, we went through public participation. And there was some, some projects which were missing. The members of the public raised those projects. And in our document, we were able to put them in Annex two. And even the members of the assembly who are representing specific wards, and interest groups raised some projects which were missing. I urge my colleagues in this Assembly that we pass this document, so that we start actualizing what we had promised our people. Mr. Speaker, during the public participation, I realized that the members of the public most of them do not understand that the work of the Member of County Assembly is to oversight, representation and legislation. So they also think we are the one that wants to do oversight. So I want to watch executive that having come up with this document we want urge them to do their best, especially when it comes to implementation of the projects that are listed here. I know not all the listed projects will be done. But at least the executive should try as much as possible to deal with priority projects in each and every Ward. And whatever they will do should cut across all the 25 wards. So I want to urge the honorable members to pass this document today to allow us also again to table the ADP report next week. Hon Speaker I request Peter Rono a Member of this committee to second.

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi Ward, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you so much. I want to support the motion that is before us that this Assembly approves and adopts the county the report on the county Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) which in simple term is a pool of projects and activities that the county government undertakes to accomplish in five years. This stems out from the county spatial plan that was passed a year ago that this one that one informs all the other fiscal plans that follows it. I am a member of the finance committee. I also had the opportunity to traverse the whole county when we were taking views from members of the public in that regard i want to ask this honorable Assembly to approve the report because it captures the aspirations of the members of the public pursuant to the County Government Act, Article 115 which says and allow me to quote that the public participation in the county planning process shall be mandatory. Subsection B clause number three roman number three says that when doing the same, you're supposed to tell the public on the expected development. Honorable speaker, the report is very

outride on what to expect at the end of five years when this report is adopted and implemented to the latter by the county executive. I happen to have gone through all the 5 sub counties in the public participation and this morning I had the opportunity to listen and watch a debate from the local television stations where senators who speak for the counties were debating on the allocation of funds. They were very key on county government programs. So I want to ask this honorable Assembly to approve and adopt the report on CIDP because it is conclusive, thank you Hon. Deputy Speaker for the time that you've given me.

Question on the Motion Proposed.

Hon. E. Mibei (Nominated MCA, UDA): Thank you Hon. Deputy Speaker, I also rise to support the Motion on CIDP. Being a Vice Chair of Finance Committee, we participated in the public participation and I wish to congratulate the chair for a job well done. I want to thank the members who received us in the various wards when we went for public participation. On the beginning of this important exercise was a bit tough because it made the electorate expect maybe some cash rewards for attending participation. I thank the Members for chipping in to provide refreshments for the electorates. I went to five wards and I really wish to thank the Hon. Members representing the various wards we went; for welcoming us and sitting with us throughout the public participation exercise so that we succeed.

Coming to CIDP, this is a five-year Integrated Development Plan, which will harmonize, set goals for development and it will spur economic growth. So I am urging the members to adopt the CIDP. Thank you Mr. Speaker, sir.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First, I want to start by congratulating the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning for the good work that they did. I must admit that this was really good one from them. It was a lot of work. I want to thank them for giving a lot of time to all the stakeholders in this not only for the members of the Assembly, but even as mandated by the law to the members of the public and all of us.

This document couldn't have been any better than what they've done. I know going forward, all our plans for the next five years will be based on the same document; CIDP. It is a legal document and I know we will be continuously looking into it in years to come and developing our development using it.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, it is just for the Assembly to adopt and pass this document because I know it has a great impact on development. I want to say, even going into the future; looking at the ADP,

I know we will be able to adhere to this document. Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I support the passing of the CDP. Thank you.

Hon. E. Rotich (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): Thank you very much Hon. Deputy Speaker for this opportunity to contribute on this motion. Concerning the CIDP. First, Hon. Deputy Speaker, I want to commend the work done by this committee on Finance and Economic Planning for taking their time to move across our wards to hear from the public. Whereas you also had an opportunity as the members to look at the document and we even had an opportunity to meet the people as they present their views about the projects and services that they wanted to be captured in this document. I support the CIDP being a very important document in the next five years because we always get services and projects from this document. It is now an opportunity for this Assembly and the executive to plan well. I heard the chair, Hon. Nathan saying that, once we pass this CIDP he will also come with ADP that will also give us an opportunity to look at the products and services that will be done in the year 2022/23/24.

I support the passage and adoption of this document, because it assists us as an overseeing organ to tell and know when these projects that are in this CIDP are going to be implemented. As I stated earlier, Hon. Deputy Speaker is that we are now requesting the other organ on the other end of implementation to also take their time and look at this CIDP so that we give priority to the projects and service delivery in different departments so that it also gives us an opportunity; even as we debate today as the members of the public follow us through social media platforms.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, it should also go down the memory lane that the passage of this CIDP will also be another opportunity to look at the available resources because in this document, we have seen that we have gone through it and you realize that there are a number of projects that have been proposed by the public but the resources are scarce. We are really requesting that it should also be made public so that key projects are prioritized. Thank you and I support the passage and the adoption of this CIDP.

Question on the Motion put and agreed to.

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. L. Rotich): There being no other business this Assembly stands adjourned to Tuesday 25th April at 2.30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 4:10 p.m