

**BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**THE HANSARD**  
**SPECIAL SITTING**

The House met on Wednesday 17th June 2020 at 10:50 AM

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo) in Chair

**PRAYERS**

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay welcome Members to our morning session. I think we have some business to do today and... Clerk!

*(Technical hitch)*

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

TRANSFERS OF CHIEF OFFICERS TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay Members we have a communication from the Executive on the changes of the chief officers. So here is the document or letter that they have sent to the Assembly. Transfer of chief officers; this is to inform you that His Excellency the Governor has transferred chief officers in various departments. The following are the names of the chief officers and the departments they have been transferred to.

1. Susan Nakoru from education to devolution, public service management and administration.
2. Jane Borus from devolution, public service management and administration to education.
3. Richard Rutto from water and irrigation to environment, tourism and wildlife management.
4. John K. Chepkwony from environment, tourism and wildlife management to water and irrigation.
5. Dr. Winnie Bore from preventive and promotive health services to livestock.
6. David Cherop from economic planning to preventive and promotive health services.
7. William Kurere from agriculture to economic planning.
8. Wilfred Kiplagat from ICT and e-government to agriculture.
9. Isaac Ndirangu from livestock to ICT and e-government.
10. John Kisang in finance to remain in finance.
11. Dr. Gideon Toromo, health services to remain in health services.
12. Michael Kiptoo, transport, public works and infrastructure to remain in transport, public works and infrastructure.
13. Moses LOkayitor, industrial, commerce, enterprise and co-operative development to remain in industrial, commerce, enterprise and co-operative development.
14. Gladys Kiseku, youth, sport, gender, culture and social services to remain in youth, sport, gender, culture and social services.
15. Catherine Chang'wony, lands, housing and urban development to remain in land, housing and urban development.

This is signed by the County Secretary Francis Komen and copied to His Excellency the Governor and Deputy Governor, thank you Members. That is the communication from the executive and I think it is going to work as they have said thank you, Clerk.

## NOTICES OF MOTION

### REPORT OF THE SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES OF THE BARINGO COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR 2019/20FY

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay, I think they had given a notice?

*(Deputy Speaker consults with the Clerk)*

Okay Chair Budget and Appropriations Committee.

**Hon. Aengwo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir I beg to give Notice to the following Motion. A report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Baringo County Government Second Supplementary Budget Estimates for financial year 2019/2020.

Mr. Speaker sir that this House adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Second Supplementary Estimates of the Baringo County Government for the financial year 2019/2020 laid on the table of the House on the afternoon of Tuesday, 16th June, 2020 and in accordance with the provisions of Article 223 and 224 of the Constitution as read together with Section 135 of the PFM Act and Standing Order 220 of the Baringo County Assembly Standing Orders, approves -

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- ii. An increase of total budget Revenue for the 2019/2020 financial year by Kshs 84,341,000 to read Kshs 8,385,345,406.
- iii. An increment of the total recurrent expenditure for the financial year 2019/2020 by Kshs 84,340,999 to read Kshs 4,885,372,857 in respect of the votes as attached in the Third Schedule A;
- iv. Mr Speaker sir, further this House resolves that, the Schedules herein attached, First to Sixth Schedules form the basis of the enactment of the Second (2nd) Supplementary Appropriations Act 2020, Mr Speaker sir, I beg to give notice.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay thank you Mr. Chairman, Okay Clerk!

## STATEMENTS

### DISPUTE ON ELGEYO/MARAKWET AND BARINGO BORDER ALONG KERIO RIVER

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay statement No. 049 of 2019 by Hon. Richard Rono. That is to the Majority Leader.

*(Hon Leparsalaach stands on behalf of Hon. Kipchumba)*

**Hon. Leparsalaach:** Mr. Speaker sir we provided an answer to this question but it was not to the satisfaction to the Members and we were directed to do a site visit and summon the CEC to give a detailed report but unfortunately Mr. Speaker sir a soon as that directive was given, the Corona pandemic broke. We went on *sine die* and we were not able to perform that duty Mr. Speaker sir.

So I beg that we are given two weeks since now we have resume then we will do the necessary and report to this Hon. House Mr. Speaker sir, thank you sir.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Rono. Any Member who has an issue with the date requested? Okay since there is no challenge from the Members, we grant you the two weeks' time end that is on Wednesday 1st July in the afternoon, so Clerk.

*(Statement Deferred)*

## MOTION

### REPORT OF THE SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES OF THE BARINGO COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR 2019/20FY

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay the mover of the Motion, that is the Chair Budget and Appropriations Committee; Hon. Aengwo.

**Hon. Aengwo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I beg to move the Motion that this House adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Second Supplementary Estimates of the Baringo County Government for the financial year 2019/2020 laid on the table of the House on the afternoon of Tuesday, 16th June, 2020 and in accordance with the provisions of Article 223 and 224 of the Constitution as read together with Section 135 of the PFM Act and Standing Order 220 of the Baringo County Assembly Standing Orders, approves -

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- iv. Mr Speaker sir, further this House resolves that, the Schedules herein attached, First to Sixth Schedules form the basis of the enactment of the Second (2nd) Supplementary Appropriations Act 2020.

Mr Speaker sir, the Second Supplementary Budget Estimates of the Baringo County Government was tabled in the Assembly on the afternoon of Tuesday 16th June 2020 and through your directive was Committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee to Scrutinize and present a report to the House for approval in conformity with the provisions of Standing Order 192 (3) (b) and 220(1) of the Baringo County Assembly Standing Orders.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker sir, Allow me on behalf of my Committee to table the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Second Supplementary Budget Estimates of the Baringo County Government for the 2019/2020 Financial Year.

Mr. Speaker sir, It is instructive on the onset to inform the Hon. Members that the Law allows for the County Government to prepare and submit Supplementary Budget Estimates if and when need arises during the financial year. In this respect the County Treasury adhered to the relevant laws guiding the process namely: the Constitution, Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, and PFM Act (County Government) Regulations 2015, the specific Sections are outlined in detail

else where in this report.

The Committee upon receipt of the Committed 2nd Supplementary Budget Estimates invited the County Treasury to give an overview of the presented Estimates as well as the reasons for the preparation and submission of the Supplementary that had been inadvertently left out in the documents as presented.

The County Treasury presented the following reasons in its justification for the making and submission of the 2nd Supplementary Budget Estimates 2019/2020 financial year to the County Assembly for Approval.

These are the reasons why this supplementary budget had to be brought;

- I. Introduction of new revenue of 84 Million from National Treasury to address the fight on the COVID-19 19 Pandemic in the County. So there is increase in revenue.
- II. Consolidation of Kenya Devolution Support Programme (KDSP) Grants from the International Development Association (IDA-World Bank) to allow its re-allocation to a Special Purpose Account (SPA) as per the National Treasury Guidelines. So there are some realignment.
- III. Realignment of projects which were affected during the approval of the 1st supplementary budget 2019/2020FY
- IV. Realignment of projects that also changed milestones during implementation.
- V. Factor in emerging expenditure that were not budgeted for. I think there is a typo error, where should be replaced with were.

Mr. Speaker sir, as the Members are well aware, Section 136 of the PFM Act provides that appropriations of money for County Government purposes to lapse if unspent therefore, in view of the above, the departments which had made adjustments mainly on the recurrent expenditure side of their votes depending on their ability to utilize had to present their readjustments to the County Assembly for regularization and approval.

The legal basis Mr. Speaker sir, I think I won't go through that. I will go to page... even the committee mandate in page 6, it is well stipulated. The composition of the committee is also well known Mr. Speaker sir to this House. Maybe I will go to page 8 acknowledgements.

Mr. Speaker sir, the committee acknowledges the support received from the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk to the Assembly respectively for facilitating the Committee to review the Second Supplementary Budget of the Baringo County Government for the 2019/2020 financial year.

Further the Committee acknowledges the support received from the County Treasury led by the County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Hon Dr Rotich Richard in the making of the Second Supplementary. Mr Speaker sir, last but not least, I wish to acknowledge the work put in by the members of the Committee and the technical staff, towards the speedy completion of the report writing exercise.

I will go straight to committee findings Mr. Speaker on page 9 which is actually very important for Members to know. Mr Speaker sir, the committee upon its analysis of the 2nd Supplementary Budget Estimates for the 2019/2020 financial year as presented by the County Treasury made the following observations;

1. That the County Treasury did not adhere to Section 135 of the PFM Act on preparation and presentation of Supplementary Budgets since, the documents as presented were not conclusive as they did not give the reasons for the Supplementary as well as the justifications for the various changes on budgeted projects. Upon request the same were availed by the CECM Finance and Economic Planning and are herewith attached as Annex 2.

Mr. Speaker sir that was actually something we corrected because there should always be basis on why there is a supplementary budget and their document never gave us the reasons but when we requested they brought them on board

2. Another oversight was the lack of documentation in the form of guidelines and or work plans to support the inclusion of the National Treasury support to the County Government in the fight against the COVID-19 19 Pandemic amounting to Kshs 84Million.

Mr. Speaker sir even that one we expected the treasury to give us the break down on how this money is going to be used in the department of health but they never gave us.

Mr. Speaker sir on the increments; the committee upon perusal of the documents tabled observed that there were a total of 58 projects in the development expenditure side that had their allocations enhanced or increased. Nevertheless the Committee upon perusal noted some of these projects were allocated funds in different budgetlines in the same budget using new names.

The Committee also noted that some of the projects proposed for the enhanced allocation in the Supplementary Budget were part of the projects that had been reduced in the finalization of the approved 1st Supplementary Budget 2019/2020 and as such were to form a first charge in the making of the 2020/202 financial year budget estimates. This were increments Mr. Speaker sir that the treasury had to increase, they brought in 58 new projects. A detailed analysis of the projects with increased allocations is herewith attached in Annex 1

Reductions; the committee further observed that there were a total of 62 projects in the development expenditure side that had their allocations reduced. The Committee upon perusal noted that the reductions were affecting several wards though the reduction was not uniform with some wards greatly disadvantaged as most of the reduced projects were ward specific projects. A detailed analysis of the projects with reductions is herewith attached in Annex 1.

Mr. Speaker sir, special purpose account, the committee observed that the treasury wanted to comply with the National Government guidelines with regard to opening a Special Purpose Account for the KDSP conditional grants. The committee noted that the KDSP Grants in the County budget were spread out amongst three implementing departments as follows; Department, number of projects, amount of Kshs.

- I. Health Services who were given 5 projects amounting to 152,055,630.
- II. Department of Trade, Industrialization and Cooperative Development, 1 project costing 98,074,112.
- III. Water and Irrigation, 7 projects costing 40,000,000. Total Kshs 290,129,742. These are the conditional grants.

The full project list of the KDSP funded projects is herewith attached in Annex 3.

Classification by economic category. As regards classification of Budgets by Economic Classification i.e. development expenditure or recurrent expenditure, the committee noted that some projects were wrongly classified as Development Expenditure (D.E) whereas they are Recurrent Expenditure (R.E).

These include Procurement of Furniture and other accessories in the Office of the Governor, Consultancy Services for editing and formatting of the County Integrated Development Programme (CIDP) and Payment of Valuation Roll fees in the department of Finance and Economic Planning. We found out that some items were supposed to be in recurrent expenditure and not in development expenditure.

Mr. Speaker sir the committee recommendations. Mr Speaker sir, the committee after perusal and analysis of documents received and oral submissions from the County Treasury on the 2nd Supplementary budget Estimates as well as taking into consideration the views of the CECM Finance and Economic Planning makes the following recommendations;

- 1) That the Second Supplementary Budget Estimates for FY 2019/2020 be passed with amendments.
- 2) That the County Treasury's proposed re-allocations, increases and reductions for recurrent expenditure budgets between entities be approved. We allowed Mr. Speaker sir that movements in the recurrent expenditure be allowed.
- 3) That the County Treasury's proposed increases and reductions for development expenditure budgets between and within entities be rejected.

Mr. Speaker sir I may explain here, that we found out that there were some projects which found their way to this supplementary budget. I remember Mr. Speaker sir when we did our first supplementary budget estimates, we had an animal called over commitment. We tried to fill that gap of over commitment Mr. Speaker sir.

We were surprised that during this second supplementary, there was also other projects that were brought in not forgetting Mr. Speaker sir that we have not even finalized the budget review n why we got an over commitment in most of the projects and one of the biggest undoing in this supplementary budget on this bringing in new projects Mr. Speaker sir is that, they brought and want to pay new projects in other wards by reducing and deducting projects from other wards to finance other projects in other wards and we found out Mr. Speaker sir it is not being fair to this particular wards because I know we reduced projects to feel the gap of over commitment.

We also reduced projects when we actually wanted to give out money for Covid-19 19 pandemic and now the treasury is also following up the same projects and they are reducing them Mr. Speaker sir. As a committee we stood firm and said no, there should be no reduction anymore.

- 4) That, the County Executive Member for Finance and Economic Planning should present a detailed expenditure work plan or schedule of planned activities for the revenue of Kshs 84 Million received from the National Treasury to combat the COVID-19 19 Pandemic.
- 5) That the KDSP World Bank grants amounting to Kshs 290,129,742 be consolidated and appropriated under County Treasury vote to enable ease of movement to the Special Purpose Account in compliance to National Treasury Guidelines. The list of projects is listed in Annex 3;

- 6) That the CEC member for finance and economic planning should develop and formulate regulations prescribing requirements for the reallocation of funds within or between sub-votes or programmes to control the management of Supplementary Budgets Estimates in conforming to the requirements of Section 135 and 154 (3) of the PFM Act, 2012.
- 7) That the County Treasury shall be restricted to make payments only for projects in the approved budget estimates in compliance with the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and the Public Procurement and Assets Disposal Act 2015 and further that the Office of the Controller of Budget (COB) shall only release funds for approved budgets and projects. This one we were very categorical as a committee that we are suffering. Some projects in other wards actually becomes roll over every year and there are some projects that find their way to the budget and they are paid very first Mr. Speaker sir, which we refused.
- 8) Mr Speaker sir, that the departmental revenues and expenditure schedules in the 2nd Supplementary budget 2019/2020FY be set out thus:
  - i) That the Program Based Budget (PBB) be as set out in the First (1st ) Schedule
  - ii) that the Overall Revenue Streams of the 2019/2020 financial year 2nd Supplementary be as set out in the Second Schedule A. Those that I am indicating are actually behind. The schedules are behind this report.
  - iii) That Local revenue streams and sources be as set out in the Second Schedule B,
  - iv) that the overall recurrent Budget summary for the 2nd Supplementary Budget be as set out in the Third Schedule A.
  - v) That the overall development budget summary for the 2nd Supplementary Budget Summary be as set out in the Third Schedule B.
  - vi) That the detailed recurrent budget with analysis of salaries and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) for the 2nd Supplementary Budget be as set out in the Fourth Schedule,
  - vii) That the development budget summary with percentages for the 2nd Supplementary Budget be as set out in the Fifth Schedule.
  - viii) That the detailed overall budget summary per department of the 2nd Supplementary Budget be as set out in the Sixth Schedule.

In conclusion, Mr Speaker sir, that, this House adopts the Report of the Budget & Appropriations Committee on the Second (2nd) Supplementary Estimates of the Baringo County Government for the Financial Year 2019/2020, laid on the table of the House on the afternoon of Tuesday, 16th June, 2020 and in accordance with the provisions of Article 223 and 224 of the Constitution as read together with Section 135 of the PFM Act and Standing Order 220 of the Baringo County Assembly Standing Orders, approves -

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Act 2020, Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to move and call upon my Vice Chair Hon. Kibarar to second, thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

**Hon. Kibarar:** Seconded.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay the Motion having been moved by the Chair budget Hon. Aengwo and being seconded by Hon. Kibarar MCA Emiming now the debate is open.

*(The Deputy Speaker Consults with the Clerk)*

Okay sorry.

*(Question Proposed)*

Now the debate is open. Hon. Ernest Kibet the MCA for Kabarnet.

**Hon. Kibet:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to support the Motion. Mr. Speaker sir I want to congratulate the Chairman for a very articulate presentation. Mr. Speaker sir I have a feeling that the Budget Committee is doing a wonderful job. If you read what we have seen on the reductions and the Chairman has clearly spell out that really the Ward Fund is a deeply negotiated budget process that the executive should be very careful when handling it because doing a reduction for a project and you know Mr. Speaker sir as we speak almost all the ward projects are ongoing or if they are not ongoing they are at the tender stage. So it would be an injustice to reduce ward fund projects.

Mr. Speaker sir, I also want to encourage the Committee that we have seen projects being introduced and I want to ask the Committee that they need to do a thorough investigation. Why would a project appear midway? We have heard of stories Mr. Speaker sir of this County that there are contractors who worked and they have not been paid and the department has been waiting for an opportunity to fix them.

So they will always loOkay for an opportunity to introduce a budget line, claim maybe it is in Kisanana ward and even the area MCA is not even aware.

Mr. Speaker sir now that I have seen that this committee has grown very strong teeth, I want to encourage the Chairman to move with speed and claw all those grey areas.

Mr. Speaker the budget making process is vital for this Baringo County and Members will agree with me that when we came in, I think we were suppose to clean up the budget so that we trying to clean it midstream because even what we were told it was a shortfall or what the Chairman called over commitment is something that we would have handled at the very beginning so that Mr. Speaker when we are this moment we could be rolling and Mr. Speaker i also want to echo the sentiments that those projects that have been reduced, be the first charge on the budget that is coming. So that Mr. Speaker sir it would be sad that some of these Members will suffer in the hands of electorates because the electorates are part and parcel of this process, they are the custodians.

Mr. Speaker when we came in I thought I would have my own way and introduce even other things that would be of better value but the electorates is saying this is what make sense to me. Allow us to do as we wish and Mr. Speaker if you are told today that there is a reduction, the electorates will not say it is the CEC, they will say it is the MCA and it is unfortunate because even this reductions a times they target where you have a lesser influence then they say you see, he is after us because he doesn't like us.

Mr. Speaker we are asking that this committee and this House should protect us. Once we pass the budget and I think Members should realize that we are the custodians of this budget because I have seen tendencies where the executive will want to cannibalize the budget. If we don't stand firm, we are going to lose this process and it will be sad for us.

So I want to say I support this Motion and also want to say that today is my first time seeing our new Deputy Speaker (DS) discharging duties and I am very impressed and...

*(Applause)*

We are happy. You know when you have a trustworthy pilot in the cockpit; you can even afford a sleep because you know you will arrive at your destination. So Mr. Speaker we are still adjusting ourselves and giving our support. In this House we are in the middle of the journey and you should know you are a very diligent man with a lot of precision. So we want to learn at the middle of the airport so that all these Members will be very happy. Otherwise I support the Motion.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Ernest Kibet. Hon. Lotela MCA Silale for Ward.

**Hon. Lotela:** Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. I want only to add something maybe the Chairman left out on page 8, 3.2 Acknowledgement. You don't need to go there. The only thing that the Chairman or the secretariat were to put here is to add the efforts of the Office of the Governor which has been facilitating them to do the supplementary budget...

*(Laughter)*

Because if you see...I have listened very carefully the Chairman explaining how the justification of projects is given. The Committee had a very difficult time to agree with the Executive. An example of myself is that in the First supplementary, a project of Kshs. 2 million for piping from Natan to a school called Napokole was deducted. One of my water pan from an area you cannot drill because it lies in a geothermal belt with hot springs and it is very difficult to get water. I had a budget of Kshs. 3 million for water pan but they removed Kshs. 2 million.

Another thing, they also deducted money for another water pan and they have also done so in the second supplementary budget and when they did so, the Treasury received the supplementary budget with a deduction without any letter that can you move with the original budget. Now, the procurement has been stopped during the supplementary budget and the project that has been deducted has been stopped. Now they have been given to hang and create a reason for the second supplementary the way my friend Chairman was saying that the law allowed the Chief Officer to move the votes that have not been spent and yet they have created the ground for the projects not to move on.

Mr. Speaker, when we got Kshs. 200 million for Covid-19, I only received 13 cartons of sanitizers in my Ward, 600 masks and three 20 litres of detergent. That is only what I got from the Covid-19 fund and the project that has been stopped. There is no evidence of a Covid-19-19 case in Baringo or in Silale. Nobody has been tested in Baringo to confirm that maybe the movement of people from Nairobi to Baringo has been confirmed. What are we doing as an Assembly? Its also very difficult to understand from the Budget Committee that if there are new projects, you remove a project in Silale and move to another ward then you give me two minutes to read and pass. Why are you not presenting to the entire Members? What is wrong turning this

Assembly then you put a PowerPoint there and let Members who are ready to come and witness the supplementary.

Why are you denying us to know what is going on in recurrent? When you are bringing a built budget, it is very difficult for you to see the itemization. I have been having that problem because I was just given the paper. What kind of a decision do you want me to defend? Who can I consult on the removal or an introduction of a new project? The committee should always acknowledge the efforts received from the Office of the Governor to facilitate this kind of an ill motivated move but the Committee is...Aengwo, you are killing me as your colleague.

You are killing me politically because you know budget is not supporting my program as an elected Member of Silale and I don't want to say...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Lotela address the Speaker

**Hon. Lotela:** But he was the one giving the budget...

*(Laughter)*

Mr. Speaker, the Committee proposes here that they will stop the movement of Ward projects. That is Okay but...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): What is your point of order Hon. Elizabeth?

**Hon. Elizabeth:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. When the Chairman was reading the budget, he had no ill motive because Hon. Lotela is saying that there was an ill motive and nobody has that in this House. Can he withdraw and apologize.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Lotela proceed. I think it was an assumption.

**Hon. Lotela:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I got the understanding from the presentation of the Chair and I realized that there are some issues that the Committee did not agree with the Executive. They disagreed as them...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): What is your point of order Hon. Kibarar? Hon. Kibarar you are a Member of Budget and some issues that you want to put across you hand to the Chair so that he will be handling those issues when replying.

**Hon. Kibarar:** Mr. Speaker it is a point of order. I think you have not...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay. Go on.

**Hon. Kibarar:** I want to ask if our Majority Whip is seated in the position of the Minority Leader. Is it in order?

*(Laughter)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): I think now there is no Majority or Minority Party. Everyone can now reposition according to the National arrangement. Hon. Lotela proceed.

**Hon. Lotela:** Mr. Speaker the Chair raised a very fundamental issue on page 9 that is how they engage with the Treasury. If you see their discussion because some of us get the discussion through this paper and how they engage because we were not there to face expression and the words used in engagement but we can see that in this document.

The Treasury was not very sincere to the Committee and the Committee is also not clear on the reason of introducing a new project. I was very keen to get the reason from the Chair on moving

of Ward projects and this calls what I was saying that it should be a tradition that before a budget is brought to the Assembly, we have at least three days to present it here. This will give us a timeline to challenge a particular decision. But when you deny people to internalize a document and check from the source, you are denying them to make a decision on that report.

At the same time, they were saying that when you want to manipulate something, deny them the reality and don't give them time and understanding to know. That is what the Budget Committee has been doing all along. We have been keeping quiet because Aengwo is a friend and nobody will listen to you when you make noise. Secondly, I am worried and the Chair has confirmed that they have stopped the movement of funds from Ward or reduction from the Wards that that have been deducted. But I have a problem here. The Chairman always says something here but what goes to the Executive is different. Sometimes we do an amendment here for example in the other budget we said that all Ward projects will not be touched in the supplementary budget but the departments tell us that the projects are missing in the supplementary budget.

Last time I went to the Chairman's office after we were told to regularize our issues with the Clerk Budget and finish. I toOkay my issues but when the budget that was signed in the Assembly went to the Treasury, everything that I presented was missing. I even went to Cheptebo to say...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Order Hon. Lotela. The issue of the deducted projects will be seen during the next budget which will come in two weeks' time so that we analyze it.

**Hon. Lotela:** But Mr. Speaker there must be a supplementary budget that goes from here to the Executive and that is what they will use for appropriation of funds to roll up a program. What is said should exactly what is reflected in the Executive. Lastly, I want the Chair to explain to me when my projects that have been stopped by reduction of funds for whichever reason...I don't know whether my project has been taken for Covid-19 but the money allocated was reduced and the project has stopped at procurement.

When are they going to implement? Because the Chair the other time won my heart saying that we have stopped the program to move with the original budget because the deducted amount will be refunded. I am worried now seeing funds being deducted from the same projects. That is a problem and the Chair should know that when presenting a project that touches a Ward, can you call them and explain the reasons behind. There is no harm because this is for the people of Baringo.

Mr. Speaker, if they make any mistake in this supplementary budget for another deduction, the budget for 2020/2021, the Ward fund will be around 6 million per Ward. We are now talking about 10 million per Ward. What shame is that?

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Speed up Hon. Lotela.

**Hon. Lotela:** We are moving an Assembly. So in short, this Assembly is not doing oversight to make sure that project is done and now they have made an execution to enable the Executive kill the projects and delay to create a rollover. That is the role of the Assembly through budget at the moment. It cannot be me alone who is affected. It can be everybody else.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Lotela. Are you supporting the motion or...?

**Hon. Lotela:** I need a clarification from the Chair on the status of my projects the way it is. Secondly, 84 million that has come without schedule. How are we going to move? If he does that I will support...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you. There is a time for reply and Hon. Aengwo will give you the right answer. Hon. Parkei.

**Hon. Parkei:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support the motion and congratulate the Members who contributed before. We are reading from the same script with Hon. Lotela because whatever the Budget Committee did is a concern of Hon. Lotela. First of all to emphasize on the projects you know in our first budget there were over commitment and we reduced almost 6 million of the Ward development fund and another 4 million for Covid-19 from the same Wards.

And today when this supplementary came, we realized that the same Wards will be affected by reduction of the Ward Development fund. We stand our ground to say that we have not even...our resolution in the House was that the Covid-19 and the over commitment budget that was slashed will become the first charge in our main budget. We will not approve the removal of some Ward development fund to other Wards. Same to what Hon. Lotela said, in my Ward all the projects that we have reduced from the budget will not pass the procurement stage and we cannot approve the other reductions for implementation or payment.

We resolved to wait for the main budget to recover the 6 million for over commitment and 4 millions for Covid-19 and fully fund our projects to pass the procurement stage. Mr. Lotela is with us but it is just...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Parkei, it is Hon. Lotela not Mr. Lotela

**Hon. Parkei:** Hon. Lotela sorry. He is my friend and he understands what I am saying. I urge this house and us as a Committee we do oversight and when the Treasury Department came to Kisumu, we turned them back to clarify some issues. Yesterday we met them here and they confirmed whatever they told us in Kisumu. We cannot be taken just to rubberstamp these issues. I understand I have suffered a reduction of 6 million, 4 million and yesterday is 7 million. so, when will these projects in my Ward be done same to Hon. Lotela and all of us? We just reject the removal and give them room to move the recurrent but not development. Even recommendation No. 7, no payment of money that has not been in the budget. Let all payments be done after our main budget. That is my clarification and let us support this report.

When I stand as a Member of Mukutani, I stand on behalf of the 30 Wards in Baringo County.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Parkei. Hon. Selemoi.

**Hon. Selemoi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Listening to contribution from Members, you will appreciate that Members in this Assembly are frustrated because of the bottlenecks in the budget making process and this is not an exception. Having been in this Assembly this much, and the Chair budget and appropriation Committee should be alive to the fact that there has been a systematic mutilation of the budget making process for this Assembly to appear as though we are singing in the tune of the Executive.

And truly so, every other time that we are subjected to the main budget, supplementary budget or any other budget process we get rushed and get intimidation of timelines. Each and every other time, there is a catch that this House is brandished by red card of timeline so that we pass resolution of budget making process to safeguard because of timelines.

Mr. Speaker, we shall be coming out of reach and say enough is enough as much as we are friends, the Hon. Chair is my great friend and he is a Member of a Ward like myself but this is not life and death. This is a budget process that must face the test and procedures. Mr Speaker first things first, when we came into this Assembly, we got a budget for Ward Development Fund standing at 25 million. The previous Assembly had around 35 then it dropped to 30 and we have been going downhill and downhill. When we confront the Chair Hon John Aengwo and the committee they say because of the revenue dwindling processes we have to face the reality and slide down and down. During the public participation process that ended just recently by the executive before ours came. Ours I mean the Assembly, the community in our wards were given a budget of 20 million to appropriate for projects. But recently when the Assembly did theirs, we were given 10 million and now the executive members of our community starting with the ward admin, sub County admin they are saying it is the Assembly hat slashed. This is a backlash that we have to be alive to, that Assembly always slashes budgets of the executive. When we met the Governor the other day I remember very well I asked him with his officers in Cheptebo to tell us exactly why every other time you accuse the Assembly and us as MCAs that we are slashing your budget.

Mr Speaker common sense, common practice, budget process is generated by the executive. Isn't that true? What we are having here, we can only modify as Assembly 10 per cent of that. Who generates the entire process, it is the executive but in the public domain the governor and his team goes and tells the public that we were to bring you this and this but the Assembly slashed your money. Mr Speaker I don't know the Hon Chair a great friend of mine would wish to go into annals of History as the Chair who presided over the budget that was sliding down every year for ward representative including himself. It is a choice Hon Chair that your committee who hundred per cent of them signed the document will want to be associated with that kind of history. Remember resources are meagre but we should first, a bigger chunk of the resources that goes into development to go into Ward Development fund because currently if you equate what the other funds are doing to our communities to our wards it is Ward development fund that is felt on the ground. The rest of the flagship projects and programs are just in paper. For example the sub County of Tiaty in the previous budget the office of the Governor gave us a flagship project for 60 million, you are aware of that Mr Speaker and when it was subjected to public participation in Chemolingot the community of Tiaty prioritized the 60 million for water rigs, that is what the community did. I don't know what other sub counties prioritized but when procurement was done and when the delivery of the water rigs was delivered it become and entire County rigs. What kind of nonsense is this? I asked Hon Parkei Member of Mukutani that isn't it.....

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon Selemoi I think you are alleging that you budgeted for the rig so I think there is a budget for the rig, that is the question that you need to ask but not in this supplementary.

**Hon. Selemoi:** You know Mr Speaker with due indulgence and your directive I am building a genesis of the malpractices that has been happening to budget processes are. I am saying that ....

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon Selemoi do you need the information?

**Hon. Selemoi:** Yes I may need because it is....

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon Parkei can you give him the information.

**Hon. Parkei:** Thank you Mr Speaker sir let me congratulate the member of Churo Amaya Ward for coming out clearly to defend our County and I want to inform him that the last budget that we did all sub counties benefited with almost 47 million for the flagship projects and for Tiaty if I am informed most of their projects were Honey, water pans. But when it came to the first supplementary budget all those money were removed so the only money for the rig was the flagship for the County for the 6 million. So it was not meant for the sub County. That is the information that I wanted to give him because let us be informed when you want to get information we are ready to give him and I thank him for what he wants to say.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo):** Thank you Hon Parkei for informing him that his money is still safe.

**Hon. Selemoi:** Mr Speaker that kind of information is appreciated however what the Hon Member who is also the Chair.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo):** Just speed up because of time

**Hon. Selemoi:** I will. You know I got interrupted. I appreciate his information and equally so he is the Chair of water and irrigation committee in this Assembly. however the precise, the flagship projects he referred to, we are aware sub County but the rig... the previous financial year which is 2018/19 that is the Financial Year that I am referring to and the flagship project for 2019/20 was the one that was subjected to the first supplementary budget and we are still waiting whether it will come back or no. However I don't want to digress on that. What I am alleging and it is the true fact is that we are bystanders; we are spectators in the budget making process of this County. The Assembly through the oversight of the committee is not in control of the process. Why am I saying this? Because even the second supplementary that is before us there is little public participation by us and the Hon Member from Silale equitably and rightfully said hat we get this estimates so rushed to us and then we want to pass it. However it has been our tradition to sing and rubberstamp some of these recommendations and some of these budget making process, let it be our tradition to do so and I will also join the queue to rubberstamp the same through this motion. But History will judge us harshly. Let us wait in the man budget to get Hon Aengwo to convince us again that you know because of the revenue, Covid-19 *wacha tu tufanye hivi* and we are going to do that but remember Mr Speaker history will judge us harshly and because we are faithful in not making things abrasive as community of Baringo then we go on like that. Remember a day will come when we will not be happy and the people of Baringo will be harsh on us.

In conclusion, I would want to redeem ourselves through the Hon Chair that in the major budget we need redemption of our name as Assembly. Remember this is the last budget that you will control as an MCA of Baringo. The next one is not yours. I am telling you. This is the last and If you are going to please the executive we are going to be overrun. Like the previous debate we had in this house, I told members to go for quick win projects in this coming budget. Don't go for complicated bureaucratic projects that will not benefit you as an MCA. Go for software fixes that will make you earn political mileage and come back that is my plea and then the committee you should be flexible enough and fight for us to get first of all we get all our projects that we donated to them to salvage the previous anomalies. Number three any loopholes especially what Hon Parkei referred to, the projects I don't know overspending or what.. over commitment that is the word and the Covid-19 we need to plough back to benefit ourselves then we need through the committee to up the allocation to each ward even if it will mean crippling others. Why would we

be the one donating funds to other departments then ours get crippled. Finally I must end that because of the tradition that we are into I support the motion.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon Selemoi, whoever I will give from now it is just two minutes. Just don't repeat because I have seen we are circulating on the same issues. Hon. Lemlem just take two minutes, be specific to the points

**Hon. Lemlem:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker for according me the opportunity. I will be very brief, hat I am reading here signed by the CEC in charge of Finance is worrying specially to the people I represent. Tebei-Iliagat Sirwe road was a product of public participation which was attended by over 180 people and we budgeted 2.9 million now they have removed 1 million to finance projects which are either in payment stage procured or omitted in rollover. Similarly Kapkinagat footbridge that was 2018/19 at 2.5 million they have removed 1 million to finance projects which are either in payment stage, procured or omitted in rollover. So Mr Speaker budget document is a living document, it is a document that mutates based on availability of resources. I cannot understand why we budgeted money and then suddenly we are paying over-commitment. At what level did we over-commit? I want to plead with you Mr Speaker that the budget char and the budget committee are failing this house. You are not protecting our interests as elected members. What happened to my money? I need to be supplied with documents showing that the 1.5 million has been moved to pay certain amount of project, where is the list of over-commitment? Where is the list of these omitted projects in rollover? For once I can agree with what we did with Covid-19 19. I removed money for two projects and I know them. It is Koitilion borehole and Kimalel water project. Those are the only issues that I agreed to. But these others are not here or there. If the budget committee cannot supply evidence then it is high time we ask the majority leader to disband the Budget Committee.

Secondly and finally this issue of rushing over the budget confuses us and it is not that I have any bad blood with the Chair and the committee of Budget but the evidence is in black and white. I don't know what the problem is. I will plead that before we take the serious issues of removing the budget committee can they be even doing a public participation for the whole house so that we are taken item after item. We are not safe, I have seen that the tradition is that you remove money, you get money and you add recurrent. There is 84 million and I think this document is clear. An increase of total budget revenue 2019/2020 of 84 million. Elsewhere we are being told that there is reduction of revenue but there is an increase of 84 million and that has been moved to a recurrent budget. This 84 million is paying what is in recurrent budget can we have the items here so that we are a logical house. I am going to abstain today, I am not going to vote either to oppose or support but am going to abstain because there is a total confusion. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon Lemlem. I will give just two people. Hon Tarus just use two minutes and then I will give the majority and then the mover to reply.

**Hon. Tarus:** Okay thank you Mr Speaker I rise first of all not to support this supplementary budget because I have seen there is a trend where developments budget is always reduced to go to recurrent. I have said always. I am specific in the words that I am using. I have a case here of a dispensary

*(Hon. Aengwo rises in his place)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Do you need the information Hon. Tarus?

**Hon. Traus:** He may give me the information

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon Aengwo assist him with the information you have

**Hon. Aengwo:** Mr Speaker sir I could not wait members trying to bring out a perception that the Budget Committee is failing them. The budget making process, I think one of the members said it is the work of the executive. They have done it, they brought it and we have dealt with it. I am only saying that the timelines, we don't dictate to them when to bring a budget or a supplementary budget, that one should be very clear.

Number two, when you look at Annex one, there is a report here analysis of the budget and appropriations committee indicating that some ward projects were reduced to fund other ward projects from other wards. In our recommendations we rejected. For you to be referring to my has been reduced we rejected this one will not work. It is only time. It is only time that members never caught and it is not also our making. This particular document was tabled yesterday, we cannot control them, we cannot tell them when to bring supplementary budget. I want to say

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): What is the point of order I think this is an information...Hon Aengwo can you just rush

**Hon. Aengwo:** Mr Speaker it was an information that I thought members will not dwell on this projects that have been reduced. I was clarifying to them...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Aengwo I think members you have been informed that there is no money which has been transferred in this supplementary all of them have been stopped as informed by Hon Aengwo. There is no money which has been removed in this supplementary budget. Thank you. Continue Hon Tarus.

**Hon Tarus:** What happens that is the question that the Hon Chair should answer, what happens to projects whose money was reduced in previous supplementary budgets but it has not been refunded back because I have such a project in my Ward. We cannot just continue removing money from ....

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo):Hon Tarus as the speaker let me inform you. I think the budget which was removed in the first supplementary will be redone in the next budget which is to come next week or two weeks time.. this is a supplementary

**Hon Tarus:** That being the case then I will support but if this money is not refunded in the next budget then be sure that I will stand here and we will have some fireworks because it is not worth sitting in this Assembly debating on a budget which we pass what they have brought us then at the end of the day the money is going to what we call recurrent. It is very clear in the constitution and even in the County government acts it is very clear that the budget should be at least 30 per cent development.

But what happens we have 31% and when it comes to supplementary budgets we start mutilating the development money and reducing it to be as lower as 20% Mr. Speaker which this House needs to protect that particular part of the Constitution by making sure that we follow the laid down regulation, Mr. Speaker I now support now that he has come out clear.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Tarus, now to Hon. Majority Leader... sorry there is a point of concern from Hon. Elizabeth Kipsang.

**Hon. Elizabeth:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, my point of concern is that I think the Hon. Clerk to tailor make a training to the Hon. Members on budget circle so that we can understand, the Chairman of budget cannot tell us that the executive cannot be forced to bring... there is a timeline, so we need to train all the Hon. Members on the timelines so that we can know when to say what in this House Mr. Speaker, thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you, I think supplementary has got no timelines; it depends on the issues available... now because of gender parity, I will request majority leader to hold on a bit so that I allow Hon. Saphina Jelagat and you will be the last member to contribute and we will go to the mover.

**Hon. Saphina:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I will be very brief, Mr. Speaker like my friend Hon. Lemlem alluded to, I will also abstain from voting for or against this motion but I am feeling the frustrations of Hon. Members and it is a fact that this thing of not being keen on the budget process Mr. Speaker has been happen since the time we came to this Assembly and I think the executive has known the weakness of this Assembly and that is the reason why they go ahead and even introduce projects in between... projects that were not planned for, and projects that were not budgeted for Mr. Speaker so that they can come and reorganize in the second supplementary or first supplementary at a time that you cannot do anything.

Mr. Speaker, in many times the executive politicize, I remember when we were talking about over commitments which was coming to the tune of almost Ksh.800 Million, I remember instead of the executive taking responsibility for that problem Mr. Speaker they went ahead and blame our clerk Mr. Koech that he was in the system and he was the one who occasioned that over commitment.

Mr. Speaker, I was afraid because you the elected members and us the nominated members as an Assembly did not take keen interest on that now we are crying foul because of this but I thank the budget committee that they are now coming to realize. We are waiting for that final budget Mr. Speaker so that we see whether you are going to return your money especially the Ksh.10 Million which was taken even the one for COVID-19 19 which is very shameful to hear that you only got 600 masks or three jerricans of sanitizers and yet you gave out Ksh.4 Million so where is the other money if your own people cannot benefit out of it.

Mr. Speaker, the last request to the budget Chairman and the committee, the nominated members for a very long time has been left out in the budget making process and I don't know why? When that time comes you only invite the elected members I don't know where the nominated members have been left out in this, so Mr. Speaker we need to work together as a unit and as colleagues so that we help each other, there are things I may be able to point out here and assist my colleague so Mr. Speaker I want say I will abstain I will not take a vote, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Majority Leader.

**Hon. Leparsalaach:** Thank you so much Mr. Speaker sir, I also rise to give my view on this budget. Mr. Speaker sir, for the first time in the history of this Second Assembly is that I have heard members abstaining from supporting or rejecting a report, it is a clear indication that members are disparate, members are lamenting and I am also confused whether to support or reject this Mr. Speaker sir.

Mr. Speaker sir, as much as we are representing the Government in the County Assembly we also have our Wards and it is the citizens of this Ward that made me to be in this Assembly, without them electing me I would not be in this County Assembly Mr. Speaker sir. Mr. Speaker, when we were elected we actually outlined with the citizens what we intend to do within the time that we are going to be in this Assembly Mr. Speaker sir, and so far I won't say that things are good because most of the projects that the people from the Wards prioritized are never implemented and slowly by slowly they are mutilated Mr. Speaker sir.

Mr. Speaker sir I am particularly concerned by the report of the Committee when they say that upon perusal on some projects they found that there were projects that were allocated funds in different budget lines in the same budget using new names, Mr. Speaker sir, why should somebody do something like that? That is and will be motivated by ill motive

*(Applause)*

It is apolitical tool to make sure that the elected members within the County Assembly will not be elected back come 2022, that is my take Mr. Speaker sir and that is why I am saying we are actually lamenting, we know the budget committee comprises of the elected members and the nominated members, the elected members also have their Wards and they sail in the same boat as we do but Mr. Speaker sir to me when they say that they have rejected the money that have been removed from the Ward projects....we are waiting to see when the final report will come out, those budgets will be reflected.

Mr. Speaker sir I my Ward and I am happy to hear them say that they have reflected them back, the people of Kailer, the people of Illchamus Ward sat down and they said we need a dispensary at Kailer and they allocated Ksh.5 Million Mr. Speaker sir, during the COVID-19 19 it was very painful but I removed Ksh.500, 000 from the Ksh.5 million but somebody went and slashed Ksh.2 Million, that is too painful Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker sir, as members of this County Assembly we need to wake up, we need to raise our voices and make sure that the projects that are being prioritize by the electorates and the elected members of this Assembly are actually implemented as they were, Mr. Speaker sir there is a big confusion, during the public participation people got confused because they were first told that the Ward fund is Kshs.20 Million and when it came to Ksh.10 Million no body understood what happened and the blame goes to the elected MCA, so Mr. Speaker because we want the projects to be implemented and because we want other services to go to the people at the village, I will *shingo upande* support this report by the budget committee so Mr. Speaker sir, I support the report, thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay, thank you Hon. Leparsalaach, I now call the mover to reply... point of order from Hon. Selemoi.

**Hon. Selemoi:** Mr. Speaker I am drawn to Standing Order number 34(1,2) I have realized that we are participating in the debate of this important second supplementary but majority of the members of Budget Committee are not here Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether they have disown their document or not and equally the number of Hon. Members in this House now is not enough make a decision from a question put to either pass or reject it, I am aware that for COVID-19 issues we may relax the Standing Orders but I need your guidance Mr. Speaker so that moving forward we may know it in record of the Hansard on what we have to do in such circumstances, so Mr. Speaker I need your guidance.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay, thank you for the information Hon. Selemoi, in the Standing Orders number 34(2) the issue is of the quorum, now where is the chief whip to confirm to the House whether the members meet the required number... Hon. Kabon please counts the members and report if we have to continue or not...

*(Hon. Kabon stands in her place)*

**Hon. Kabon:** Mr. Speaker the quorum is Okay.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay, if the Chief Whip has confirmed we can go ahead, I now call upon the mover to reply.

**Hon. Aengwo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I stand here again so that I can be able to see is I can be able to respond to members some of the concerns they raised, Mr. Speaker, it was very clear from the onset that we said in our first supplementary and even in our County Fiscal Strategic Paper (CFSP), Mr. Speaker, it is indicated that our projects that were reduced to fund Covid-19 and to curb the over commitment as it was passed in this House, we said that they will become our first charge during our main Budget Mr. Speaker sir and I don't know whether the members are still aware.

Members have really pointed a finger to us and I thought we were alive to the fact that any project that was reduced will be introduced as a first charge in our final budget Mr. Speaker sir. Also Mr. Speaker sir, we availed this document from the treasury in good faith and we brought out projects that were reduced by the treasury and also projects that were increased by the treasury and they wanted to pay the same projects Mr. speaker sir, they introduced them from nowhere, they wanted to pay and I thought members this time round could applaud what we have done because we said before we even do the over commitment and the Covid-19 projects that were reduced, they have introduced new projects again and they wanted to pay Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker I thought members could applaud us as a committee because we stood our ground and we said you are digging another hole while the hole has not been filled and we rejected and because of that I thought the members could be a live to the fact that we did good to reject Mr. Speaker sir.

Mr. Speaker, there is a perception that we are being blamed that all the time our Ward fund is reducing and I thought members are not also very keen to be following up what CRA or the allocation that we get from the National Treasury, they have reduced and the budget committee have no money to add to whatever... because even in the financial year 2020/2021 the only amount of money that we have received from the National coffers is only Ksh.8 million Mr. Speaker sir and we were expecting over Ksh.100 Million and I want members to be following up what we normally budget every time so that they don't stand to blame.

Mr. Speaker sir, as we stand as a budget committee we stand as Hon. Members, we are actually fighting for the Hon. Members and you can remember even our last financial year Mr. Speaker sir we said all the flagship projects to a tune of around Ksh.50 Million will be taken to every Sub County, this is always something that use to be left out for the departments to do Mr. Speaker.

I also want to say something on the supplementary, Mr. Speaker this has no time lines, the main budget is the only one that has timelines Mr. Speaker, so members are not aware and the Ksh.84 Million that were given by the National Government will be used to combat the Covid-19 and we are also tasking the treasury to tell us how they want to spend the money and when we are

asking the members are also asking us. I think the problem is members never got time to go through this document because what they are asking is contained in the document Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to dispel categorically what Hon. Lotela said that we should also thank the treasury, we don't work with the treasury Mr. Speaker sir, we only invite them and this is in our Standing Orders as we do the budget somewhere the law requires us to invite the CEC Member so when the CEC Member comes to the venue where we are doing our report writing members here begin to think.... I don't know... I think we should read the Standing Orders for members to know that they are legally supposed to come and give us the overview of the budget on what they have done Mr. Speaker sir and therefore we are not talking the same language with the treasury, we as a committee and as an Assembly we are independent Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker I thought this could take us the shortest time because the only areas we allowed changes or movement was only in recurrent expenditure that if there was any vote that was over spent and there is another vote that has money the departments can move the recurrent money from one vote to the other but for the development expenditure we said no, and we allowed them Mr. Speaker sir.

Mr. Speaker next time we should move slowly with the members because I see that members read from different pages while we are in the same page with them because I am seeing what they call allegations are not actually allegations because it is what we are also complaining about and we have also solved some of this issues Mr. Speaker sir, so I want to urge members that once we pass in our CFSP and in our first supplementary it will go the way we had said so I want members to expect those projects that were reduced to be in the main budget Mr. Speaker sir and I want them to really get it right because that is the main bone of contention Mr. Speaker, their projects will be there Mr. Speaker. I want to stop there since we have other business in the afternoon; I want to urge Hon. Members to pass this budget Mr. Speaker, thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Member.

*Question put and agreed to*

*(Applause)*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

So Hon. Members the motion has been passed and therefore we will break shortly and come back at 2:30pm for the Supplementary Appropriations Bill.

Order Members! This House stands adjourned till 2:30pm this afternoon.

The House rose at 1:50 pm