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ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE

INSPECTION TOUR OF;-

PARTS OF EASTERN, COAST AND WESTERN PROVINCES

PROGRAMMES ON;-

- The Youth Enterprise Development Fund**
- The Women Enterprise Fund**
- The Kazi Kwa Vijana**
- The Social Protection Fund- Cash Transfer**
- The Orphans and Vulnerable Children –Cash Transfer,**

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ABBREVIATIONS

CCI	- Charitable Children's Institutions
CT- OP	- Cash Transfer for Old Persons
CT-OVC	- Cash Transfer for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children
C-Yes	- Constituency Youth Enterprise Scheme
CAP	- Community Action Plan
CDF	- Constituency Development Fund
DGSDO	- District Gender and Social Development Officer
DC	- District Commissioner
DDO	- District Development Officer
Easy Yes	- EASY Youth Enterprise Scheme
FY	- Financial Year
ICT	- Information and Communications Technology
KKV	- Kazi Kwa Vijana
SYPT	- Subsidized Youth Polytechnic Tuition
VCT	- Voluntary Counseling and Testing
WEF	- Women Enterprise Fund
YEC	- Youth Empowerment Centre
YP	- Youth Polytechnic
YEDF	- Youth Enterprise Development Fund

PREFACE

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On behalf of the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare, I wish to present to the House the Committee's Report on a fact finding tour to parts of Eastern, Coast and Western Provinces inspection tour of the Youth Enterprise Development Fund Projects, Women Enterprise Fund Projects, Kazi Kwa Vijana Projects, Youth Empowerment Centres, Youth Polytechnics, Youth Empowerment Centres, Social Protection Programmes i.e Cash Transfer for the Orphaned and Vulnerable Children and the Old Persons and Charitable Children's Institutions..

The Eastern Province fact finding tour took place from Tuesday May 13 to Saturday May 15 2010, Coast from Wednesday May 19 to Sunday May 23, 2010 and the Western from Monday June 07 to Friday May 11, 2010 respectively.

Mandate of the Committee

The Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare is a departmental committee established under Standing Order No. 198. It is mandated to:

- a) To investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned Ministries and departments;
- b) To study the programme and policy objectives of ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- c) To study and review all legislation referred to it;
- d) To study, assess and analyse the relative success of the ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- e) To investigate, inquire into all matters relating to the assigned ministries and departments as may be deemed necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House or a Minister; and,
- f) To make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the following Ministries:

- I. Ministry of Labour
- II. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- III. Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development
- IV. Ministry of State for National Heritage and Culture
- V. Ministry of State for Special Programmes

The Committee is mandated to consider the following issues; Labour, Trade Union Relations, Manpower, Human Resources and Planning, Gender, Culture and Social Welfare, Youth, Affairs and Sports, Gender and Children's' welfare, National Heritage and Culture.

The following are Members of the Committee:

- The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. - **Chairperson**
- The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. - **Vice- Chairperson**
- The Hon. Elijah K. Lagat, M.P.
- The Hon. Joseph Oyugi Magwanga, M.P.
- The Hon. Alfred B. Odhiambo, M.P.
- The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
- The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.
- The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee wishes to thank the Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Development, the Minister, Ministry of State for Special Programmes, the Ministry of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security and all officers who liaised with the Committee.

The Committee also wishes to thank the Hon Charles Kilonzo MP Yatta and the Hon Najib Balala MP Mvita, Minister for Tourism who accompanied the Committee in their Constituencies during the Fact Finding Tour

While taking the tour, the Committee was accompanied and briefed by officers from the above Ministries. The Committee appreciates the immense support, information rendered and facilitation provided by the officers and those who participated in the fact finding tour in their respective lines of duty.

This Report is an account of the findings and observations of the Committee and its recommendations.

Finally it is now my duty, on behalf of the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare, to lay on the table of the House the Report, pursuant to Standing Order No. 181.

Signed..........Date.....25-11-2016.....

Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P.
Chairperson
Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare resolved to take a fact finding tour to parts of Eastern, Coast and Western Provinces. The main objective of the tour was to ascertain that the Government funds namely the Youth Enterprise Development Fund (YEDF), Women Enterprise Fund (WEF), Kazi kwa Vijana programmes and projects (KKV), Cash Transfer for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (CT-OVC), Cash Transfer for Old Persons (CT-OP), Subsidized Youth Polytechnic Tuition (SYPT) and Youth Empowerment Centers (YEC) reach the intended beneficiaries and to ascertain the conditions of Charitable Children Institutions.

1.1 OUTLINE

The Committee paid a courtesy call to all the District Commissioner's offices of all the involved Districts and was able to get briefings from the relevant District Commissioners and District Ministry Officers. The Committee learnt that the Government funds have been of great help to the people, especially the women, the Orphaned and Vulnerable Children, the Youth and the Old Persons. The Committee however noted that some Provinces are performing well than others in terms of making good use and repaying the Youth Enterprise Development Funds.

The committee noted that Nithi Constituency Youths were performing very well. The youths in the constituency have used the Youth Enterprise Development Funds to start very successful businesses and the women are also doing well. Most of the Youth groups have been able to repay the money. The youths in the area through Kazi Kwa Vijana have been able to transfer the labour skills to their farms.

The Cash Transfer for the Orphaned and Vulnerable Children has helped many children. They no longer go to the streets and most of them are in school. The Old Persons have equally benefitted from the Cash Transfer and they have been able to buy food, get medication and start some income generating projects to sustain their livelihoods.

The Committee inspected some few sampled projects in each district and noted that some of the Government funds have been put into proper use while there were some where the beneficiaries were not able to account for the money. The committee noted with concern that the women and youth groups need training on entrepreneurial skills, book keeping and project management.

While touring the Youth Polytechnics, the Committee noted that the subsidized tuition for the Youth Polytechnics has gone a long way in helping parents who could not afford the fees. There is a higher rate of enrolment. Some of the polytechnics had also benefitted from Government donated equipments enhancing and making it easier for students to learn.

The Committee noted with a lot of concern that the youth polytechnic instructors are poorly paid, with an average salary of Kshs 5,000 per month.

Some constituencies who were beneficiaries of the money for the Youth Empowerment Centres have almost completed the buildings others have started putting them up while others are yet to start.

The Committee also noted that under the Kazi kwa Vijana (KKV) programme many trees have been planted and the youth are willing to work. The programme may not be sustainable as it's not continuous. The government should look for a way of sustaining the programme so that the youth can be drawn out of poverty.

The Committee noted with a lot of concern that the money that goes through the financial intermediaries does not benefit the Youth and the Women. This is because the financial institutions are charging an interest rate of 16%, above what was agreed with the ministries.

1.2. YOUTH ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT FUND (YEDF)

Unemployment is one of the economic challenges in Kenya. The Youths constitute two thirds of the economically active population and account for 61% of the unemployed.

The Youth Enterprise Development Fund idea was muted by the Government in mid 2006 to address the youth unemployment problem. The Government through its budget gave Kshs 1, 000,000,000 billion in 2006, Kshs750,000,000 in F/Y 2007/08 and Kshs 500,000,000 in F/Y 2008/09. The Fund was gazetted in December 2006.

The fund targets Kenyans aged between 18 and 35 years who intend to start or expand business.

The Fund has three modes of disbursement namely;-

- a. The Constituency sub component (C - Yes).
- b. The Easy Youth Enterprise Scheme (Easy Yes).
- c. The on lending sub component through financial intermediaries.

1.2.1 The Constituency Sub component (C – YES)

- The *Constituency Youth Enterprise Scheme* (C-Yes), funds enterprises of youth groups at the Constituency level, in all Constituencies.
- Every Constituency has been allocated Kshs 2,000,000 revolving fund.
- The loan attracts no interest but includes 5% management fee payable upfront.
- The amount loaned to each single group must not exceed Kshs 50,000.

1.2.2 The Easy Youth Enterprise Scheme (Easy Yes)

The Easy Yes scheme is constituency based loan intended to finance individual owned enterprises at the group level for those who have excelled under the C-Yes.

Features

- The Borrower shall be a member of and recommended by a duly registered group of at least 10 members. The group shall have been registered at least three months
- The Group membership must be 70 youth (18 - 35), and leadership 100% youth
- The Applicant must be appraised and recommended by the group members, Enterprise Development Agent and the District Youth Enterprise Development Fund Committee
- At least 75% of the group shall guarantee the applicant's loan
- A maximum of 50% of the group members shall borrow at any one time Subsequent disbursement is after the first loan has been satisfactorily serviced for 6 months
- The group must undergo a basic training in business development and entrepreneurship before applying for the loan. The training is provided by the Youth Enterprise Development Fund free of charge and no collateral is required
- No interest is applicable. However the loan attracts 8% management fee
- The loan target members or groups that have completed repaying C- Yes loan

1.2.3 The on-lending sub-component through financial intermediaries

The on-lending component of the Fund mainly works through Financial Intermediaries such as banks, Non Governmental Organizations, SACCOs and MFIs.

Features

- The loan targets all forms of youth enterprises whether individual, companies, groups, cooperatives or otherwise
- The Loan is accessible to any youth owned enterprise operating within the district
- The loan is managed by financial intermediaries
- The loan attracts interest rate at 8% per annum on a reducing balance
- The loan is flexible very flexible (soft) and sometimes a collateral is required
- The loan amount is dependent on the nature of business proposed and the lending terms of the Financial Intermediary
- Financial intermediary seeks approval for loan amount exceeding Kshs500,000

1.3. YOUTH EMPOWERMENT CENTRE (YEC)

The Youth Empowerment Centres are aimed at providing one stop shop services and information to the young people in the district and help them mitigate thematic areas of concern that impede their social, political and economic development, in order to maximize their full potential in building a better Kenya. The project is still at the pilot stage and not all the constituencies were given money for construction of Youth Empowerment Centres.

1.4. YOUTH POLYTECHNICS (YP)

The Government in endeavoring to improve the quality and image of technical training in the Youth Polytechnics it adopted an ambitious programme of infrastructural support by providing youth polytechnics with equipments, subsidized tuition and money for building workshops which is still ongoing.

1.5. KAZI KWA VIJANA (KKV)

The Kazi Kwa Vijana programme was designed to afford, youth during the period of financial crisis, national drought and famine immediate relief to the young people by way of providing them with income to buy food through employment in public works. Young people are employed under labour contracts in selected Public Works Projects identified under the Kazi Kwa Vijana programme.

Some of the projects particularly those to do with irrigation and water supply are intended to enhance food production in the marginal areas most affected by drought. There are also Kazi Kwa Vijana projects designed for the conservation and management of the environment while others are to improve road transportation in rural and urban areas.

1.6. WOMEN ENTERPRISE FUND (WEF)

Women Enterprise Fund (WEF) was officially launched in 2007. The principal objective of the fund is economic empowerment of women. Women Enterprise Fund loans reach the target beneficiaries through financial intermediaries and directly through Constituency Women Enterprise Scheme.

The fund is to enable the government realize the third Millennium Development Goal on “gender equality and empowerment of women”. In recognition of the critical role women play in socio-economic development. The Women Enterprise Fund_ has been identified as a flagship project under the social pillar in the Vision 2030. It is expected that the fund will play a catalytic role in mainstreaming women in the formal financial sector services.

1.7. SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMME FOR OLD PERSONS – CASH TRANSFER FOR OLD PERSONS (CT-OP)

Concerted efforts have been made by the Government and various stakeholders to create an all inclusive society where persons living in extreme poverty and vulnerability are protected and cushioned. As a proportion of the Kenyan Population live in poverty and a bigger proportion is vulnerable.

The first pilot project was started in Nyanza, Central and Western provinces with three districts; Bondo, Thika and Busia with a monthly stipend of Kshs 1,000. This has been scaled up to a monthly stipend of Kshs 1,500 and an additional forty one districts. The objective of the

programme is to strengthen the capacities of older persons to improve their livelihoods through a sustainable social protection mechanism.

The Cash Transfer targets the ultra poor households with characteristics which include poor nutrition, poor health and low income among the aged. They should be sixty five (65) years and above, extremely poor and not enrolled in any other regular cash transfer programme.

1.8. CASH TRANSFER FOR ORPHANED AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN (CT- OVC)

This is a Government initiative in collaboration with other development partners, particularly UNICEF and the World Bank. Under this programme, each family gets Kshs. 1,500.

For one to be an eligible care giver for Cash Transfer for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children programme; the child must be an orphan either single or multiple, the child must come from a poor background and the caregivers must be very old, suffering from chronic disease and poor.

The care givers must in turn provide shelter, nutrition to the child, must take the child to school, must secure birth/death registration of the child, must take a child of 0-5 years old for immunization and ID cards for care givers.

2.0.0 COURTESY CALL TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER YATTA

The Committee visited parts of Eastern Province accompanied by the Hon Charles Kilonzo MP Yatta and paid a courtesy call to the District Commissioner Yatta. The District Commissioner welcomed the committee.

The District Commissioner and other Departmental heads informed the Committee that;-

2.0.1 Youth Enterprise Development Fund

2.0.2 The Constituency Sub component (C-Yes)

The constituency had exhausted the Kshs 2,000,000 that was set aside for the Youth Enterprise Development Fund (YEDF). Forty groups were funded and each of the group got Kshs 50,000 under the Constituency Sub component.

The youth groups have been reluctant to pay due to their projects sustainability but have tried as their repayment rate is 57%.

2.0.3 Easy Yes component

The groups that remained together after their formation have been able to repay their loans and the members have applied for Easy Yes component of the loan.

The youth groups are motivated by

- Being awarded with a certificate after completion of repayment of the loan
- Being involved in all functions that require the input of youths in the District

2.0.4 On-lending sub-component through financial intermediaries

The Youths in Yatta Constituency have shied away from lending financial intermediaries due to the high interest rate of 16% charged. They don't want to borrow from the financial intermediaries, they are afraid that the financial intermediaries will take away their property in case of failure to repay the loan.

The financial intermediaries do not allow the District Youth Officers to know who has been funded by them or the amount of money involved. The officers are not able to monitor the movement of Government Fund from the financial intermediaries.

The Committee observed that it is a big omission for the District Youth Officer not to know what the financial intermediaries are doing with Government money. That the money was not serving its intended purpose since only the youths who can afford the high interest rate may benefit.

2.0.5 Observations

The Committee observed that;-

- i) The Youth Groups may double register under different names
- ii) Most members of the funded youth groups leave for Nairobi either to go to college or to work and
- iii) Other groups disintegrate as soon as they get the money.
- iv) The Youth Funds should be administered like the Constituency Sub component (C-Yes) and the Easy Yes component as the financial intermediaries are creating a hurdle to the Youth development and empowerment.

2.0.6 Youth Empowerment Center (YEC).

The constituency has received the money for construction of the Youth Empowerment Center. There was a very small piece of land (1/4) an acre and construction has not started.

2.0.7 Youth Polytechnics

There are four Youth Polytechnics namely, Matuu Youth Polytechnic, Kariabeu Youth Polytechnic, Gatangi Youth Polytechnic and Ndarani Youth Polytechnic

All the Youth Polytechnics are registered by the Government and some of them were able to benefit from the Government funding and donation of equipments, Matuu Youth Polytechnic got a funding of Kshs 2,415,000 from the Government in financial year 2008/09 and equipments

worth Kshs 500,000 whereas Kariabeu got equipments worth Kshs 700,000 and a generator from the Constituency Development Fund. All the Youth Polytechnic received the Subsidized Tuition programme.

2.0.8 Kazi Kwa Vijana (KKV)

The Kazi Kwa Vijana was launched in Yatta where a dam and a canal on Thika River was constructed. Four ministries involved the youths under the Kazi kwa Vijana programme namely, the Ministry of water, the Ministry of Roads, the Ministry of Fisheries and the Ministry of Forestry

The Ministry of Forestry gave out Kshs 377,000 and one thousand youths were employed and planted five hundred thousand trees in various places.

Other ministries such as the Ministry of Water employed youths to silt the canal and dams. Six hundred and thirty two youths were employed and Kshs 2,089,000 was used in the water sector to silt the Yatta Canal on Thika River and one thousand one hundred and sixty youths were employed and Kshs 2,700,000 was spent to do reservoir excavation and wall embankment of a dam with a capacity of 165 L Cube. The ministry of fisheries involved the youths in construction of fish ponds.

All the reservoirs have water and the walking distances for the women to fetch water has been reduced.

2.0.9 Observation

The Kazi kwa Vijana program is not continuous and it cannot sustain the youths economically for long period.

2.0.10 Women Enterprise Fund (WEF)

The Yatta Constituency was given Kshs 1,000,000 for the Women Enterprise Fund and the money has been exhausted. Twenty groups were funded using Women Enterprise Fund. Sixteen have fully repaid their loans and only two groups have not started repayment.

Yatta and Masinga Districts have benefitted from Kshs 350,000 grants from the Government in financial year 2008/09. Yatta had eight groups and some of the groups were funded with Kshs 160,000.

The Women are sensitized on record management. In most cases the money they get is to enhance projects that they had started before. The women groups are involved in value addition activities such as basket weaving, dairy cattle rearing, table banking, goats rearing among others.

That just as is the case with the youths, borrowing money from financial intermediaries is a huge challenge because the banks charge a high interest rate of 16%.

2.0.11 Observations

The Committee observed that;-

- i) Some women groups are brief case women groups
- ii) Banking of the Women group money during repayment is a challenge for some women groups, since they don't know how to bank.
- iii) The financial intermediaries may fund only the rich even if the money is meant for the poor.
- iv) The money should be channeled directly to the community just like Constituency Women Enterprise Fund so that it can benefit the intended beneficiaries.

2.0.12 Cash Transfer for the Old People

The District is not among the beneficiaries of the cash transfer programme for the Old Persons.

2.0.13 Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (CT-OVC)

The Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Yatta District is in two locations namely, Kithimani and Matuu. Kithimani location has five hundred and twenty five (525) beneficiaries while Matuu location has four hundred and twenty five (425) beneficiaries bringing the total number of beneficiaries in Yatta District to nine hundred and fifty (950) households.

The number of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Yatta District is increasing daily and is currently about three thousand children.

The selection process of the beneficiaries is an open exercise that cannot be easily manipulated and the members of the society own the whole process as that;-

- i) Targeting starts whereby the chiefs call Barazas and a committee of between seven and fifteen people is formed. The committee is given the authority to go and nominate the deserving households.
- ii) Ranking is done when nomination is complete the list is taken to Nairobi and ranking is done according to the number of children per household.
- iii) Verification is also done when the Forms are brought back from Nairobi and some numerators verify the information in the forms from the locations.
- iv) The forms are taken back to Nairobi and the top most deserving families are picked.

Each household gets Kshs 1,500 per month, the payment is combined for a period of two months so the households get a total of Kshs3,000. The money goes through the post office and the chief announces and gives a duration of two weeks for the beneficiaries to pick their money. Kshs 2,700,000 has been disbursed to the two locations.

The funds have helped children to get uniform, medical services and food. The funds have also helped the households to help the children and they no longer go to the streets.

2.0.14 Charitable Children's Institutions (CCI)

There are two Charitable Children's Institutions in Yatta Constituency namely, Mully Children's Home and Matuu Vision Centre

The Mully Children's home is an international Charitable Children's Institutions registered. It has a capacity of two thousand children, who are picked from the streets. The home has its own school. The home mainly gets assistance from donors and the home is frequently inspected.

The Matuu Vision Centre is not registered by the Government, it is however being inspected for registration. The home houses abused children before they are transferred to other homes.

2.1.0 SITE VISITS

The committee visited the following projects;-

2.1.1 Trees for jobs

Under the programme on the trees for jobs component, trees are planted at the Division Officer's Office compound and around the Yatta Resident Magistrate Court yard. The trees were well tended

2.1.2 Observations

The Committee recommends the trees that are planted under KKV trees for jobs component should be indigenous

2.1.3 Ngalatenge Ndinathina Women Group

Ngalatenge Ndinathina women group benefited from Women Enterprise Fund. The group got Kshs 50,000.00 which they invested in Dairy Farming. They have three cows and one heifer.

The group has fully repaid the money. They intend to expand the project to start rearing dairy goats.

The group members informed the Committee that they have not applied for any loans from the bank because of the high interest charged.

2.1.4 Observation

The Women Group is doing well and should be considered for more funding.

2.1.5 Nyanzani Youth Group

The Youth Group has a tree planting project. The group has thirteen members. They got Kshs50,000 from the Youth Enterprise Development Fund. They used Kshs 25,000 for the tree project and the other Kshs25,000 was loaned to the group members with an interest rate of 15%

payable within six months. They were able to make a profit of Kshs 9,500 out of the money that was loaned out.

The group was trained by the Ministry of Forestry on tree planting and grafting, the same Ministry gave them some seedlings for planting.

The group mainly specializes on mango tree planting and their major market so far has been the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports which buys trees for planting in the trees for jobs under Kazi Kwa Vijana programmes.

Each tree sells for between Kshs15 to 20 and the grafted ones sell for between Kshs40 – 50.

2.1.6 Observations.

- i) The group uses a piece of land owned by one of their group members and hopes to get enough money to buy a plot. Once they get the plot, they will divide it into two, one for demonstration of tree planting and the other for the tree nursery
- ii) The group campaigns for fruit tree planting to improve health and environment.
- iii) The group is partly involved in HIV/AIDS training, poultry farming and fish farming

3.0.0 COURTESY CALL TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER TIGANIA WEST DISTRICT

The Committee was warmly welcomed by the District Commissioner. The committee thanked the DC for bringing together all his officers.

The District Commissioner and the Officers informed the Committee that;-

3.0.1 Youth Enterprise Development Fund

The Constituency got funding of Kshs2 million. Forty four groups made up of nine hundred and thirteen members, with two hundred and forty three ladies benefitted.

A total of Kshs825,000 has been recovered. Nine groups have completely defaulted payment but they are still being persuaded to repay, however among the nine six groups have dissolved.

3.0.2 Challenges

The District is being hampered by;-

- a) High Break up of groups and Low education standards
- b) Poor leadership and Poor entrepreneur culture
- c) Poor attitude towards new way of doing business

- d) Recovery of the loans isn't easy because many of the group members leave for colleges and others have poor book keeping and management.
- e) The Youth are afraid of borrowing from the financial intermediaries because they are told to wait for six months before receiving the loan and the interest is more than 8%. The Youth Officer has raised the issue with the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs and Sports.

3.0.3 Observations.

- i) That the Government should provide funds for training on leadership, group dynamics, entrepreneurship skills and Medium Entrepreneurship.
- ii) Youth SACCOS should be formed and the money should go through the SACCOS instead of coming through the financial intermediaries
- iii) The Departmental Heads and the Officers should be well facilitated to be able to perform their duties efficiently and effectively.

3.0.4 Youth Empowerment Center (YEC)

The project was funded to a tune of Kshs6,541,089 and Kshs5,000,000 has been received so far.

The Youth Empowerment Center tender was awarded to Mutahi Engineering Services and the site of the project was handed over on march 03, 2010, since then the engineer has been at the site and it is expected that there will be 100% completion by the end of the financial year.

3.0.5 Observations.

- i) The allocated land is too small for full implementation of the empowerment center.
- ii) Tedious procurement procedures delayed the start up of the project

3.0.6 Youth Polytechnics

The District has three functional Youth Polytechnics namely, Kianjai, Mituntu and Kithiri Youth Polytechnic.

The Kianjai Youth Polytechnic received tools and equipments worth Kshs500,000. The Polytechnic also benefitted from the Subsidized Youth Polytechnic Tuition of Kshs 2,600,000 in FY 2007/08. The impact of SYPT is that there is increased enrolment.

The Mituntu Polytechnic is having the Twin workshop being one of the oldest Polytechnic in the larger Meru North District. It is in dire need of infrastructural update for tailoring and dress making workshop among other needs. It benefitted from government money of Kshs 5,564,143 and has so far received Kshs4.6 m. The construction of a twin workshop is at slab stage.

The Kithiri Youth Polytechnic received tools and equipments worth Kshs 500,000. The Polytechnic also benefitted from the Subsidized Youth Polytechnic Tuition of Kshs 560,000.

3.0.7 Observations.

- a) The Low salaries for instructors have led to slow down of Subsidized Youth Polytechnic Tuition implementation. 99% of the instructors are employed by the Board of .Governors and are demotivated due to the low salaries.
- a) The instructors should be employed by the Government and should be paid better salaries

3.0.8 Kazi Kwa Vijana

Four departments were given funds to implement the Kazi Kwa Vijana programme in the District for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10. The Ministry of Roads, Ministry of Water, Ministry of Forestry and the Ministry of Planning

In the water sector, four hundred youths were employed in financial year 2009/2010.

The total number of youths who participated are between eight hundred and one thousand, with four hundred participating on the roads sector, four hundred on the water sector and between 20 to 30 in forestry.

In the roads sector, Kshs1,707,000 was used and six hundred and seventy two youths were employed to clear bushes, clean culverts and to make and clean ditches.

The criteria for selection of the youth for Kazi Kwa Vijana work is that the area sub chief, chief and councilors are involved in choosing the youth between 18 to 35 years. They should come within 5sq km perimeter.

3.0.9 Observations.

- i) The Funding is irregular and the youth cannot rely on it.
- ii) Kazi Kwa Vijana should receive funding from one source
- iii) The funding should be regular so that the youths can fully benefit

3.0.10 Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children

The programme is administered from the old Igembe District. Two locations, Miathene and Athwana are under the programme. Miathene has ninety beneficiaries, while Athanwa has one hundred and forty nine beneficiaries.

The children are no longer going to the streets and there is an increase in school enrolment, especially in the two locations under the programme.

3.0.11 Observations.

- i) That Kshs1,500 is not enough and in most cases there is immense need and the money doesn't serve the intended purpose but sinks with the current needs

- ii) The Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children Programme should be delinked from the old Igembe District, to the current new Districts (Tigani East, Tigania West and Igembe), for easier monitoring.
- iii) The programme should be extended to other locations
- iv) The District Youth Officer should ensure that the unregistered children's Homes are registered according to the Government regulations.

3.0.12 Charitable Children's Institutions (CCI)

The District has two Charitable Children's Institutions and not registered by the Government.

They are St. Francis Children's Village which houses boys only. Currently it has three hundred and fifty two boys.

The St. Clares Girls Centre which houses girls only and has three hundred and thirty girls.

3.0.13 Observations.

The Charitable Children's Institutions should have all the facilities as laid down by the government regulations and should be registered.

3.1.0 SITE VISITS

The committee visited the following projects and sites namely;-

3.1.1 Tigania West Youth Empowerment Centre

The Youth Empowerment Center is designed into Y shape. The structure is under construction and will be able to accommodate the ICT Room, Library, Indoor Games, Three Offices, Store for equipments and a VCT that is friendly to the Youth

3.1.2 Observations

The shape may not be achieved as the Constituency Development Fund is yet to release its contributed share of 5million.

3.1.3 Kianjai Youth Polytechnic

The Polytechnic is Government registered and received tools and equipments worth Kshs500,000. Some of the equipments that they were given by the Government were of poor quality especially the wheelbarrows. The polytechnic has enough sewing machines and they donated three of the sewing machines to Mutuntu Youth Polytechnic.

The institution has eleven instructors and three of them have not reported because the salary is so low. They earn an average of Kshs 5,000 per month and Government grant of Kshs2,790. The

instructors who are in the Government payroll have not been paid their salaries since February 2010.

There is better training leading to better performance in the exams and there is a higher students enrolment. The institution has one hundred and fourteen students.

3.1.4 Observations

The Youth Polytechnic instructor's salaries need to be reviewed

3.1.5 Muruta Youth Group

The Muruta Youth Group has twenty members; nine ladies and eleven men. The Youth Group got the Youth Enterprise Development Fund of Kshs 45,700 and a grant from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of Kshs 80,000. They started tree nurseries but the trees were carried away by the floods.

The group ventured into the car wash business, whereby they have bought a pressure machine, a generator for pumping water and a water storage tank. The group has also invested in a stationery shop at Kianjai Shopping Centre.

3.1.6 Observations

The group was doing well using prudent management practices and was competitive in the area.

3.1.7 Mwanika Primary School

Under the trees for jobs Kazi Kwa Vijana programme some trees are planted at Mwanika Primary School. The trees had not been tended to and there was weed growing everywhere impeding the growth of the trees.

The headmaster was prevailed upon to teach the pupils about environment conservation and to have them own the trees so that they can take care of the trees.

3.1.8 Observations.

The Trees for Jobs Kazi Kwa Vijana programme some works the communities should be made to own them in order to take care of them.

4.0.0 COURTESY CALL TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER TIGANIA EAST DISTRICT

The District Commissioner Officer welcomed the committee. The Members expressed their disappointment by the District Officer's unpreparedness to give the committee information. The

Committee was not able to get any briefing at the District Commissioner's office although the two Districts shared most of the Government Public Officers.

4.1.0 SITE VISIT

The committee visited Muthara Youth Polytechnic

4.1.1 Muthara Youth Polytechnic

One thousand trees has been planted at Muthara Youth Polytechnic under trees jobs component of Kazi Kwa Vijana programme.

The trees are well tended.

5.0.0 COURTESY CALL TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER MERU NORTH DISTRICT

The District Commissioner warmly welcomed the Committee. The Committee thanked the DC for his warm welcome and for bringing together all the officers.

The District Commissioner and the Officers informed the Committee that;-

5.0.1. Youth Enterprise Development Fund

The Constituency received Kshs1,020,000. The money was distributed among thirty four youth groups. Most of the youth groups have repaid and a total of Kshs.840,000 has been repaid.

The Committee happily noted that the rate of payment in this Constituency is particularly high and that the youths had benefitted from the YEDF.

5.0.2 Observation.

- i) Some of the youth groups that benefitted from the Youth Enterprise Development Fund are making money to the tune of Kshs1,000,000 per month.
- ii) The Youth group ventured into business and using prudent financial and management skills are doing well.

5.0.3 Youth Empowerment Centre

The Constituency was not given money for the Youth Empowerment Centre. They however have land for the Centre and they are just awaiting allocation of the money so that construction can begin.

5.0.4. Youth Polytechnic

The District has one youth polytechnic the Ciamakiaru Youth Polytechnic. The Polytechnic received tools from the Government. It was also funded up to a tune of Kshs 5,198,888 for building a twin block workshop.

5.0.5 Kazi Kwa Vijana

The programme started last year with three implementing departments; water, forestry and roads.

Forty nine km of roads were repaired and five hundred and seventy six youths were engaged. A total of Kshs 1,735,000 was spent in the exercise. New tanks for water were built and trenches dug. The youths also cleared bushes and replaced old pipe for Magumoni Water Project. Chuka Water Project and Karingani water projects were completed. One hundred and ninety six youths were involved.

The projects in greening of schools and rehabilitation of forests were undertaken. Forest site of 75.5 hectares was planted with trees. Kshs 2,500,000 was spent at Igamba Ng'ombe and Chuka Forest Station and three hundred and thirty youths were engaged.

Also Kshs 2,700,000 was given and Kshs 200,000 was used for the planting of the trees. 20,000 trees were planted at Ndagani, Njuri and Magumoni sites and two hundred and fifteen youths were engaged.

Kazi Kwa Vijana has been a great success in Nithi Constituency because the youth have transferred the manual labour to their farms. It has helped to reduce crime. If expanded and made more continuous, it could help the youth to help themselves. The youth have changed their attitude.

5.0.6 Observations.

- i) The Government may bring in the component of clerical jobs for the graduate youths.
- ii) The Government should establish volunteerism and set aside some funds.

5.0.7 Women Enterprise Fund

That Nithi Constituency received Kshs 1,000,000. The money was given to twenty women groups and each group received Kshs 50,000.

Out of the twenty groups, seventeen groups have fully repaid their loans. Two groups received their cheques late and one group has a problem with repayment, however a follow up of the group is being done and Kshs 912,190 has been repaid.

The District received Kshs 500,000 in form of grants which benefitted fifteen women groups in FY 2008/09 while Kshs 338,000 in FY 2009/10 which benefitted ten women groups.

5.0.8 Charitable Children's Institutions (CCI)

The Constituency has only one Charitable Children's Institution, the Kenya Connection Ministries International Children's Home. The home is registered by the Government. The home houses seventeen orphaned children and the church and the local community assists it.

5.0.9 Micro and Small Enterprise Development

The Micro and Small Enterprise Development sector which is under the Ministry of Labour has given funds for construction of Jua Kali sheds. Nithi Constituency has two locations for the Jua Kali sheds at Maara District, Chogoria Jua Kali Sheds and Meru South, Chuka Jua Kali Sheds. The construction of the sheds is still ongoing.

5.0.10 Observations.

- i) Lack of personnel as one officer is serving five districts.
- ii) Lack of facilitation and lack of office space, computers, telephone facilities and transport facilities.

5.1.0 SITE VISITS.

The committee visited the following programme and project namely.

5.1.1 Charitable Children Institution (CCI)

The Kenya connectional Ministries International Children's Home was registered in 2003 by the Government. It is established at Rukindu in Chuka Division. The home houses seventeen orphaned children and is being supported by the church and the local community.

5.1.2 Observations

- i) The home has very high standards of hygiene.
- ii) All the children of school going age have been enrolled in the neighboring primary schools.

5.1.3 Kazi Kwa Vijana.

Under the tree for jobs Kazi Kwa Vijana component, 4,500 trees have been planted at Ndagani Secondary School. The trees are doing well.

6.0.0 COURTESY CALL TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER KILIFI DISTRICT

The Committee Officer on behalf of the District Commissioner welcomed the committee to Kilifi District.

The District Officer one informed the committee that some of the programmes being undertaken in the District include; the Kazi Kwa Vijana programme, rehabilitation of youth polytechnics, offering HIV and AIDS counseling, inculcating entrepreneurial skills to the youth and women groups, offering loans to youth groups through the Youth Enterprise Development Fund and the dissemination of the Ministry of Youth and Sports agenda through clinics (workshops and seminars).

6.0.1 Youth Enterprise Development Fund

The Ministry of Youth and Sports availed money to the district which was disbursed to 65 youth groups. However, efforts to recover most of the money have come to naught.

The amount of money loaned to youth groups from the small and micro-enterprise funds through the Kenya Women Finance Trust (KWFT) and Equity Bank is not known since the data is not availed to the Youth officer.

6.0.2 Youth Sports

The youth in the district were involved in various sporting activities in the district, for example, the "*Soka Mashinani*" tournaments.

6.0.3 Kazi Kwa Vijana

Kilifi District received Kshs4 million from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for various projects in the District. The disbursement was carried out in phases. The recruitment for the youths was done across six wards. The Funds are being used for solid waste management, trees for jobs, street clinics, beach clinics and disilting of culverts. The youth are paid Kshs250 per day.

The youth have to be between 18 years to 35 years to be recruited for the KKV Programme.

The Kazi Kwa Vijana programme is quite effective and had been appreciated. However, the funds are not enough to absorb all the youth in the district. There was a need to increase the funding.

6.0.4 Women Enterprise Fund

The Women Funds Micro-Finance Institutions that finance the women groups are not willing to give their data to government district officer in most cases. The money may be stuck in the banks without reaching the intended targeted groups.

6.0.5 Cash Transfer for Old People

The cash transfer programme for Old Persons was operational in six districts of coast province. The old districts namely, Kwale, Mombasa, Taita Taveta, Malindi, Tana River and Kilifi are used. The old persons were paid Kshs1, 500 per month. 750 persons are targeted..

The selection criteria is based on the poverty index provided by the Kenya Bureau of Statistics. The district statistics officer came up with indices which are used to identify areas to be piloted so as to benefit from the social protection programme.

Kilifi District which covers Bahari, Bamba, Chonyi, Kaloleni, Kikambala, Vitengeni and Ganze are adjudged to be below the poverty line as follows:-

<u>District</u>		<u>Percentage</u>
Bahari	-	71
Bamba	-	83
Chonyi	-	66
Ganze	-	81
Kaloleni	-	73
Kikambala	-	55
Vitengeni	-	84

The four poorest locations; Vitengeni, Bamba, Ganze and Kaloleni were identified for the social protection programme.

The Locational committees headed by chiefs are put in place to identify legible people. From September 2009 about Kshs 2.7 million had been paid out. An individual could exit the programme if their social and economic condition improved or if they migrated from one location to another. The money should be spread out to the new districts.

6.0.6 Persons with Disabilities

The persons with disabilities have however, not been very well catered for at the district level. Since the passage of the Persons with Disabilities Act, the National Council for Persons with Disabilities Board was expected to be in place in order to control the National Disabilities Fund.

Persons with disabilities can also access funds to engage in small enterprises through the Association for the Physically Disabled (APDK) and other organizations for the disabled. However, there is a vocational rehabilitation centre in Mwatate that offers market driven courses for the disabled; masonry, tailoring, woodworking *et cetera*. There is need for the Government to hire diploma level teachers as instructors in these institutions.

6.0.7 Kilifi Prisons

The Kilifi Prison was funded with Kshs2,000,000. Part of this money was used in the prison to enhance the perimeter chain fencing, kitchen renovation, renovation of officers' houses and provision of a submersive pump. The project was carried out in two phases between 2008 and 2009.

6.1.0 SITE VISIT.

The committee visited Kilifi Prison

6.1.1 Visit to Kilifi Prison

The Kilifi Prison has a capacity of 150 inmates, but had 409 inmates, 190 convicted and serving sentences and 210 remandees with cases pending in courts

The various prisoners' pleas are that the courts should fast-track their cases to relieve congestion in the prisons. That ninety percent of the convicts are youths between 20 to 25 years. The prison is congested.

The prison provided for a clinical officer every Wednesday and there was no pandemic. The prison precincts and the hygiene conditions was good than many others country wide.

The housing for prisons warders were moderate while warders stay in mud houses.

6.1.2 Observations.

Convicts serving three years and below should be subjected to the Community Service Order rather than congesting the prisons.

7.0.0 COURTESY CALL TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER GANZE DISTRICT

The District Officer one welcomed the Committee to the new district.

The District Officer informed the committee that;-

According to the 1999 census the population of Ganze was 148,000 people. The major economic activity of the area is livestock farming with a blend of some agriculture. However, generally, the community is very poor.

The Gender imbalance as a result of cultural values played a big role in the slow development of the area. However, the few primary and secondary schools have been boasted by CDF funds. There is only one youth polytechnic which has enrolled 96 students. There are 102 primary schools with about 45, 000 pupils and 20 secondary schools with about 9,500 enrolled students.

The girl child has been neglected. There is a high level of early pregnancies and marriages in the district. High intake of local brews like *mnazi* and *matingas* has also affected the economic growth of the area.

The Kazi Kwa Vijana has brought some change in the living standards of the people. They were mainly engaged in trees for jobs.

7.1.0 SITE VISIT

The committee visited some projects and programmes namely;-

7.1.1 Kazi Kwa Vijana

At Bandani Primary School Kazi Kwa Vijana trees for jobs four hundred and fifty trees were planted and were doing well.

7.1.2 Observation

The trees were in need of water due to the hot weather.

7.1.3 Cash Transfer Programme for the old Persons

At Mitangani Location about Kshs4.5 million was disbursed to the very needy elderly persons in the district. Most of the beneficiaries of the Cash Transfer Programme for the old Person are at Mitangani Location. The beneficiaries are happy with the programme.

7.1.4 Observation.

- i) The programme has really assisted them to pay fees, purchase land, pay debts, buy food and even buy some goats.
- ii) The programme should bring on board more people in the area.

8.0.0 COURTESY CALL TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER CHANGAMWE DISTRICT

The District Commissioner informed the Committee that Changamwe District is about 54.4 square kilometers with a population of about 300,000 people. By day, it increases to 400,000 because of working population. It is the main industrial centre of the Coast Province. It is the home for the airport, oil refinery, part of the Kenya Ports Authority, the Export Processing Zone and other major industries. It is generally an urban/rural district.

The academic standard in the district is very poor. There is high intake of drugs mainly *bang*.

8.0.1 Youth Enterprise Development Fund

The Youth Enterprise Development Fund recorded low repayment rate because the timing was poor; it was an electioneering period. The assumption was that the money was meant for elections. There was also no proper record keeping of the beneficiaries.

8.0.2 Kazi Kwa Vijana

The District Management Committee identifies the beneficiaries of the Kazi Kwa Vijana Programme. The Kazi Kwa Vijana programme Trees for Jobs component is not sustainable as it cannot absorb many youths.

8.0.3 Women Enterprise Fund

The Women Enterprise Development Fund recorded high success rate. The repayment rate is good. Some other groups have finished and applied for the 2nd loan. However, women prefer funds disbursed at constituency level.

The financial intermediaries targets women who are already in business. They are lent money at 8 per cent interest rate. However, it was reiterated that the women groups would prefer the loans to be disbursed at the constituency level rather than the banks.

The district officers have no personnel to make a follow-up of the funds disbursed by banks and other microfinance agencies. Besides, they have not laid down proper guidelines for follow up..

The women are more cohesive and committed than the youth and find value in even little amounts besides having responsibilities.

8.0.4 Cash Transfer for Old Persons

There are 720 beneficiaries from the Cash Transfer for Old Persons in Changamwe District; Miritini 165, Likoni and Shika Adabu, 305 persons; Island, Majengo and Old Town 150 and Kisauni and Bamburi 165 persons.

8.0.5 Charitable Children Institutions (CCI)

The larger Mombasa is a cosmopolitan city. The Likoni Rehabilitation Centre and the Likoni Remand deal with children's issues in Mombasa. Presently, there are 30 children at the remand. The number of orphans is on the increase and the Children rehabilitation centres are not enough.

About sixty (60) Charitable Children Homes have been registered alongside many others which have not been registered. The homes are started by the locals in order to lure tourists and donors. However, they do not meet the conditions for setting up a home. They are supposed to be registered, with three years audited accounts and a dormitory. Most of them however, would like to operate from small houses or homes.

There are only seven registered children homes five in Changamwe and two in Port Reitz. There are so many street children in Mombasa as Mombasa caters for many neighboring districts. They are lured to Mombasa by tourists. There have been reported cases of human trafficking in young girls and this has been enhanced by long distance truck drivers.

Society values also allow high rate of defilement. Among the Mijikenda, it is a taboo to talk about incest and in many cases they go unreported. Witnesses do not come out when these cases arise.

Tourists have also aggravated the situation as the Ugandans, Mozambicans and Congolese also deal in human trafficking under guise of setting up children homes.

8.0.6 Observations.

- i) The Government should post more Children officers and personnel to the District in order to deal with the rising cases and issues on children.
- ii) The Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children should be scaled up to cater for more children so as to reduce emergence of Illegal Charitable Children Institutions.

8.1.0 SITE VISITS

The committee visited some projects and programme namely;-

8.1.1 Mwangaza Women Group.

The Mwangaza Women Group received Kshs5 0,000 which they used to complete a rental house that they had started constructing. To date, it earns them Kshs7,000 per month.

Their repayment rate is good and they were looking forward to a bigger loan.

8.1.2 Umoja Women Group.

The group is engaged in selling water to the residents and providing tents and chairs during functions.

The group aims is to increase their assets for hire to meet the rising demand.

8.0.3 Youth Enterprise Development Fund.

The Alliance youth group have put up a hall which they let out for meetings and even church services. They have also installed a DSTV to show movies and soccer matches to the youth in the area at a fee. The management committee has the rules and regulations.

The youth group is focused and a success that has benefited from the Youth Enterprise Development Fund.

8.0.4 Kazi Kwa Vijana

Under the Kazi Kwa Vijana programme trees for some three hundred mangrove tree has been planted at the mangrove swamps.

8.0.5 Observation.

More mangrove trees should be planted at the swamp.

9.0.0 COURTESY CALL TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER KISAUNI DISTRICT

The District Commissioner welcomed the committee, The District Commissioner and the departmental heads informed the Committee that;-

The new Kisauni District had very new officers. It is nearly 170 square kilometers square with a population of about 200,000 people.

9.0.1 Youth Enterprise Development Fund

The youth in the area received Youth Enterprise Development Fund. However, recovery has been poor as a result of poor timing, just when the post-election violence erupted.

It has been hard to quantify how much money has been disbursed from other financial intermediaries like Equity Bank, Family Finance, Kenya Women Finance Trust, First Community Bank and the Kenya Industrial Estate to finance various groups and individuals. The data was not being availed to by the financial intermediaries.

9.0.2 Observations.

The Kazi Kwa Vijana, Youth Enterprise Development Fund and Women Enterprise Development Fund may be increased since the cost of doing business and the number of the needy persons had also increased.

9.0.3 Youth Polytechnics

There is one youth polytechnic in the district with an enrolment of about 100 youths, engaged in various hands-on courses.

The Youth Polytechnics have not benefited from the Subsidized Youth Polytechnic Tuition.

9.0.4 Kazi Kwa Vijana

Kshs2.7 million was released to the district for the Kazi Kwa Vijana Programme. They are in the process of getting trees seedlings for the trees for jobs component.

9.1.0 SITE VISIT

The committee visited a project;-

9.1.1 Tunaweza Disabled Women Group

The Tunaweza Disabled Women Group in Ziwa la Ng'ombe area are engaged in dress making and farming.

Their repayment of loans is up to date despite various handicaps. They sought assistance to have the Kenya Bureau of Standards certification for their goods so that they could be competitive.

The proposal for further assistance on funding was being written.

9.1.2 Observation.

The Disabled Women Group has really tried in to do competitive business and should be considered for the Disabled Fund

10.0.0 COURTESY CALL TO MVITA DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The District Commissioner and The Hon Najib Balala M.P. Minister for Tourism welcomed the Committee to the District.

The District Commissioner informed the committee that the Mombasa Island stretches over a distance of (fourteen) 14 kilometers with a population of two hundred and ten (210) people. The whole district is urban.

The town experiences lack of piped water and use boreholes there is poor sewerage and congestion. The town relies on tourism as its main economic activity.

The town is also faced with HIV/AIDS pandemic, orphans and a good number of disabled persons. Food is available in Mombasa, though the purchasing power is low.

Drugs are prevalent in the district and hard substance use targeting the youth. This has affected labour, schooling and family units

10.0.1 Youth Enterprise Development Fund

Thirty three youth groups received Youth Enterprise Development Funds. Lack of training and disintegration of the youth groups, most cannot youth groups cannot be traced in order to repay.

The chiefs were also not involved in identification of the groups and during disbursement. The youth give wrong information.

10.0.2 Youth Polytechnic

There is only one youth polytechnic with one hundred and fifty (150) students. There is no proper Youth Empowerment Centre.

10.1.0 SITE VISIT

10.1.1 Cash Transfer for Old Persons. (Fort Jesus Hall)

The first tranche of the Cash Transfer Fund was seventy five Old Persons who had benefitted from the Fund and had received the funds for three months.

10.1.2 Observations

They were very grateful to the Government for the money and now they were able to buy medicine and some daily basic necessities.

11.0.0 COURTESY CALL TO THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER, WESTERN PROVINCE

The Provincial Commissioner gave a brief of the Province while the District Commissioner gave the District Brief.

The committee was informed that, that this year Budalangi has not experienced any floods because of the river training and strengthening of the dykes was done before the rains started. The Ministry of State for Special Programmes had given out six boats, but they do not have any engines. That apart from the boats two thousand life jackets was also given. The provincial

administration had identified higher grounds and the early warning system. The Red Cross Society of Kenya had been very effective in the Province.

12.0.0 COURTESY CALL TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER BUNGOMA NORTH DISTRICT

The District Commissioner welcomed the committee.

The District Commissioner and the officers informed the committee that Bungoma North had its share of Kazi Kwa Vijana and much was used to rehabilitate the dams which also helps in food control at Budalangi. A hydrometer was stationed there to assist in data collection due to flooding.

SITE VISIT

The committee visited the following projects;

12.0.1 Kazi Kwa Vijana, Kimilili Constituency,

Under the Kazi Kwa Vijana programme the bushes near and adjacent to the Frank Dam were cleared and the dam silted by the youth.

13.0.0 COURTESY CALL TO BUNGOMA DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The District Commissioner welcomed the committee to the District.

The District Commissioner and the officers informed the committee that:-

13.0.1 Youth Polytechnic

There is only one youth polytechnic in the District, the Chebukwabi Youth Polytechnic. The polytechnic was funded with Kshv5,459,319 to build a twin block workshop and Kshs 4,000,000 has been released and the project is almost complete.

13.0.2 Kazi Kwa Vijana

Under the the Trees for jobs component, Kshs2,793,000 was allocated for purchasing of seedlings, planting and nurturing. Twenty thousand seedlings were planted in sites that were selected by the District Management Committee. Two hundred youths were engaged and so far Kshs 1,755,000 has been used.

13.0.3 Matiri Dam

The allocation was Kshs 2,000,000 and Kshs1,946,065 has been spent in clearing of bushes and shrubs, construction of a pit latrine near the dam, desilting the dam to restore the original capacity, embankment, repair of spill way, protection of the water spring and rehabilitation of the environment by planting trees and fencing of the dam boundary.

A total of one thousand one hundred and six youths were employed and each was paid Ksh205 and Kshs305 for the supervisor

The project faced some challenges such as boundary contention with the public, but the surveyor outlined the true boundaries and there is a case in court on the same.

Fish ponds have been constructed around the dam to help the Public earn a living out of the dam.

13.1.0 SITE VISIT

The committee visited some programmes and projects;-

13.1.1 Chebukwabi Youth Polytechnic

The Chebukwabi Youth Polytechnic workshop construction was successfully ongoing. The Polytechnic had also benefited from the Youth Polytechnic Subsidized Tuition of Kshs85,000 in FY 2008/09 and Kshs1,108,900 in FY 2009/10. The Polytechnic has three Government paid instructors and has seven employed by the Board of Management.

13.1.2 Observation

The Youth Polytechnic construction work was standard and about eighty percent complete.

13.1.3. Kazi Kwa Vijana

Under the Kazi Kwa Vijana programme trees for jobs one thousand trees had been planted around the Anthony Matili Primary School compound.

13.1.4 Observation

The trees were well tended to and protected.

14.0.0 COURTESY CALL TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER BUNGOMA EAST DISTRICT.

The District Officer one on behalf of the District Commissioner welcomed the committee.

The District Officer informed the committee that they may not be able to see any projects due to the late hour; The Block Making Youth Machine project was successful as the demand for the building blocks was very high. That even the CDF engaged the youth in business however competition may arise as the CDF is buying block making machines to give more youths.

Under the Kazi Kwa Vijana trees for jobs component over 400 trees have been planted and the District management Committee decides where the tree should be planted.

The committee was unable to visit any project

15.0.0 COURTESY CALL TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER BUSIA DISTRICT.

The District Commissioner welcomed the committee.

The District Commissioner and the other Departmental heads informed the committee that;-

15.0.1 Youth Enterprise Development Fund (YEDF)

That Nambale Constituency has forty groups and they were funded with Kshs 2,000,000. So far only Kshs200,016 has been recovered. Most of the youth groups have defaulted payment and the District Youth Officer has turned to using the provincial administration to help them in recovering the money.

15.0.2 Observations.

- i) In western Kenya there are so many grants which the youth don't pay back.
- ii) The Government should harmonize the funds so as not to confuse the people, because in Western Kenya there so many funds and most of them are grants.

15.0.3 Kazi Kwa Vijana

The Kazi Kwa Vijana Component was in Water, Forestry, Roads, Youth Affairs and the Municipal Council of Busia.

15.0.4 Cash Transfer for Older Persons

That Busia district has one thousand two hundred beneficiaries of the Cash Transfer for Older Persons programme.

The money is given through the District Development Officer's office.

15.0.5 Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children.

The Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children programme is in Butula, Bujumba and Malachi areas. The programme was scaled from sixty three to seven hundred beneficiaries in Bujumba. In Malachi there are one thousand two hundred households.

The total beneficiaries are four thousand six hundred and sixty six.

15.1.0 SITE VISIT.

The committee visited some programmes and projects;-

15.1.1 Fish project, Funyula Constituency

The Funyula youth group has four fish ponds each with one thousand fish. The fish is almost due for harvest and the group expects that there will be a good market for the fish.

15.1.2 Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children.

A family consisting of a grandmother with six orphaned grand children is benefitted from the programme since its inception in 2006. The money the family gets, have been able to build a better house, all the children are in school and are fed.

15.1.3 Observation.

The Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children has really helped the family as it was able to feed, clothe and even buy a cow for milk purpose.

16.0.0 COURTESY CALL TO BUNYALA DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, BUNYALA.

The District Commissioner welcomed the committee.

The District Commissioner and the other Departmental heads informed the committee that

16.0.1 Youth Enterprise Development Fund

The Constituency received Kshs 2,000,000 and they gave the money to forty youth groups. The money was not properly invested by the youths. The recovery rate is very poor, only Kshs150,000 has been recovered.

16.0.2 Youth Empowerment Centre

The District benefited with Kshs 6,880,000 from the Government for construction of the Youth Empowerment Centre. Kshs 6,500,000 have been spent on construction.

16.0.3 Youth Polytechnic

The Busagwa Youth Polytechnic is only one youth polytechnic in the district. The polytechnic has forty eight students. It has benefited with the Youth Polytechnic Subsidized Tuition of Kshs 720,000 in FY 2008/09 and Kshs220,000 in 2009/10. They received equipments worth Kshs 500,000.

16.0.4 Kazi Kwa Vijana

The District was among the first districts to pilot the Kazi Kwa Vijana programme. The District received Kshs 3,847,000 for trees for jobs and employed five hundred youths. The programme concentrated on trees for jobs component and 70% of the trees have survived.

16.0.5 Cash Transfer – Orphaned and Vulnerable Children

The programme is still being handled by the District Children’s Officer Busia District. There is Child labour because of the activities of Lake Victoria and the Rice Schemes. Child neglect and abandonment and Teenage pregnancies are common.

16.0.6 Charitable Children Institutions (CCI)

The District doesn’t have any Charitable Children Institutions, however there is a donor who is willing to put up a multimillion one but have not presented any proposal to the Government.

The Committee was informed that the District has very many orphans as a result of HIV/AIDS. The District Officer is working with the NGO’s such as World Vision and CBO’s.

17.0.0 SITE VISIT

The committee visited the following projects and programmes;-

17.0.1 Bunyala Youth Empowerment Centre

The construction is complete. The Building works are sub standard and poorly done. There was no proper supervision by the engineer in charge from the Ministry of Public Works.

17.0.2 Observations.

The Building workmanship was very poor that the amount stated to complete it was in doubt. An audit of the project should be done.

17.0.3 Bulala Radio Station

The station is playing a very vital role for the society, sensitizing the local residents of any impending danger for the floods and other community programmes for development.

17.0.4 Kazi Kwa Vijana

Under the Kazi Kwa Vijana programme trees for jobs component one thousand trees were planted at the Raphael Wanjala Secondary School around the school compound. The trees are well tended to.

30.0 The Disaster Management Centre

The construction of the Disaster Management Centre which is funded by the World Bank through the Ministry of State for Special Programmes the land on it was bought by Constituency Development Fund.

When complete the Centre will have one multipurpose hall which will be used for training and logistics and two dormitories and a store.

30.1 Observation.

The Disaster Management Centre was crucial as is the haven for the people to be evacuated to during the floods.

31.0.0 GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Based on the evidence and information availed the committee observed that;-

- i. That the Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children has helped the families as the children no longer go to the streets and they are in school.
- ii. In Nithi Constituency, the youth have benefitted from Youth Enterprise Development Fund and Kazi Kwa Vijana. They have transferred the manual skills to their farms and some groups are making about Kshs 1,000,000 every month in business.
- iii. The money that goes through the financial intermediaries does not reach the intended beneficiaries.
- iv. Women groups are better at repaying the Women Enterprise Fund than the youth when it comes to the repayment of Youth Enterprise Development Fund.
- v. The groups that stuck together, both women and men are able to repay their loans and their projects are doing very well.
- vi. That Kazi Kwa Vijana Programme should be sustained by the Government.
- vii. Some ministry officers are handling more than one district thus hampering their effectiveness and efficiency.
- viii. All the groups need training on book keeping and modern management skills
- ix. Some Youth Empowerment Centers construction works are sub standard yet they have been inspected by the relevant engineers

32.0.0 GENERAL CHALLENGES

- i. Some Youth Groups disintegrate as soon as they get the money that a follow up for repayment purposes is not easy
- ii. Poor leadership in the youth groups and poor entrepreneur culture among the youth due to the poor attitude towards new ways of doing business
- iii. Recovery of the loans isn't easy because many of the group members leave for colleges.

- iv. The Youth are afraid of borrowing from the financial intermediaries as the interest rate is more than 8%.
- v. The Low salaries for youth polytechnic instructors have led to a slow down of Subsidized Youth Polytechnic Tuition implementation. 99% of the instructors are employed by the Board of Governors and are demotivated due to the low salaries.
- vi. In some cases the Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children of Ksh 1,500 is not enough there is an immense need and the money sometimes doesn't serve the intended purpose but sinks with the current basic needs
- vii. Some ministry officers lack office space, computers and telephone facilities, transport facilities while others are serving more than three districts with no support staff.

33.0.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee Recommends that;-

- i. **Government Funds should be channeled through the financial intermediaries but through the constituencies as in C-Yes, Easy Yes and W.E.F. to serve the intended beneficiaries.**
- ii. **The Government should expand the Social Protection Programme for more Orphans and Vulnerable Children and the Old Persons.**
- iii. **The Government shall employ the Youth Polytechnic instructors and those in service should be paid better salaries.**
- iv. **The ministry's district officers should be well facilitated so that they can perform their duties effectively.**
- v. **The government should come up with more ways to sustain the Kazi Kwa Vijana programme. Also there should be a component of clerical jobs to cater for the youth graduates and volunteerism.**
- vi. **The Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children programme for Tigania West district should be delinked from the old Igembe district to Tigania West district.**
- vii. **The District Children's Officers should ensure that the unregistered children's Homes are registered according to the Government regulations.**
- viii. **The youth officers should ensure indigenous trees are planted in the tree for jobs programme.**
- ix. **The Government should provide funds for training the youth on leadership, group dynamics, entrepreneurship skills and Medium Entrepreneurship.**
- x. **The Kazi Kwa Vijana programmes and projects Funds should be well documented and tabulated as released and utilized by different ministries and audited.**

Appendix Minutes

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 14, 2010 AT THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE YATTA 11.00 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. – **Chairperson**
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P.
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – Vice Chairperson
The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE

The Hon Charles Kilonzo MP.(Area MP.)

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant
Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant
Mr Okal – searjeant at Arms.

MIN 44/2010 COURTSEY CALL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE YATTA

The Chairperson thanked the Hon Charles Kilonzo area MP for accompanying the Committee to a tour of his Constituency.

The Chairperson gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198. She also informed the officers that the committee was basically on a fact finding and seeking to ascertain whether the funds allocated for the various Ministries under the committee mandate were reaching at the grassroots level and whether are used for the purpose so envisaged.

That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved.

Mr. Jackson Mogaka - District Commissioner,
Ms. Pauline Gichovi - District Gender and Social Development Officer,
Mr. Japhet Waweru - District Water Officer,
Ms. May Karongo - District Youth Officer,
Mr. Abdi Osman - Asst. Director, Youth Development and
Mr. Robert N. Njeru - PRO's Office, Nairobi.

Informed the committee that;-

i. Youth Enterprise Development Fund

The constituency had exhausted the Kshs2,000,000 that was set aside for the YEDF. Forty groups were funded and each of the groups got Kshs50,000 under the C - YES component. The groups that remained together after their formation had been able to repay their loans and the members have applied for Easy Yes component of the loan.

The Committee was also informed that the youth in Yatta Constituency had shied away from the financial intermediaries for lending money. That they gave at higher interest rate of 16%. And were afraid that the financial intermediaries would take away their property in case of failure to repay the loan.

Further the Committee learnt that the financial intermediaries did not allow the District Youth Officers to know who has been funded by them or the amount of money involved, and the officers were not able to monitor the movement of Government money from the financial intermediaries.

The Committee noted that the District Youth Officer could not access the financial intermediaries hence did not know what the institutions were doing with Government money and whether the finances were serving the intended purpose.

ii. Youth Empowerment Center

The Committee learnt that the constituency received the money for construction of the Youth Empowerment Center however they had a very small piece of land quarter acre and had not started construction. There were four Youth Polytechnics in Yatta i.e Matuu Youth Polytechnic, Kariabeu Youth Polytechnic, Gatangi Youth Polytechnic and Ndarani Youth Polytechnic. All the Youth Polytechnics are registered and some of them were able to benefit from the Government funding and donation of equipments

iii. Kazi Kwa Vijana (KKV)

KKV was launched in Yatta where a dam and canal on Thika River were constructed and four ministries involved the youths under the KKV programme. The ministries were; the Ministry of water, the Ministry of Roads, the Ministry of Fisheries and the Ministry of Forestry.

The Ministry of Forestry used Kshs377,000 and one thousand youths were employed and they planted five hundred thousand trees in various places. The Ministry of Water used Kshs 2,089,000 and employed six hundred and thirty two youths to silt the canal and dams. Another one thousand one hundred and sixty youths were employed and Kshs2,700,000 was used to on River Thika and did reservoir excavation and wall embankment of a dam with a capacity of 165 L Cube. The ministry of fisheries involved the youths in construction of fish ponds.

The impact of the work is that all reservoirs had water and the walking distances for the women to fetch water had been reduced.

iv. Women Enterprise Fund

The Committee was also informed that Yatta Constituency was given Kshs1,000,000 and the money has been exhausted. Twenty groups were funded using WEF and out of the twenty, sixteen had fully repaid their loans and only two groups had not started the repayment. Yatta and Masinga Districts benefitted from some grants of Kshs350,000 from the Government. Yatta constituency had eight groups and some of the groups were funded with Kshs160,000. In most cases the money that they got was to enhance ongoing projects they had been running. Such as basket weaving, dairy cattle rearing, table banking, and goats rearing among others. The women groups are involved in value addition activities.

The Committee was informed that one of the financial intermediaries Kenya Women Trust Fund was not willing to offer information on the groups which it had loaned money.

The District was not among the beneficiaries of the cash transfer programme for the old people.

v. Cash Transfer for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children

The Committee was informed that the Cash Transfer for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children was in two locations in Yatta District; Kithimani location had 525 beneficiaries while Matuu location had 425 with 950 households.

The Committee was informed that the number of OVC in Yatta District was increasing daily and was about three thousand children.

The Committee was informed that the selection process was an open exercise that could not be easily manipulated and the members of the society own the whole process. The process was as under;

1. Nominating a household.

The chiefs call barazas and a committee of between seven and fifteen people is formed. The committee is given the authority to go and nominate the deserving households. When nomination is complete the list is taken to Nairobi and ranking is done according to the number of children per household.

2. Ranking

The filled forms are taken and numeration is done to verify the information in the forms from the locations. The forms are taken back to Nairobi and the top most deserving families are picked.

The household gets Kshs1,500 per month but the payment is combined for a period of two months and so the households get a total of Kshs3,000. The money goes through the post office and the chief announces and gives a duration of two weeks for the beneficiaries to pick their money.

The funds have helped children to get uniform, medical services and food. The funds have also helped the households to help the children and they no longer go to the streets.

vi **Charitable Children's' Institutions**

The Committee was informed that there were two Charitable Children's' Institutions in Yatta Constituency, Mully Children's Home and Matuu Vision Centre. The Mully Children's home is an international Charitable Children's Institution registered with a capacity of two thousand children, who are picked from the streets. The home has its own school. The home mainly gets assistance from donors. The Matuu Vision Centre is not registered by the Government, its however being inspected for registration. The home houses abused children before they are transferred to other homes.

MIN 45/2010 SITE VISITS

Kazi Kwa Vijana.

The Committee was informed that Under the Kazi Kwa Vijana programme trees for jobs component, trees were planted at the Division Officer's Office compound and around the Yatta Resident Magistrate Court yard.

Ngalatenge Ndinathina Women Group

The Committee was informed that Ngalatenge Ndinathina women group benefited from Women Enterprise Fund. The group got Kshs 50,000.00 which they invested in Dairy Farming and currently had three cows and one heifer. The group had fully repaid the money and they intend to start raring dairy goats. The group have not applied for any loans from the bank because of the high interest rate charged.

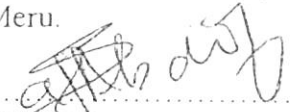
Nyanzani Youth Group

The Committee was informed that the youth group had a tree planting project and had received Kshs50,000 from the Youth Enterprise Development Fund. They used Kshs25,000 for the tree project and the other Kshs25,000 was loaned to the group members with an interest rate of 15% payable within six months.

They were able to make a profit of Kshs9,500 out of the money that was loaned out. The group was trained by the Ministry of Forestry on tree planting and grafting and were given some seedlings for planting. The group specialized on mango tree planting and their major market was the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports which buys trees for planting in programme trees for jobs under KKV programmes.

MIN 46/2010 ADJOURNMENT

And the time being Thirty minutes past five O'clock the Chairperson adjourned the meeting until Meru.

Signature.......... Date.....
Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON FRIDAY MAY 15, 2010 AT THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE TIGANIA WEST 10.00 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, MP. – **Chairperson**
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P.
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – **Vice Chairperson**
The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P.

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY-

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant
Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant
Mr Okal – searjeant at Arms.

MIN 47/2010 COURTSEY CALL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE TIGANIA WEST.

The Chairperson gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198.

She also informed the officers that the committee was basically on a fact finding and seeking to ascertain whether the funds allocated for the various Ministries under the committee mandate were reaching at the grassroots level and whether are used for the purpose so envisaged. That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved

Mr J.R. Ole Kikua District Commissioner Tigania West accompanied by;-
Mr Franklin. Mbaya - District Youth Officer
Mr J. Njenga - District Children Officer
Mr Peter Chaban - District Development Officer
Mr. Abdi Osman - Asst. Director, Youth Development and
Mr. Robert N. Njeru - PRO's Office, Nairobi
Informed the committee that;-

Youth Enterprise Development Fund

The Constituency received Kshs two million and Forty four groups made of nine hundred and thirteen members, with two hundred and forty three ladies benefitted. Kshs

825,000 had been recovered while nine groups defaulted payment but they are still being persuaded to repay and some groups have dissolved due to lack of transport for the District Youth Officer, high Break up of groups, low education standards, poor leadership and poor entrepreneur culture. Recovery of the loans isn't easy because many of the group members leave for colleges and others have poor book keeping and management.

The Youth are afraid of borrowing from the financial intermediaries because they are told to wait for six months before receiving the loan and the interest is more than 8%.

The committee was informed that the Government should provide funds for training on leadership, group dynamics, entrepreneurship skills and Medium Entrepreneurship. Youth saccoes should be formed and the money should go through the saccoes instead of coming through the financial intermediaries.

Youth Empowerment Center

The project was funded to a tune of Kshs6,541,089 and Kshs5,000,000 had been received. The tender was awarded to Mutahi Engineering Services and the site of the project was handed over on march 03, 2010, and the engineer had been on site and it is expected to be completed by the end of the financial year.

Youth Polytechnics

The District had three Youth Polytechnics i.e Kianjai Youth Polytechnic, Mituntu Youth Polytechnic and Kithiri Youth Polytechnic

Kianjai Youth Polytechnic received tools and equipments and also benefitted from the Subsidized Youth Polytechnic Tuition

Twin workshop

The Polytechnic being the oldest Polytechnic in the larger Meru North District is in dire need of infrastructural update for tailoring and dress making workshop among other needs. The construction of a twin workshop is at slab level.

Mituntu Youth Polytechnic

The Polytechnic received tools and equipments worth and also benefitted from the Subsidized Youth Polytechnic

The low salaries for instructors have led to slow down of SYPT implementation. 99% of the instructors are employed by the B.O.G and are demotivated due to the low salaries.

Kazi Kwa Vijana

There are only four departments that have been given funds to implement KKV programme in the District. These were; Ministry of Roads, Ministry of Water, Ministry of Forestry and Ministry of Planning, four hundred youths were employed under KKV. Four hundred participated on the roads sector and four hundred on the water sector and thirty in forestry. In the roads sector, six hundred and seventy two youths were employed to clear bushes, clean culverts and to make and clean ditches.

Cash Transfer for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children

This programme in the district is administered from the old Igembe District. Two locations; Miathene and Athwana were under the programme. Miathene had ninety beneficiaries, while Athwana had one hundred and forty nine beneficiaries. Children were no longer going to the streets and there was an increase in school enrolment, especially in the two locations.

Charitable Children’s Institutions

The District has two Charitable Children’s Institutions. The two were not registered by the Government.i.e St. Francis Children’s Village which houses boys only and had three hundred and fifty two boys. St. Clares Girls Centre which houses girls only and had three hundred and thirty girls

MIN48/ 2010 SITES VISIT.

Youth Empowerment Centre

The structure was under construction and will accommodate the ICT Room, Library, Indoor Games, Three Offices,Store for equipments and a VCT that would be friendly to the Youth

Visit to Kianjai Youth Polytechnic

It is a Government registered polytechnic. The Polytechnic received tools and equipments. Some of the equipments that were given by the Government were of poor quality especially the wheelbarrows and were substandard due to their quality. The polytechnic had enough sewing machines. Three of the sewing machines were given to Mutuntu Youth Polytechnic. There was a higher students enrolment of one hundred and fourteen students. The institution had eleven instructors.

Visit to Muruta Youth Group

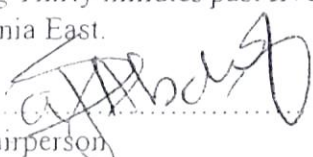
Muruta Youth Group had twenty members; nine ladies and eleven men. The Youth Group got the YEDF of Kshs45,700 and a grant from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of Kshs80,000. With the loan, they started tree nurseries but the trees were carried away by floods. The group had a car wash business, whereby they bought a pressure machine, a generator for pumping water and a water storage tank. The group has also invested in a stationery shop at Kianjai Shopping Centre.

Visit to Mwanika Primary School

Under the trees for jobs KKV programme some trees were planted at Mwanika Primary School. The Committee was concerned that the trees had not been tended to.

MIN 49/2010 ADJOURNMENT

And the time being Thirty minutes past five O’clock the Chairperson adjourned the meeting until Tigania East.

Signature.......... Date.....
Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON FRIDAY MAY 15, 2010 AT THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE TIGANIA EAST 3.00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. – **Chairperson**
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P.
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – **Vice Chairperson**
The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P.

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant
Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant
Mr Okal – searjeant at Arms.

MIN50/2010 COURTSEY CALL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE TIGANIA EAST

The Chairperson gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198.

She also informed the officers that the committee was basically on a fact finding and seeking to ascertain whether the funds allocated for the various Ministries under the committee mandate were reaching at the grassroots level and whether are used for the purpose so envisaged. That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved

Mr Bernard Yesee , District Officer 1 accompanied by;-
Mr Barnard Macharia - DDWO
Mr Peter Chabari- District Development Officer
Ms Gladys K. Salesio - DVO
Mr John Njoroge- District Youth Officer and
Mr Osman - Dy Secretary Gender
Mr. Abdi Osman - Asst. Director, Youth Development and
Mr. Robert N. Njeru - PRO's Office, Nairobi

Informed the committee that he was not aware of what the committee wanted in the District as the District Commissioner had not briefed him.

The Committee Members expressed their disappointment by the District Officer's unpreparedness who was acting on behalf of the District Commissioner's. The Committee was not able to get any briefing at the District Commissioner's office.

However it emerged that the two Districts Tigania West and East were sharing the Ministries officers as the District was new and no new officers had been deployed hence they were responsible for the two Districts.

The committee proceeded to visit Muthara Polytechnic.

MIN51/ 2010 SITE VISIT

Visit to Muthara Youth Polytechnic

The committee visited where one thousand trees that had been planted at Muthara Youth Polytechnic under trees for jobs component under KKV programme and were well tended.

MIN 52/2010 ADJOURNMENT

And the time being Thirty minutes past five O'clock the Chairperson adjourned the meeting until Meru North.

Signature.......... Date.....
Chairperson

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON FRIDAY MAY 15, 2010 AT THE
DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE MERU SOUTH 10.00 AM.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. – **Chairperson**
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P.
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – **Vice Chairperson**
The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P.

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant
Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant
Mr Okal – searjeant at Arms.

**MIN 53/2010 COURTSEY CALL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE MERU
SOUTH.**

The Chairperson gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198.

She also informed the officers that the committee was basically on a fact finding and seeking to ascertain whether the funds allocated for the various Ministries under the committee mandate were reaching at the grassroots level and whether are used for the purpose so envisaged. That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved

Mr - Distric commissioner Meru South Informed the committee that;-
Mr. Issac Muguna - District Gender and Social Development Officer,
Mr. Osoro D. – District Children’s Officer
Mr. Martin Muli – District Water Officer,
Mr. Simon Kahia – District Water Office
Mr. Joseph K. Wakiaga – Zonal Water Manager, KFS,
Mr. Richard O. Arunga – Kenya Forestry Office
Mr. Fred Muruja – District Information Officer,
Ms. Flora Gitonga – District Youth Officer,
Mr. John Elungata – District Commissioner,
Mr. Michael Makayo – District AP commander,
Mr. Duke N. Gekara – District Development Officer

Mr. Abdi Osman – Asst. Director, Youth Development and
Mr. Robert N. Njeru – PRO's Office, Nairobi, Informed the committee that:-

Youth Enterprise Development Fund

The committee was informed that the Nithi Constituency received Kshs1,020,000. The money was distributed among thirty four youth groups. Most of the youth groups had repaid. That some of the youth groups whom had benefitted from the YEDF were making money to the tune of Kshs1,000,000 per month.

Youth Empowerment Centre

The Constituency was not given money for the Youth Empowerment Centre. They however had land for the Centre and they were just awaiting allocation of the money so that construction can begin.

Youth Polytechnic

The District had one youth polytechnic known as Ciamakiaru Youth Polytechnic. The Polytechnic received tools from the Government. It was also being funded for building a twin block workshop.

Kazi Kwa Vijana

The programme started in 2009 with three implementing departments; water, forest and roads. Forty nine km of roads were repaired and 576 youths were engaged. New tanks for water were built and trenches dug. The youths also cleared bushes and replaced old pipe for Magumoni Water Project, Chuka Water Project and Karingani water projects were completed. One hundred and ninety six youths were involved.

A Forest project was the greening of schools and rehabilitation of forests were undertaken. 75.5 hectares was planted with trees at Igamba Ng'ombe, Chuka forest Station and three hundred and thirty youths were engaged. 20,000 trees were also planted at Ndagani, Njuri and Magumoni. Two hundred and fifteen youths were engaged. In Nithi Constituency the youth had transferred the manual labour to their farms and had helped to reduce crime.

Women Enterprise Fund

Nithi Constituency received Kshs1,000,000. The money was given to twenty women groups and each group received Kshs 50,000. Seventeen groups had fully repaid their loans. Two groups received their cheques late and one group had a problem with repayment. The District also received Kshs500,000 in form of grants which benefitted fifteen women groups in 2008/09 while Kshs338,000 in 2009/2010 benefitted ten women groups.

Charitable Children's Institutions

The Constituency had only one Charitable Children's Institutions, the Kenya Connection Ministries International Children's Home. The home was registered by the Government.

Micro and Small Enterprise Development

The Micro and Small Enterprise Development sector under the Ministry of Labour had given funds for construction of Jua Kali sheds at Maara District at Chogoria Jua Kali Sheds and Meru South, Chuka Jua Kali Sheds. The construction of the sheds was still ongoing.

MIN 54 /2010 SITE VISITS

Kenya connectional Ministries International Children’s Home

The Kenya connectional Ministries International Children’s Home got registered in 2003 by the Government. It is established at Rukindu in Chuka Division. The home houses seventeen orphaned children and is supported by the church and the local community.

The Committee happily noted that the home has very high standards of hygiene and that all the children of school going age have been enrolled in the neighboring primary schools.

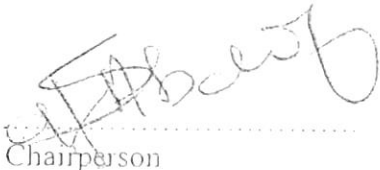
Ndagani Secondary School

Under the tree for jobs KKV component, 4,500 trees have been planted at the school. The Committee noted that the trees are very well taken care of.

MIN 55/2010 ADJOURNMENT

And the time being Thirty minutes past five O’clock the Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

Signature.....
Chairperson



Date.....

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIRST SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 20, 2010 AT THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE KILIFI AT 10.30 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. – **Chairperson**
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – **Vice Chairperson**
The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P.
The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P.

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant
Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant
Mr Absalom Wendo – searjeant at Arms.

MIN 56/2010 COURTSEY CALL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE KILIFI;

The Chairperson gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198.

She also informed the officers that the committee was basically on a fact finding and seeking to ascertain whether the funds allocated for the various Ministries under the committee mandate were reaching at the grassroots level and whether are used for the purpose so envisaged. That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved.

Mr. K. Mwanza - District Commisioner kilifi accompanied by;-
Mr. Christopher Siele - District Officer I
Ms. Mary Adhiambo - Youth Officer
Mr.Rodgers Kazungu - The District Statistician
Mr.Mathew Mutisya - SP, Officer Incharge Kilifi Prison ,
Mr. Jilani -The Kilifi Town Clerk,
Mr. Kebaki Onoro - DGSD coast province.
Dorah M. Choro - DGSDO Kilifi and
Mr. Julius N. Kubai - Director Youth Development Officer,
Ms Ann Yegon - Min Youth Affairs

Informed the committee that;-

KKV Programme

The committee was informed that some of the programmes being undertaken in the district include; the Kazi Kwa Vijana programme, rehabilitation of youth polytechnics, offering HIV and AIDS counseling, inculcating entrepreneurial skills to the youth and women groups, offering loans to youth groups through the Youth Enterprise Development Fund (YEDF) and the dissemination of the Ministry of Youth and Sports agenda through clinics (workshops and seminars).

That Kilifi District received Kshs 4 million from the Ministry of Youth and Sports for various projects in the district. The disbursement was carried out in phases and the recruitment was done across six wards. The funds were being used for solid waste management, trees for jobs, street clinics, beach clinics and disilting. The youth were paid Kshs250 per day.

The youth in the district were involved in various sports activities in the district, for example, the “*Soka Mashinani*”.

Cash transfer

That the cash transfer programme was operational in six districts at the Coast Province. They used the old districts namely; Kwale, Mombasa, Taita Taveta, Malindi, Tana River and Kilifi. The old persons were being paid Kshs1,500 per month and 750 persons were being paid.

That the selection criteria was based on the poverty index provided by the Kenya Bureau of Statistics. Relevant social workers, officers and communities in the Districts did the vetting and excluded pensioners and landlords. That from September 2009 to 2010 about Kshs2.7 million had been paid out and requested that the money may be spread out to the new districts. People with disabilities were not considered in the disbursement of these funds.

Persons with Disabilities fund

That persons with disabilities were however not very well catered for at the district level, since the passage of the Persons with Disabilities Act, the National Council for Persons with Disabilities Board was expected to be in place in order to control the National Disabilities Fund. Persons with disabilities could also access funds to engage in small enterprises through the Association for the Physically Disabled (APDK) and other organizations for the disabled.

Further there was a vocational rehabilitation centre at Mwatate that offers market driven courses to the disabled in; masonry, tailoring, woodworking *et cetera*. and there was a need for the Government to hire diploma level teachers as instructors in the institutions. There was no data on disabled persons. That it was hard to mobilize them in order to be educated on the existence of funds at the national level. Further the National Council for Persons with Disabilities its operations were not clear to the Ministry officers.

Prisons service

The Prisons received some tools as a result of the KKV Programme, That the Prisons Department funds were being disbursed quarterly in installments and was used in the prison to enhance the perimeter chain fencing, kitchen renovation, renovation of officers' houses and provision of a submersive pump. The project was carried out in two phases between 2008 and 2009 at a cost of about Kshs2 million.

Poverty index

The poverty index was based on the geographic profiling of the well being of Kenyans based on \$1 US per day. The indices were used to identify areas to be piloted so as to benefit from the social protection programme.

Kilifi District which covers Bahari, Bamba, Chonyi, Kaloleni, Kikambala, Vitengeni and Ganze was adjudged to be below the poverty line as follows:-

<u>DISTRICT</u>		<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Bahari	-	71%
Bamba	-	83%
Chonyi	-	66%
Ganze	-	81%
Kaloleni	-	73%
Kikambala	-	55%
Vitengeni	-	84%

The four poorest locations; Vitengeni, Bamba, Ganze and Kaloleni were therefore identified for the social protection programme. The Locational committees headed by chiefs were put in place to identify legible people.

Youth Fund

The Ministry of Youth and Sports availed money to the district which was disbursed to 65 youth groups. However, efforts to recover most of the money have come to naught as the youth groups disintergrated. The amount of money loaned to women groups for the small and micro-enterprise funds through the the Kenya Women Finance Trust (KWFT) and Equity Bank is not known since the data is not availed to the Youth officer by the Banks.

MIN 57 /2010 PRISONS VISIT

The Committee visited Kilifi Prison and was informed that, Kilifi Prison has a capacity of 150 inmates, but had 409 inmates that day; 190 convicted and serving sentences and 210 remandees with cases pending in courts. With regard to housing for prisons warders, there were 10 permanent houses against members of staff. Officers in the rank of Corporals and above stay in stone houses whereas warders stay in mud houses.

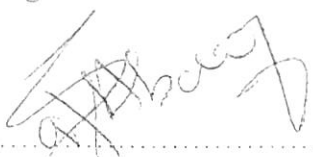
The prison provided for a clinical officer every Wednesday. However, there was really no disease to be referred to as pandemic.

The committee observed that the prison precincts and the living conditions were much better than many others country wide although congested. That 90 per cent of the convicts were youths about 25 years on average.

The pleas from the prisoners pleaded that courts should fast-track their cases to relieve congestion in the prisons.

MIN 58 /2010 ADJOURNMENT

And the time being two O'clock the Chairperson adjourned the Meeting until Ganze.

Signature.......... Date.....
Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SECOND SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 20, 2010 AT THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE GANZE AT 3.00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, MP. – **Chairperson**
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – **Vice Chairperson**
The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P.
The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P.

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant
Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant
Mr. Absalom Wendo – searjeant at Arms.

MIN 59 /2010 DISTRICT OVERVIEW

The Chairperson gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198.

She also informed the officers that the committee was basically on a fact finding and seeking to ascertain whether the funds allocated for the various Ministries under the committee mandate were reaching at the grassroots level and whether are used for the purpose so envisaged. That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved.

Mr Muanga S.K, District Officer one accompanied by;-
Mr.George Nyaga - District Youth Officer ,
Mr Charles Kaguoro - CYO Youth Development,
Mr. Julius N. Kubai- Director Youth Affairs,
Mr Fredrick Ogola -District Officer 1, Ganze,
Ms Dorah M. Cheyu - DGSDO Kilifi, and
Ms Ann W. Mukoma - Distric Development Youth Officer,
Ms Ann Yegon - Min Youth Affairs

Informed the committee that;-.

Poverty level

Ganze was a new district and according to the 1999 census the population was 148,000 people. The major economic activity of the area was livestock farming with a blend of some agriculture. However, generally, the community was very poor.

Cultural values

That gender imbalance was as a result of cultural values that played a big role in the slow development of the area. However, the few primary and secondary schools have been boasted by CDF funds. The youth polytechnic in the district had enrolled 96 students. There are 102 primary schools with about 45,000 pupils and twenty secondary schools with about 9,500 enrolled students.

The girl child has been neglected. There was high level of early pregnancies and marriages in the district with high intake of local brews like *mnazi* and *matingas* which has also affected the economic growth of the area.

That KKV brought some change in the living standards of the youths and people as they were mainly engaged in trees for jobs.

MIN 60 /2010 SITE VISIT Bandani Primary School (Jobs For Trees)

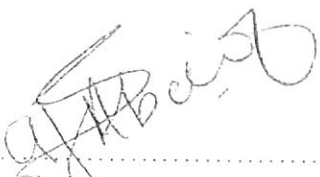
The Committee visited Bandani Primary School tree planting site through the KKV programme. Indeed, the trees were on the ground and were doing well.

The Committee also visited beneficiaries of Cash Transfer Programme for the old in Mitangani Location. About Kshs4.5 million was disbursed to the very needy elderly persons in the district.

The beneficiaries were indeed, happy with the programme. It had assisted them to pay fees, purchase land, pay debts, buy food and even buy some goats. They requested that the programme lasts forever and more people be brought on board.

MIN 61 /2010 ADJOURNMENT

And the time being Six O'clock the Chairperson adjourned the Meeting until Changamwe.

Signature.......... Date.....
Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-THIRD SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON FRIDAY MAY 21, 2010 AT THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE CHANGAMWE AT 10.00 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. – **Chairperson**
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – **Vice Chairperson**
The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P.

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.
The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant
Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant
Mr. Absalom Wendo – searjeant at Arms.

MIN 62/2010 COURTSEY CALL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE CHANGAMWE.

The Chairperson gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198.

She also informed the officers that the committee was basically on a fact finding and seeking to ascertain whether the funds allocated for the various Ministries under the committee mandate were reaching at the grassroots level and whether are used for the purpose so envisaged. That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved

Mr Douglas Mutai, District Commissioner Changamwe accompanied by;-
Mr. Julius N. Kubai - Director Youth Development,
Ms Ann N. Mukoma - DDYD,
Ms Rose Mumbo - District Children Officer,
Mr. P.M. Mmbono - District Gender and Social Development Officer,
Mr Charles Kaguoro - Children Youth Officer Mr Paul Mundia District Youth Officer,
Ms Mariam N. Musa - Home Based Care Kenya Red Cross,
Mr Micah Chepkoech - District Development Officer,
Ms Victoria Ndago - District Officer , Jomvu Division,
Ms Ann Yegon - Min Youth Affairs
Mr Hussein Nyundo - Welfare Officer and

Ms Grace Mwangi Office of the President

Informed the committee that:-

Changamwe District was about 54.4 square kilometers with a population of about 300,000 people. That by day, it increases to 400,000 because of immigrants. It is the main industrial centre of the Coast Province and home for the airport, oil refinery, part of the Kenya Ports Authority, the EPZ and other major industries. That it was generally an urban/rural district.

The academic standard in the district was very poor. That there was high intake of drugs mainly *bang* in the district. The Ministry of Youth and Sports should implement the Youth Volunteer Programme on drugs.

Kazi Kwa Vijana

There is a District Management Committee identifies the beneficiaries of the Kazi Kwa Vijana Programme. The District Poverty Committee identifies those who should benefit from the Cash Transfer Fund for the elderly poor.

The Youth Enterprise Development Fund recorded low repayment rate because the timing was poor due to the electioneering period. The assumption was that the money was meant for elections, also there was no proper record keeping of the beneficiaries.

Cash Transfer Fund

The Kenya Bureau of Statistics indicated the poverty levels of the district. 720 benefited from the Cash Transfer Fund in Changamwe District; Miritini, 165; Likoni and Shika Adabu, 305 people; Island, Majengo and Old Town, 150 Kisauni and Bamburi 165 people.

The disabled have not been fully mainstreamed into provision of enterprise funds. Disabled persons and institutions dealing with persons with disabilities are yet to be registered. There was no data for the disabled at all levels.

Constituency Women Development Fund

The Women Enterprise Development Fund recorded a high success rate as the following groups benefited from the Women Enterprise Development Fund in the larger Mombasa Province:-

Likoni	-	30
Changamwe	-	30
Kisauni	-	30
Mvita	-	30

The repayment rate was good. Some other groups had finished and applied for the 2nd loan. However, women prefer funds disbursed at constituency level.

Women Enterprise Development Fund..

The Committee was informed that Women Enterprise Development Fund targeted women who were already in business. They are lent money at 8 per cent interest rate. However women groups would prefer the loans to be disbursed at the constituency level rather than the banks.

The district officers have no personnel to make a follow-up of the funds disbursed by banks and other microfinance agencies and they do not have laid down proper guidelines nor mandate to monitor the funds.

Children Homes and Rehabilitation center

The larger Mombasa is a cosmopolitan city. The number of orphans was on the increase. Children rehabilitation centres were not enough. There was the Likoni Rehabilitation Centre and the Likoni Remand that deals with children's issues. There are 30 children at the remand home.

About sixty children homes have been recorded alongside many others which had not been recorded. The homes are normally started by the locals in order to lure tourists and donors. However, they do not meet the conditions for setting up a home.

There were seven registered children homes; five in Changamwe and two in Port Reitz. Mombasa caters for many neighbouring districts and children are lured to Mombasa by tourists. There were reported cases of human trafficking in young girls. This had been enhanced by long distance truck drivers. Societal values were also low. Among the Mijikenda it is a taboo to talk about incest and many cases go unreported. Tourists have also aggravated the situation. The Ugandans, Mozambicans and Congolese also deals in human trafficking under guise of setting up children homes. That an increased for the Orphaned and Vulnerable Children funds (OVCs) can reduce emergence of Illegal cci

MIN 63/2010 SITE VISITS

Mwangaza Women Group

The Committee visited the Mwangaza Women Group. The group received Kshs50,000 which they used to complete a rental house that they had started. It earns them Kshs7,000 per month. Their repayment rate was good and they were looking forward to a bigger loan.

Umoja Women Group

The group has engaged in selling water to the residents and providing tents during functions.

Alliance Self Help Group - Youth

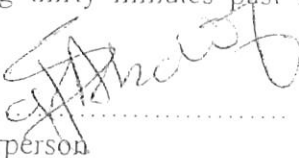
The youth have put up a hall which they let out for meetings and even church services. They have also installed a DSTV to show movies and soccer matches to the youth in the area at a fee. They have a management committee with tight rules and regulations.

Their repayment rate was up to date. The committee encouraged them and informed them of other avenues on how to get more funds to improve their business, i.e, Equity bank and the Youth Enterprise Development Fund.

MIN 64 /2010 ADJOURNMENT

The committee reviewed the visit schedule and due to lack of time resolved not to visit Kaloleni untill a date to be agreed upon.

And the time being thirty minutes past Five O'clock the Chairperson adjourned the Meeting.

Signature.......... Date.....
Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON SATURDAY MAY 22, 2010 AT THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE KISAUNI AT 10.00 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.p. – **Chairperson**
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – **Vice Chairperson**
The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P.
The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant
Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant
Mr Absalom Wendo – searjeant at Arms.

MIN 65/2010 COURTSEY CALL, DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE KISAUNI

The Chairperson gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198.

She also informed the officers that the committee was basically on a fact finding and seeking to ascertain whether the funds allocated for the various Ministries under the committee mandate were reaching at the grassroots level and whether are used for the purpose so envisaged. That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved

Mt Tom Anjere, Distric Commissioner Kisauni accompanied by;
Mr. Elvina M. Msungu - Social Worker ,
Ms Ann N. Mukoma - DDYO,
Mr P.M Mmbano - DGSDO,
Mr Charles Kaguora - CYO and
Ms Rhoda Kisunza - DYO
Mr. Julius N. Kubai - Director Youth Development Officer,
Ms Ann Yegon - Min Youth Affairs

Informed the committee that the new Kisauni District had very new officers. It was nearly 170 square kilometers with a population of about 200,000 people. However, Kshs2.7 million had been released to the district for the Kazi Kwa Vijana Programme.

There was a committee in place which was in the process of identifying suppliers of tree seedlings and the site.

There was one youth polytechnic with an enrolment of about 100 youth, engaged in various hands-on courses.

The youth groups in the area received YEDF. However, recovery was poor due to poor timing, just when the post-election violence erupted. It was hard to quantify how much money has been disbursed from other donors like Equity Bank, Family Finance, Kenya Women Finance Trust, First Community Bank and the Kenya Industrial Estate to finance various groups and individuals.

MIN 66/2010 SITE VISIT

Tunaweza Disabled Women Group

The Committee had a site visit of Tunaweza Disabled Women Group, in Ziwa la Ng'ombe area. They were engaged in dress making and farming. However, they sought assistance to have the Kenya Bureau of Standards certification for their goods so that they could be competitive. Their repayment of loans is up to date despite various handicaps.

The Chairperson requested the District Officer in charge to write for them a proposal and forward it to the Secretariat for further assistance on funding.

MIN 67 /2010 ADJOURNMENT.

And the time being thirty minutes past five O'clock the Chairperson adjourned the Meeting until Mvita.

Signature..... Date.....
Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON SATURDAY MAY 22, 2010 AT THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE MVITA AT 3.00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. – **Chairperson**
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.
Hon. Dr. V. Munyaka, MP

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – **Vice Chairperson**
The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P.
The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant
Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant
Mr. Absalom Wendo – searjeant at Arms.

MIN 68/2010 COURTSEY CALL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE, MVITA.

The Chairperson gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198.

She also informed the officers that the committee was basically on a fact finding and seeking to ascertain whether the funds allocated for the various Ministries under the committee mandate were reaching at the grassroots level and whether are used for the purpose so envisaged. That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved

The Hon. Najib Balala, MP (Mvita Constituency - Minister for Tourism
Mr. A. Hassan - District Commissioner Mvita
Mr. Julius N. Kubai - Director Youth Development Officer,
Ms Ann Yegon - Min Youth Affairs

informed the committee that the Island stretches over a distance of 14 kilometers with a population of 210 people and the whole district was urban. The prevalent in the district was drugs and hard substance use targeting the youth. This has affected labour, schooling and family units. The town experiences lack of piped water (use boreholes), poor sewerage and congestion. The town relies on tourism as its main economic activity.

Mombasa town was also faced with HIV/AIDS pandemic, orphans and a good number of disabled persons. Food was available in Mombasa, though the purchasing power was low.

That thirty three youth groups received YEDF funds but due to lack of training and disintegration of the youth groups, most could not be traced in order to repay. The chiefs were also not involved in identification of the groups. During disbursement.

There was only one youth polytechnic with about 150 students whereas there was no proper youth empowerment centre.

The Hon. Balala Minister for tourism informed the Committee that the town was densely populated and poverty was high. However, he regretted the cultural attitude of the coastal people which he attributed to poor academic performance. Girls and boys fall on the way in class five and six. The average mark for KCSE is a C or C –Minus.

He suggested that the KKV funds should be disbursed through institutions like the NYS where the youth can have their skills enhanced to avoid duplication of work and to be *Sharia* compliant. They could also use sharia compliance banks for the muslims like the Chase Bank.

MIN 69/2010 SITE VISIT (Cash Transfer Beneficiaries (Fort Jesus)

The Committee was informed that there were seventy five old people who had benefitted from the Fund and had received funds for three months. The beneficiaries were happy that the Government had recognized them and were very grateful.

MIN 70 /2010 ADJOURNMENT

And the time being six O'clock the Chairperson adjourned the Meeting until the Fact finding tour to Western Province.

Signature.....Date.....
Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON TUESDAY JUNE 08, 2010 AT THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONERS OFFICE KAKAMEGA AT 9.30 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P. – **Acting Chairperson**

The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.

The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. – **Chairperson**

The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – **Vice Chairperson**

The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P.

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.

The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant

Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant

Mr. Absalom Wendo – searjeant at Arms.

MIN 71/2010 COURTESY CALL TO THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONERS OFFICE WESTERN PROVINCE

The Chairperson gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198.

She also informed the officers that the committee was basically on a fact finding and seeking to ascertain whether the funds allocated for the various Ministries under the committee mandate were reaching at the grassroots level and whether used for the purpose so envisaged. That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved.

Mr. Simon Kilele, Provincial Commissioner Western Province accompanied by;
Mr Mwangi Chege, District Commissioner Kakamega
Mr Makosi - Provincial Gender Officer,
Ms. Ruth Musogh - Provincial Gender Youth Affairs
Mr David N. Kariuki - Acting NPC/MSP/ WKCDD/FMP
Mr Ben Makotsi - Provincial Director Social Services
Mr Evans Asena - DPC, WKCDD/FMP Busia,
Mr Joshua Ashiona - WKCDD/FMP,
Mr Linus A. Salamba - S&PO WKCDD/FMP,
Mr Elley Mwensa DSA- WKCDD/FMP Kakamega
Mr Samuel M. Wambua- Project Engineer WKCDD/FMP and

Mr A.O Kobonyo - Chief information Officer MOSSP
Mr Abegi S. Osman - Min Youth Affairs
Ms Ann Yegon - Min Youth Affairs

Informed the committee that;-

The Western Province was very calm as the river Nzoia didn't burst its banks and there was no flooding this year in Budalangi as was the past experiences as because the river training and strengthening of the dykes was done before the rains started. Although the Provincial Administration had identified higher grounds for evacuation and the early warning system was on.

The Red Cross Society of Kenya has been so effective in the province, that the Ministry of State for Special Programmes had given out six boats but they do not have any engines and two thousand life jackets. The Kazi kwa Vijana programmes were many in the Province and were successful as the youths were now busy and engaged to work.

MIN 72/2010 SITE VISIT

Kasava Water Irrigation Project

The Committee was informed that the Kasava Water Irrigation was a Community project of getting piped water from river Yalla for the purpose of irrigation. The project is funded by the World Bank through the Ministry of State for Special Programmes to a tune of Kshs 6,679,800. The water will serve a hundred households and will be mainly used for horticulture. An Engineer from the Ministry of Water and Irrigation was in charge of the project. Other components included construction of a pump, tank and water pump engine house.

The Committee noted that the project was incomplete but learnt from the Ministry of Special Programmes Officers that the funding was stopped due to lack of accountability. The Committee was assured by the Ministry of State for Special Programmes officers that the project would continue up to completion in the financial year 2010/11.

The Committee was informed that the Community contributed Kshs 800,000. To sustain the project there is a monthly contribution from all the members. The group members learned irrigation farming at Jaiki in Mwea.

The Committee observed that the waterpump house building was poorly constructed as no supervision was done.

Eshibembe Community Project

The Committee was informed that the community did a proposal which they forwarded to the World Bank through the Ministry of State for Special Programmes and they got the funding for five projects.

The Committee was informed that the community composed of three hundred members, and got a funding of Kshs 480,000 for their income generating projects of dairy cattle rearing and poultry keeping.

The community used Kshs 360,000 to acquire six dairy cows and Kshs 120,000 to acquire one hundred and twenty chicken. The six cows calved and the community now had six cows and six calves. Each cow produces an average of six litres per day which sells at Kshs45 per litre. Among the money that is received per month, Kshs 3,600 is put into the community bank account.

That one hundred and twenty chickens were divided among the community members and each of the first twelve members was given ten chickens, one cockerel and nine hens. The one hundred and twenty chickens multiplied to five hundred and thirty by January 2010. However two hundred died due to foul typhoid before the Ministry of livestock department helped to curb spread of the disease. The community through balloting decides who will get a calf and who gets the next batch of chicken. That way they are able to distribute the poultry and the cows fairly.

The Committee visited two households and saw two and their calves and the poultry which were doing well.

The committee observed that the community should be Sensitized to own the projects and Trained on record keeping for the purposes of better accountability

Khwisero dairy cooperative society.

The Chairperson introduced the members of the committee and gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198 to the cooperative society members. That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved

The Chairperson Khwisero Dairy Cooperative Society committee informed the committee that the community was funded to a tune of Kshs3,600,000 and part of it was used to buy twenty dairy cows at a cost of Kshs50,000 each, while the rest was to construct a shed. The procurement process of the twenty dairy cows was not done by the farmers as the cowa was were brought to them and they were producing less milk than the indigenous cows. The cooperative has a turnover of kshs700,000 per month and the net profit of Kshs200,000 per month. The land for putting up the dairy is a donation from the County Council of Khwisero. The Cooperative has also benefited with a milk pasteurizing and milk cooling equipment from the CDF which is yet to be put in use.

The Cooperative has two hundred and ten members and other farmers apart from those that benefitted from the twenty cows. Each person has to have 2,500 shares to become a member and also be someone who delivers milk to the cooperative. The Cooperative processes yoghurt and mala, which are products of the milk that they collect.

The Cooperative uses a rented room awaiting the completion of the dairy shed which stalled when the funding was frozen

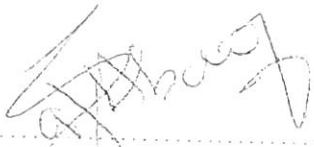
Musango Community Group, Matungu Constituency

The Committee was informed that the Musango Community Group deals with poultry farming and integrated horticulture. The Community was funded with Ksh1,080,000 and they contributed 25 percent in kind and Kshs 83,000 in cash.

The money was dispatched in two cheques of Kshs 577,263 which was used for poultry farming and kshs 502,737 was used for integrated horticulture farming. Under integrated horticulture the community planted soya beans which they have harvested but haven't sold yet. The community was also trained on local vegetable farming and will be buying seeds for planting. The Committee learnt that the community still has Kshs 490,000 in the bank account which they are yet to utilize.

MIN 73 /2010 ADJOURNMENT

And the time being five O'clock the Acting Chairperson Hon Odhiambo MP adjourned the Meeting.

Signature.......... Date.....
Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON WENESDAY JUNE 09, 2010 AT THE DISTRIC COMMISSIONERS OFFICE BUNGOMA NORTH AT 11.00 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P. – Acting Chairperson
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. – Chairperson
The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – Vice Chairperson
The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant
Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant
Mr Absalom Wendo – searjeant at Arms.

MIN 74/2010 COURTESY CALL TO THE DISTRICT COMMISIONER BUNGOMA NORTH.

The Chairperson gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198.

She also informed the officers that the committee was basically on a fact finding and seeking to ascertain whether the funds allocated for the various Ministries under the committee mandate were reaching at the grassroots level and whether are used for the purpose so envisaged. That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved.

Mr Mutua Mbella District Commissioner Bungoma North, accompanied by;-
Mr Kennedy Lese - District Development Officer Kimilili District
Mr Micah o. Ondoro - District Officer Bungoma North Central
Mr.David M. Kariuki - Ag NPC/MSSP/WKCDD/FMP
Ms Teresa Ochino - Ag DPC/WKCDD/FMP/ KAK
Mr Abegi S. Osman - Min Youth Affairs
Ms Ann Yegon - Min Youth Affairs
Mr Elly Mwensa - DSPA/ WKCDD/FMP
Mr Joshua Ashiona - Lead mat, Kakamega
Mr Linus A. Salamba - S&PO WKCDD/FMP and

Eng Samuel M. Wambua - WKCDD/FMP Project Engineer

Informed the committee that;-

A combined Hydrometer with rain gauge and able to transmit accurate data up to Nairobi Meteorological Department was stationed at District Headquarters. When the data is transmitted the report is relayed back to them from Nairobi and they take the necessary action. They early warn the people living on the flood prone area and if need be evacuation process is done by the Provincial Administration. But of late though the rains were more there was no case for evacuation as the dams being constructed up hill and the works done on the river has helped in controlling the flood.

MIN75/2010 SITE VISITS

Frank Dam

The Committee visited Frank Dam and was informed that the bushes near the dam were cleared and the dam silted by the youth under the KKV programme.

Naitiri Milk Cooler

The Committee was informed that the Ministry of State for Special Programmes through the World Bank acquired a milk cooler worth Kshs 2,650,000. The cooperative built the cooler room with the help of the CDF funds. The milk cooler had not been installed as the supplier had not been paid, as all the costs including procurement, transportation and installation was one package tendered.

The project is very important to the farmers as they have a lot of milk. The existing cooler of 12,00l capacity is not enough to take all the milk. The Society has eight hundred and seventy three members and for one to be a member one ought to contribute Kshs400 and own two hundred shares in the society.

Sirakaru youth group in Kimilili Constituency

The Committee was informed that the Sirakaru Youth Group is a bee keeping group with three sub groups each having eight beehives. The group was funded with Kshs 360,000 but they only received Kshs 180,000. The Community gave a contribution of Kshs 4,100. The beehive cost was Kshs 125,000. Only one group had harvested honey.

For one to a member of the youth CDC each youth group had to pay a membership fee of Kshs 1,000 and for a youth to be a member of the group they need to pay a membership fee of Kshs 400. The three groups have fifty one members.

MIN 76 /2010 ADJOURNMENT

And the time being two O'clock the Acting Chairperson Hon Odhiambo MP adjourned the Meeting.

Signature.......... Date.....
Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 09, 2010 AT THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE BUNGOMA CENTRAL AT 3.00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P. – **Acting Chairperson**
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. – **Chairperson**
The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – **Vice Chairperson**
The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P.

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant
Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant
Mr. Absalom Wendo – sergeant at Arms.

MIN 77/2010 COUTSEYCALL DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, BUNGOMA CENTRAL.

The Chairperson gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198.

She also informed the officers that the committee was basically on a fact finding and seeking to ascertain whether the funds allocated for the various Ministries under the committee mandate were reaching at the grassroots level and whether are used for the purpose so envisaged. That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved

Mr Lewa yego - District Commissioner Bungoma Central (Kimilili) accompanied by;-
Mr Patric Simiyu - District Fisheries Officer.
Mr Patric W. Kuloba - Districts Works Officer
Ms Mary Nzomo - DAO-MOA
Ms Mary A. Papa - District Youth Officer
Mr Elias K. Ikuuah - DSO and
Mr Paul Opiyo - Ag DPC-Bungoma
David M. Kariuki - Ag NPC/MSSP/WKCDD/FMP
Ms Teresa Ochino - Ag DPC/WKCDD/FMP/ KAK
Ms Ann Yegon - Min Youth Affairs
Mr Abegi S. Osman - Min Youth Affairs

Mr Elly Mwensa DSPA/ WKCDD/FMP
Mr Joshua Ashiona- Lead mat, Kakamega
Mr Linus A. Salamba - S&PO WKCDD/FMP
Eng Samuel M. Wambua - WKCDD/FMP Project Engineer

Informed the committee that;-

Youth Polytechnic

There is only one youth polytechnic in the District i.e Chebukwabi Youth Polytechnic. The polytechnic was funded with Ksh5,459,319 to build a twin block workshop. Only Kshs4,000,000 had been released and the project was almost complete.

Kazi Kwa Vijana major Programmes

Trees for jobs

Under the trees for jobs component, Kshs2,793,000 was allocated for purchasing of seedlings, planting and nurturing. Twenty thousand seedlings were planted in sites that were selected by the District Management Committee and two hundred youths were engaged and Kshs1,755,000 had been used.

Matiri Dam

Kshs1,946,065 had been spent although the allocation was Kshs2,000,000. The money had been spent in clearing the bushes and shrubs, construction of a pit latrine near the dam, desilting the dam to restore the original capacity, embankment, repair of spill way, protection of the water spring and rehabilitation of the environment by planting trees and fencing of the Dam boundary.

The project faced some challenges such as boundary contention with the public, but the surveyor outlined the true boundaries and there is a case in court on the same.

A total of one thousand one hundred and six youths were employed. Fish ponds had been constructed around the dam to help the public earn a living out of the dam.

MIN78/2010 SITE VISITS

Chebukwabi Youth Polytechnic

The workshop construction was successfully ongoing. And the Polytechnic had benefited from the YPST of Kshs85,000 in FY 2008/09 and Kshs1,108,900 in FY 2009/10. The Polytechnic had three Government paid instructors and seven were employed by the Board of Management.

Anthony Matili Primary School

One thousand trees that had been planted around the school compound under the KKV trees for jobs component. The Committee noted that the trees were well tended to and protected.

MIN 79 /2010 ADJOURNMENT

And the time being four O'clock the Acting Chairperson Hon Odhiambo MP adjourned the Meeting.

Signature.....
Chairperson..... Date.....

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-NINTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 09, 2010 AT THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE BUNGOMA EAST AT 5.00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P. – **Acting Chairperson**

The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.

The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. – **Chairperson**

The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – **Vice Chairperson**

The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P.

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.

The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant

Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant

Mr. Absalom Wendo – searjeant at Arms.

**MIN 80/2010MIN COURTESY CALL TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
BUNGOMA EAST DISTRICT**

The Chairperson gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198.

She also informed the officers that the committee was basically on a fact finding and seeking to ascertain whether the funds allocated for the various Ministries under the committee mandate were reaching at the grassroots level and whether are used for the purpose so envisaged. That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved.

Mr Michael Tallam - District Officer I Webuye on behalf of Mr John Litunda District Commissioner Bungoma East accompanied by;-

Mr David Mbevi - District Officer I Webuye

Mr Paul Opiyo - DPC Bungoma

Mr David M. Kariuki - Ag NPC/MSSP/WKCDD/FMP

Ms Teresa Ochino - Ag DPC/WKCDD/FMP/ KAK

Ms Ann Yegon - Min Youth Affairs

Mr Abegi S. Osman - Min Youth Affairs

Mr Elly Mwensa - DSPA/ WKCDD/FMP

Mr Joshua Ashiona - Lead mat, Kakamega

Mr Linus A. Salamba - S&PO WKCDD/FMP and
Eng Samuel M. Wambua - WKCDD/FMP Project Engineer

Informed the committee that;-

Despite the late hours of the courtesy visit, most of the staff had already left their offices and may be it was not possible for the committee to see any project as darkness was encroaching very fast however he informed the committee that;-

KKV

The tree for Jobs under KKV was a success as the youths had benefitted. And the under the Youth fund, the Youth was able to buy a brick making machine and they were now fully employed by it as it was a fulltime job for them as the demand for the bricks was high and competitive.

Brick making machine

The CDF was also buying a brick making machine to also assist the youth in training. The Musero project under the flood mitigation project was on course as the beneficiaries have five cows.

Matumbo youth polytechnic

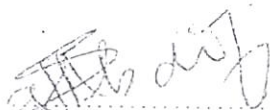
The Youth Polytechnic at Matumbo in webuye has benefited from the YPF and its enrollment has increased

It was late so the committee was not able to see any projects.

MIN 81/2010 ADJOURNMENT

And the time being forty minutes past six O'clock the Acting Chairperson Hon Odhiambo MP adjourned the Meeting.

Signature.....


rperson

Date.....

MINUTES OF THE FOURTIETH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON THURSDAY JUNE 10, 2010 AT THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE BUSIA AT 11.00 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P – **Acting Chairperson**
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. – **Chairperson**
The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – **Vice Chairperson**
The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant
Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant
Mr Okal – searjeant at Arms.

MIN 82/2010 COURTSEY CALL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE, BUSIA.

The Chairperson gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198.

She also informed the officers that the committee was basically on a fact finding and seeking to ascertain whether the funds allocated for the various Ministries under the committee mandate were reaching at the grassroots level and whether are used for the purpose so envisaged. That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved

Mr A.M Gitonga District - Commissioner Busia accompanied by;-
Mr W.S Milimo - District Development Officer
Mr J.J. B. Nagila - District Youth Officer
Mr Aston Maungu - District Children Officer
Mr S.M Maloba- CDDO Busia
Mr David M. Kariuki - Ag NPC/MSSP/WKCDD/FMP
Ms Teresa Ochino - Ag DPC/WKCDD/FMP/ KAK
Ms Ann Yegon - Min Youth Affairs
Mr Abegi S. Osman - Min Youth Affairs
Mr Elly Mwensa - DSPA/ WKCDD/FMP
Mr Joshua Ashiona - LEADMAT Kakamega
Mr Linus A. Salamba - S&PO WKCDD/FMP

Eng Samuel M. Wambua - WKCDD/FMP Project Engineer

Informed the committee that;-

Nambale Constituency had forty groups and were funded with Kshs 2,000,000. Only Kshs 200,016 had been recovered. Most youth groups had defaulted payment and the District Youth Officer was using the Provincial Administration to help recover the money. The western Kenya youth had received many grants which they don't pay back.

KKV was being used by the ministry of Water, Forestry, Roads, Youth Affairs and the Municipal Council of Busia.

Busia district has beneficiaries of the cash transfer of orphans and vulnerable children programme and the money is given through the DDO's office, the total beneficiaries were one thousand two hundred.

The Cash Transfer OVC programme was running in Butula, Bujumba and Malachi areas. And was scaled from sixty three to seven hundred beneficiaries in Bujumba, Malachi there are one thousand two hundred households. In total the beneficiaries for Busia district is four thousand six hundred and sixty six.

The District has no Charitable Childrens Institutions despite many orphans however there was a donee who had approached Administration with the aim of constructing one of which the proposal is yet to be submitted.

MIN 83/2010 SITE VISIT

Fish Pods project in Funyula Constituency

The Committee visited a youth group that had four fish ponds each with one thousand fish. The fish was almost due for harvest.

Cash Transfer, Orphans and Vulnerable Children beneficiary

The committee visited one family beneficiary of OVC Cash transfer which consisted of a grandmother with six orphaned grand children. With the money she had been able to build a better house and all the children were schooling and were being fed. The Orphaned children were beneficiaries since the inception of the programme since 2006.

MIN 84 /2010 ADJOURNMENT

And the time being thirty minutes past six O'clock the Acting Chairperson Hon Odhiambo MP adjourned the Meeting.

Signature.....


Chairperson

Date.....

MINUTES OF THE FOURTY-FIRST SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON FRIDAY JUNE 11,2010 AT THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE BUNYALA AT 11.00 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P – **Acting Chairperson**
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. – **Chairperson**
The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – **Vice Chairperson**
The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant
Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant
Mr Okal – searjeant at Arms.

MIN 85/2010 COURTESY CALL TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE, BUNYALA.

The Chairperson gave a brief of the mandate of the Committee and its establishment under Standing Order No. 198.

She also informed the officers that the committee was basically on a fact finding and seeking to ascertain whether the funds allocated for the various Ministries under the committee mandate were reaching at the grassroots level and whether are used for the purpose so envisaged. That the Committee was interested in finding out the challenges faced by the recipients and how this could be improved

Mr J.K Korir District Commissioner Bunyala accompanied by;-
Mr R. Muthama – District Officer 1
Mr T.K Yaym - District Officer 11
Mr Richard Muthama - District Officer 1 Bunyala
David M. Kariuki - Ag NPC/MSSP/WKCDD/FMP
Ms Teresa Ochino - Ag DPC/WKCDD/FMP/ KAK
Mr Moses O. Lubanga- District Youth Officer
Mr Maurice Okiri –District Children Officer
Ms Ann Yegon - Min Youth Affairs
Mr Abegi S. Osman - Min Youth Affairs

Mr Elly Mwensa DSPA/ WKCDD/FMP
Mr Joshua Ashiona- Lead mat, Kakamega
Mr Linus A. Salamba - S&PO WKCDD/FMP and
Eng Samuel M. Wambua - WKCDD/FMP Project Engineer

Informed the committee that;-

Youth Enterprise Development Fund

The Constituency received Kshs 2,000,000 from the Youth Enterprise Development Fund and forty youth groups benefited. However the money was not properly invested by the youths.

Youth Empowerment Centre

The District benefited with Kshs6,880,000 for the Youth Empowerment Centre from the Government for construction of the empowerment centre and Kshs 6,500,000 spent on the construction.

Busagwa Youth Polytechnic

There is only one youth polytechnic in the District, Busagwa Youth Polytechnic. The polytechnic has forty eight students. It has benefited with Kshs220,000 from YPST FY 2009/10 and given equipments worth Kshs500,000.

KKV programmes

The District is among the first to pilot the KKV programme. The District received Kshs3,847,000 for trees and employed five hundred youths. The programme concentrated on trees for jobs and 70% of the trees have survived.

OVC-CT

Orphaned and Vulnerable Children Cash Transfer is still being handled by the District Children's Officer Busia District.

Charitable Children Institutions

The District doesn't have any Charitable Children Institutions; however there is a donor who is willing to put up a multi million Charitable Children Institutions. The District has very many Orphans due to HIV/AIDS.

Western Kenya Community Driven Development and Flood Mitigation Project

A lot of activities have taken place along the River Nzoia which have helped contain the floods.

There is a strategic plan for managing floods in parts of Western Kenya under the Western Kenya Community Driven Development and Flood Mitigation Project (WKCDD&FM) that is funded by the World Bank.

The project covers ten District in Western Kenya and not only aims at managing floods but also spearheading community driven development in the districts. The districts that

face floods regularly get support and assistance from the Ministry and other stakeholders working with the Ministry whenever they experience floods.

The Ministry of State for Special Programmes through the WKCDD&FM project have embraced an integrated flood management approach in addressing the perennial flood problems in Budalangi, within the lower reaches of River Nzoia basin.

The project is focused on the entire Nzoia river Basin considering the causes of the flooding in Budalangi emanate from the middle, upper and flood plain reaches of the basin.

The WKCDD&FMP has formulated appropriate intervention measures both short term and long term covering the entire region of Nzoia river basin. The basin is divided into three regions: upper catchment, middle catchment and lower reaches of the floodplain.

As the river meanders and slows down towards Lake Victoria, flooding takes place. River training at three sections within Budalangi have already been constructed at Sigingga (about 330m), near Sininda (about 290m) and Subuka (about 730m) with combined total length of slightly more than 1.3km.

Construction of 5 check/weirs dams in the upper catchment across the tributaries of River Nzoia at Kuywa, Olare Onyonkie, Sergoit, Kibisis and Sosiani has been ongoing. The tributaries of Kuywa and Kibisi carry lots of silt emanating from Mt. Elgon. More of these structures have been identified and will be constructed and their effect in controlling floods will be monitored.

The silt from the uplands is transported to the floodplain and deposited in the river channel that reduces the river's flow at the river mouth towards Lake Victoria thus causing floods.

The project in consultation with Bunyala district disaster committee and the Provincial Administration procured 6 evacuation boats which are only waiting to be fixed with outboard engines.

Construction of disaster evacuation center was started and this will act as the holding ground for affected populations during floods.

Procurement works for the reconstruction of the northern and southern dykes (about 33km) will start once the ongoing design works are completed in the course of the year.

Work on the design of multipurpose dam at the middle catchment is ongoing and once completed the funding will be sourced for construction.

Catchment management continues by rehabilitating the most degraded sub catchment areas through Water Resource Management Authority office in Kakamega.

So far 500,000 seedlings have been planted in Moiben, Kuywa and Sosiani rivers. The Water Resources Users Association and communities are involved.

18.8.5 Disaster preparedness

The project has purchased automatic water level machine and installed automatic hydro met stations within the basin which enables the project staff to receive data any time at the base station

As a measure towards disaster preparedness, the issuance of daily flood warning systems continues and this gives a lead time of 2 days. The information is disseminated through the local community radio (Bulala FM) supported by the project.

In collaboration with the District Disaster Management Committee, a contingency plan has been formulated whereby various organizations have pledged to preposition various resources in preparation for any flooding disaster.

86/2010 SITE VISITS

Bunyala Youth Empowerment Centre

The construction is complete and the Committee to noted that the building is sub standard. There was no proper supervision by the engineer in charge.

Bulala Radio Station

The Committee was happy with the role that the station is playing in the society by sensitizing people of any impending dangers.

Raphael Wanjala Secondary School

The Committee was able to see one thousand trees that were planted around the school compound under the KKV programme trees for jobs component. The trees are well tended to.

Disaster Management Centre

The construction which is ongoing for the disaster management centre funded by the World Bank through the Ministry of State for Special Programmes and the land was bought by CDF. The Centre will have one multi purpose hall which will be used for training and logistics and two dormitories, one for women and another for men and a store.

Lake Victoria Port

The Committee was informed that the World Bank through the Ministry of State for Special Programme bought six boats parked at the Port Victoria. That each boat costed Kshs200,000 excluding the engines which were yet to be bought.

The committee observed that the boats were not to international standard and not labeled and were being used by the marine department for patrol in the lake.

The dykes

The Committee was informed that a stretch of fifty nine metres where the river training was done and where the river meander was dug through to assist the water flow. Making the water not to hit the dyke as it flows straight.

MIN 87 /2010 ADJOURNMENT

And the time being seven O'clock the Acting Chairperson Hon Odhiambo MP adjourned the Meeting until Nairobi.

Signature.....



Chairperson

Date.....

MINUTES OF THE FOURTY-SEVENTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 07, 2010 IN MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM COUNTY HALL, PARLIAMENT BUILDING AT 12.00 NOON

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. – **Chairperson**
The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – **Vice Chairperson**
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P.
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.
The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant
Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant

MIN 98/2010 DELIBERATIONS WITH WESTERN KENYA MPs ON THE WESTERN KENYA COMMUNITY DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT AND FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS (WKCDD&FMP)

The Hon. Dr. David Eseli, M.P., the Yusuf Chanzu MP and the Hon David Esiali MP, Informed the Committee that:-

- i. The Western Kenya Community Driven Development and Flood Mitigation Projects (WKCDD&FMP) programme came up due to the poverty in Western Kenya. It is the single largest donor funded programme to take place in Western Kenya. By 2007 the programme was ongoing and some of the area Members of Parliament had several meetings with the community to prioritize what the community wanted to achieve.
- ii. When the project stalled the officers were also suspended from working thus the programme did not have any monitoring and evaluation going on and some people misused the money.
- iii. The reason behind the suspension of the project by the Ministry of finance was due to misuse of funds, which was revealed after the World Bank instituted an audit. However the Committee should note that World Bank had a monitoring programme and they had earlier said that the programme was doing well. The audit report revealed that Kshs54 million was missing, however with the validation report, Kshs11 million was misused and Kshs5 million was lost.

- iv. It was not good enough to suspend the programme due to misuse of Kshs eleven million out of Kshs1.2 billion. Most officers were cleared by the validation report. However the World Bank still wrote a letter saying that their contracts should be terminated.
- v. Despite the fact that the rains were so much this year, it should be noted that other parts of the country flooded but Budalangi did not flood.
- vi. When the project was on, it had a major impact on the community. The project is very important for Western Kenya. It had a unique approach on development and conservation. Training was carried out very well and leaders met to endorse the projects and the districts committees were there. However the community interest has gone down and the damage caused is irreparable.
- vii. The headquarters of the project was put in Nairobi. It should be in Western Kenya to cut on usage of money of people travelling to and from Nairobi to Western Kenya. Participation of the Members of Parliament in the project should be clearly spelt out.
- viii. The Committee should hold a joint meeting with PAC and call the World Bank, the Ministry of Finance and the suspended officers so as to try and resolve the issues at hand and to have the project back running.

MIN: 99/2010

ADJOURNMENT

And there being no other business, the Chairperson thanked all the Members and adjourned the meeting at one o'clock.

Signed
Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE FIFTIEH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON FRIDAY JULY 09, 2010 IN COMMITTEE ROOM FOURTH FLOOR CONTINENTAL HOUSE, PARLIAMENT BUILDING AT 11.00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. – **Chairperson**
The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – **Vice Chairperson**
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLYGY

The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P.
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.

ABSENT

The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
The Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. John Wanyoike – Clerk Assistant
Ms. Caroline Kinyua – Third Clerk Assistant

MIN 104/2010 DELIBERATIONS WITH THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, MINISTRY'S FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2010/2011

The Hon. Mohamud Mohamed, M.P. – Asst. Minister for Special Programmes accompanied by:-
Mr. Calvin Shavanga – CFO/Finanace
Mr. David Kariuki Kibe – AG. NPC
Mr. Moses Gitari – SDS and,
Mr. Simon Wambua – WKCDD/FMP

Informed the Committee that:-

- i. Treasury gave an indication that once the Western Kenya Community Driven Development Flood Mitigation Project starts, they will consider given the required amount of money for the project for this financial year.
- ii. The summary for expenditure for the Western Kenya Community Development Driven Poverty and Flood Mitigation Projects (WKCDD&FMP) by March 31 2010 was as follows:

Expenditure Category	Amount
Civil works	155,853,617
Goods and equipment	189,900,823
CDD micro projects	96,063,185
Community foundation	0
Youth micro projects	26,668,733
Malaria micro projects	2,027,421
Catchment management micro projects	0
Consultants' services and audit	82,612,335
Training and workshops	167,360,754
Vehicle operating costs	42,002,047
Other operating costs	424,323,421
Total	1,186,812,336

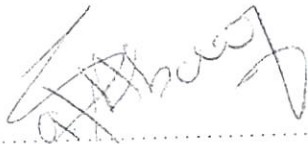
- iii. That the 'other operating costs' had been allocated the highest amount of money because it has very many components in it including paying of staff salaries, expenditure for construction of offices, office maintenance among other things and it was drawn from the financing agreement with World Bank.
- iv. That the Government took the first disciplinary measures against staff members suspected to have been complicit in funds mismanagement when 14 staff members including the National Coordinator was suspended in the month of September 2009. The World Bank later recommended that all those who were not cleared by the validation process be separated from the project which was done in May 2010.
- Further 3 officers were suspended, 8 were terminated, 1 is awaiting a court case, 2 did not have their contract renewed, 2 were reinstated after the validation report cleared them and other non project staff are having the mismanaged money being recovered from their salaries.
- v. The tendering process for the six boats that were bought for the purposes of evacuating people in times of floods was done at the district level. The acquisition of the boats underwent through the legal tendering process and it is the district tender Committee that approved the purchase.
- vi. A total of Kshs76,924 million cheques had not been disbursed by the time the accounts were frozen.
- vii. The position of the monitoring and evaluating officer of the WKCDD&FMP had so many functions such as:
- a. Establishment of a system of keeping routine records
 - b. Carrying out a baseline survey which was done and the data was useful

- c. Providing technical assistant to the districts coordinators to develop monitoring and evaluation framework for various components of the projects
 - d. Preparing quarterly reports and annual reports
 - e. Developing of the work plan and the budgets
- viii. The monitoring and evaluation reports that were prepared by the monitoring and evaluation officer are among the reasons as to why an audit of the accounts was done.
- ix. Most of the problems that were taking place in WKCDD&FMP were not easily identifiable by an ordinary person other than an auditor.
- x. The ministry will put in place the following measures once the project restarts to ensure that funds are not mismanaged again:
- Employ new officers
 - Strengthen internal controls
 - Bring on board internal auditors
 - Bring on board monitoring and evaluating committees

MIN: 105/2010

ADJOURNMENT

And there being no other business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at twelve O'clock.

Signature.......... Date.....
 Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2010 IN THE MAIN DINNING HALL, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT 10.00 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. - Chairperson
Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. - Vice Chairperson
Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.
Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.

ABSENT

Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN – ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr John Wanyoike - Clerk Assistant

MIN 119/2010 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Minutes of the twenty eighth sitting held on Friday May 15, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson.

Minutes of the twenty ninth sitting held on Friday May 15, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson.

Minutes of the thirtieth sitting held on Friday May 15, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson.

Minutes of the thirty first sitting held on Thursday May 20, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson.

Minutes of the thirty second sitting held on Thursday May 20, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson.

Minutes of the thirty third sitting held on Friday May 21, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson.

Minutes of the thirty fourth sitting held on Saturday May 22, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson.

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Minutes of the thirty sixth sitting held on Tuesday June 08, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson.

Minutes of the thirty seventh sitting held on Wednesday June 09, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson

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Minutes of the fortieth sitting held on Thursday June 10, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson

Minutes of the forty first sitting held on Friday June 11, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson.

Minutes of the forty ninth sitting held on Friday July 16, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson.

Minutes of the fiftieth sitting held on Thursday July 16, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson.

Minutes of the fifty first sitting held on Friday July 16, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson.

Minutes of the fifty second sitting held on Thursday August 19, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson

Minutes of the fifty third sitting held on Wednesday August 25, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson

Minutes of the fifty fourth sitting held on Thursday September 02, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Chairperson

MIN 120/2010 DELIBERATIONS ON EASTERN , COAST AND WESTERN FACT FINDING TOUR REPORT

The members perused the Western, Coast and Western Provinces fact finding Tour Report on;-

The Youth Enterprise Development Fund

The Women Enterprise Development Fund
The Kazi Kwa Vijana projects and Programmes
The Orphans and Vulnerable Children Cash Transfer
The Old Persons Cash Transfer and
The Western Kenya Community Driven Development and Flood
Mitigation Projects.

The committee having perused the Report resolved that ;
The Western Kenya Community Driven Development and Flood
Mitigation Projects should not be included as much more information and
a visit is necessary to check on the status of all the projects.

The concerned recipients seemed not to have been fully involved and the
amount of grants given seemed to have been misappropriated.

The committee resolved to summon the Minister of State for Special
Programmes by December to clarify whether the World Bank has agreed
to release the Funds and what action the Ministry had taken against the
officers mentioned by the World Bank Forensic audit report and whether
the Ministry had done its Audit of the Projects.

The committee resolved to peruse again the amended Report on Tuesday
and have the Report Laid on the same day Tuesday November 24, 2010 at
2.30 pm.

The Chairperson requested the Members to be ready for the Motion on the
Internally Displaced Persons Report Debate in the House.

MIN 121/2010 ADJOURNMENT

And there being no other business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at
twelve o'clock.

Signed Acting Chairperson
Hon Alfred Odhiambo MP.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2010 IN THE CONTINENTAL BUILDING BUILDING LIBRARY HALL, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT 10.00 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, M.P. - Acting Chairperson
Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P.
Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.
Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. - Chairperson
Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. - Vice Chairperson

ABSENT

Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.
Hon. Aden Keynan, M.P.

IN – ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr John Wanyoike - Clerk Assistant

MIN 122/2010 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson apology was read. The Hon Alfred Odhiambo, M.P was proposed by the Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P. to be the acting Chairperson the Hon Hon Elijah Lagat MP seconded and there being no other proposal Hon Alfred Odhiambo, MP was elected the Chairperson.

MIN 123/2010 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Minutes of the fifty fifth sitting held on Thursday November 18, 2010 were confirmed by the members present and signed by the Acting Chairperson the Hon Alfred Odhiambo MP.

MIN 124/2010 EASTERN, COAST AND WESTERN PROVINCES FACT FINDING TOUR REPORT EXCLUDING THE WESTERN KENYA COMMUNITY DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT AND FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS, ADOPTION.

The committee perused through the amended Report and adopted it.

The report was signed by the Hon Alfred Odhiambo MP Acting Chairperson on behalf of the Chairperson.

The committee resolved to lay the Report on Thursday November 25, 2010 at 2.30 pm.

MIN 125/2010 MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS.

The Committee was informed that the Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports was scheduled to appear on Thursday November 25, 2010 at 10.00 am as he is now no longer new in the Ministry.

The members resolved to question the Minister on;-

Which plans are there to ensure there is a Stadium in every constituency and how many are operational.

How many Constituencies have constructed Youth Empowerment Centers and those yet to start and what are the handicaps?

How many Students and Youth Polytechnics have benefited from the Youth Polytechnic Subsidized tuition?

The criteria used at giving equipments while some were substandard as the wheel barrows in Tigania West.

That the Kazi Kwa Vijana funds are being used by almost every Ministry how does the Ministry account for it and how can it be channened through one Ministry for easy accounting purpose and if not so how often is the District Youth Officer involved when recruiting the Youth if it's a different Ministry utilizing the Fund.

When will the Youth sensitization programme be completed and when will the Youth Council hold its elections.

MIN 126/2010 MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR STATE FOR SPECIAL PROGRAMMES.

The Committee to persue the Western Kenya Community Development Flood Mitigation Projects issues.

MIN 127/2010 ADJOURNMENT

And there being no other business, the Acting Chairperson Hon Alfred Odhiambo MP adjourned the meeting at thirty minutes past twelve o'clock.

Signed.....
Chairperson