

BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

The House met on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 9:55AM

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo) in Chair

PRAYERS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Sergeant-at arms, can you ring the quorum bell for five minutes.

(Quorum bell)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Members it is so worrying that the issue of quorum has become a problem and in fact today we were almost adjourning but good enough we have quorum. So members let us mobilize ourselves especially today and tomorrow where we have several reports and motions as we prepare for recess.

STATEMENTS

INCOMPLETION OF KISANANA HAY PROJECT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): We have statement number 014/2021 by Hon Jacob Cheboiwo MCA Kisanana Ward to the Chairperson Livestock and Fisheries. I think this is a new statement Hon Francisca you can read on behalf of the member

Hon. Francisca Cherutich: Thank you Mr Speaker on behalf of the MCA Kisanana Ward there is a statement to the Chairperson Livestock and Fisheries on the following matters of concern;

1. If she is aware that Kisanana Hay store project has stalled
2. What was the initial allocation of the project
3. Why was the project commissioned before completion?
4. What prompted the department to reduce what the sum initially allocated to the project yet it remained incomplete
5. What plans has the County government put in place to ensure that this project is expeditiously completed in readiness for much awaited use

Thank you Mr Speaker

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon Francisca. Chair Livestock and fisheries.

Hon. Siriti: Mr Speaker sir we are going to provide a comprehensive answer for this statement one week after the recess.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Ok let it be on 9th June 2021 at 2:30 PM

Hon. Siriti: Thank you Mr Speaker

MOTION

REPORT ON STATUS OF CATTLE DIPS IN BARINGO COUNTY FUNDED FROM 2013 TO DATE

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Chair.

Hon. Siriti: Thank you Mr Speaker sir, the report of the Livestock and Fisheries Committee on the status of cattle dips in Baringo County funded from 2013 to date. The committee had an assignment of going round on a mission on fact finding of the status of dips in Baringo. Mr Speaker we are through with the report and our acknowledgement goes to the committee acknowledges the support of the County Assembly led by the speaker for the ample time given to the committee to be able to carry out fact finding, examine departmental reports and coming up with the report.

The committee also extends its appreciation to the office of the Clerk, Baringo County Assembly for facilitation process and all kind of support given by his office.

The committee also appreciates officers from department of livestock and fisheries led by the CEC and the Chief Officer for providing vital information to the committee in coming up with the report.

Members of the committee and the secretariat are also highly appreciated for their commitment to the field work, report compilation and in contribution of ideas to make this report successful.

Those are the functions of the committee, membership is there. Let me go to introduction. Mr. Speaker, dipping of animals is provided for in the following caps of the laws of Kenya; Cattle cleansing act cap 358, disease control act cap 364, The Pest Control Products Act Cap 346 and The Public Health Act Cap 242.

Mr. Speaker, 70% of Households in Baringo County own livestock (*2009 Kenya population and housing census Data*), an indication that cattle dips play a key role in wealth creation and alleviation of poverty. It is in this view that the County government at devolution budgeted for 1.5 million shillings to construct or renovate one cattle dip per ward per financial year, which resulted in the construction and renovations of over 346 cattle dips across the County.

Mr. Speaker, the committee on livestock and fisheries conducted a fact finding mission after it emerged that more than 50% of the cattle dips are non-operational according to the quarterly reports presented to the committee from the department. The fact finding mission did not cover all the sub-counties due to insecurity in some parts of the County.

Mr. Speaker, it is also important to note that the report excluded projects whose information was not provided by the department and the committee is still pursuing the department and part two of the cattle dips report will capture all of them.

Baringo North Sub-County:

1.1 Saimo Kipsaraman Ward;

1.1.1 Rebeko Cattle Dip

Mr. Speaker, Rebeko Cattle dip was funded in 2015-2016 financial year at a cost of Kshs.1, 465, 806. 50. Works were awarded to M/S Bonie General Suppliers LTD as contract no. BRCG/55/2015-2016 for a contract period of 18 weeks commencing on 30th May 2016 and ending on 29th September 2016. That is the picture of the cattle dip.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, The cattle dip has been abandoned 2 years ago with the water tank containing stones. The collection crush is slowly breaking down. Draining race is well constructed but does not accommodate goats and sheep because chain-link was not used. A two-door latrine was constructed and it is still in a good conditions. Poor management was cited as the reason why the cattle dip was not operational.

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends that; the department of livestock and fisheries to ensure that a new dip management is constituted and trained within two weeks after the adoption of the report by the County Assembly.

The department in liaison with the area MCA should inspect and repair the cattle dip with the aim of operationalizing the dip.

1.1.2 Kasok Cattle Dip

Mr. Speaker, Kasok cattle dip was funded in 2013-2014 financial year at a cost of Kshs. 1,487,131.60. Contract was awarded to Jepcom Ventures limited as tender no. BRCG/TNR/182/2013-2014 for a contract period of 10 weeks which was to begin on 31st March, 2014 and to end on 19th June, 2014.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, The cattle dip has been abandoned around mid-2020. Dumuzaas ordinary mabati used in roofing. The collection crush was poorly done. Collection crush and draining race do not accommodate goats and sheep. The committee was informed that they used to charge sh. 20 per cow and sh. 10.

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends the department of livestock and fisheries in liaison with the area MCA should inspect and repair the cattle dip with the aim of operationalizing the dip.

1.2 Kabartonjo Ward

1.2.1 Kaimugul Cattle Dip

Mr. Speaker, Kaimugul cattle dip was funded by the national government and later handed over to the County government of Baringo because it was a devolved function.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, The cattle dip has been abandoned 2 years ago with the water tank containing stones. The collection crush is slowly breaking down. A two-door latrine was constructed and it is still in a good conditions. Project file was not availed for scrutiny

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the department of Livestock and fisheries in liaison with the area MCA to allocate funds for the operationalization of the cattle dip.

1.2.2 Ainasit Catttle Dip

Mr. Speaker, Ainasit cattle dip renovation was funded in 2016/2017 financial year at a cost of Kshs. 100,000. The contract was awarded to MS Satekka Limited as project No. BRCG/QTN/019/2016-2017.

The works that were to be done included; Construction of collection yard, treatment crush, foot path, dipping tank roof, draining race, water storage tank, semi-permanent two-door toilet and a waste pit.

Payments made on 30th June 2017 amounting to Kshs. 99,998.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, The cattle dip has been abandoned long ago. It was last used in September 2020. The residents informed the committee that the project was done in 1978 by the National Government. The residents also noted that storage of acaricides at home is a big challenge because of children access. Collection crush and draining race do not accommodate goats and sheep. The committee was informed that they used to charge sh. 20 per cow and sh. 10 per goat.

It was noted that the renovations done amounting to Kshs. 100,000 could not be ascertained since all that was indicated in the BQ was not clearly seen and therefore no value for money. An amount of Kshs. 10,000 was allocated for engineer and other technical supervision.

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends as follows;

- i. The engineer and the technical staff of Livestock and Fisheries who were involved in supervision (allocated Kshs. 10,000) did not do thorough supervision as evidenced by the poor workmanship on the ground. Therefore, the BQ should be strictly followed.
- ii. The amount allocated for supervision shs.10,000 in this case is not a proper charge to public funds since the poor workmanship is as a result of poor supervision or no supervision at all and therefore the department should going forward ensure that proper supervision is done or else the amount allocated be done away with in the Bill of Quantities.
- iii. The Department in liaison with the area MCA should allocated funds for purchase of acaricides (startup) and minor repairs to operationalize the dip.

1.3 Saimo Soi Ward;

1.3.1 Ngaratuko Cattle Dip

Mr. Speaker, Ngaratuko Cattle dip was funded in 2015-2016 financial year at a cost of Kshs.1, 451, 415.78. Works were awarded to M/S Samroh Investment LTD as contract no. BRCG/TNR/45/2015-2016 for a contract period of 12 weeks commencing on 7th March 2016 and ending on 8th June 2016.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, The cattle dip is complete and not in use. Collection crush and draining race are not properly done because stone pitching on the collection crush has not been done. Soak pit has not been done. Goats and sheep are not accommodated in the collection area.

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends that the department of livestock and fisheries, area MCA and the community to carry out an assessment on the security situation and animal migration to ensure the dip is put in use within 3 months of the adoption of this report

1.3.2 Yatya Cattle Dip

Mr. Speaker, Yatya cattle dip construction was funded in 2013/2014 financial year at a cost of Kshs. 1,646,446. The contract was awarded to M/S Messis Construction Co. Ltd for a contract period of 12 weeks commencing on 19th May 2014 and completion on 19th August, 2014.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, The cattle dip has been abandoned long ago, water gutters are not fixed and the pit latrine has no doors. Water tank is smaller and has stones an indication that it has been abandoned long ago. Footbath was poorly done. Soak pit has been disconnected from the drainage. The dip's collection yard and drainage race do not accommodate goats and sheep.

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends that the department of livestock and fisheries in liaison with the area MCA to inspect the project with the view of putting into use the project within 3 months of the adoption of the report.

1.3.3 Tibingar Cattle Dip

Mr. Speaker, Tibingar Cattle dip was funded in 2016-2017 financial year at a cost of Kshs.1, 496, 799.00. Works were awarded to M/S Veepee Enterprise LTD as contract no. BRCG/TNR/43/2016-2017 for a contract period of 4 weeks commencing on 20th February 2017 and ending on 20th March 2017. The contractor did not start the work and later it was awarded to Devero ventures limited who has not also started the works.

Committee Observations; Mr. Speaker, contractor visited site on October, 2020 and requested the community to construct a store which was constructed but he did not return to site again. The contractor also requested the community to bush-clear a road leading to the proposed site which was done. The area has over 500 cows with many goats and sheep thus creating a need for a cattle dip. The community requested the committee to assist them follow up the project because it has been rolled over for many years.

Committee Recommendation; Mr. Speaker, The committee recommends that the budget committee in liaison with area MCA, to ensure that the funds allocated to the project which was removed in the 1st supplementary budget should be reinstated to ensure that the project is implemented within 2020/2021 financial year

1.3.4 Chebarsiat Cattle Dip

Mr. Speaker, Chebarsiat cattle dip renovations was funded in 2016/2017 financial year at a cost of kshs. 300,000. The contract was awarded to Nashonol Enterprises limited for a contract period of 4 weeks.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, the cattle dip was operational until 2018 when renovations were done. The renovations works done included construction of collection and drainage crushes with metal bars

and poles. Water tank, toilet and soak pit were not done. The contractor was paid kshs. 600,416 against a budget of kshs. 400,000. The works done are not commensurate to the amount allocated.

Cows were charged at sh. 10, goats and sheep are charged at sh. 2. Livestock farming is the major economic activity in the area.

The County government did not reinstate the cattle dip into its operation state after renovation.

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends that;

- i. The department of livestock and fisheries to ensure that the project is put into use 2 weeks after the adoption of the report.
- ii. The department of livestock and fisheries to explain in writing why they procured way above the budgeted amount and thus creating budget deficits which eat into other project's budgets.

1.3.5 Kampi Samaki Cattle Dip

Mr. Speaker, Kampi Samaki cattle dip renovation was funded in 2015/2016 Financial Year at a cost of Kshs. 510, 987. The contract was awarded to MS Nashonol Enterprise vide project No. BRCCG/QTN/ 064/2015-2016.

Payments made on 24th June, 2016 amounting to Kshs. 353,150.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, the cattle dip operates on seasonal basis based on the rain patterns and availability of pasture. Cows are charged at sh. 10 and sheep and goats charged at sh. 5. During the visit the project was not accessible because it has been locked off.

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends that department of livestock and fisheries to harmonize the charges on both cows and sheep for purposes of sustainability since the shs.10 and shs.5 on cows and sheep respectively is too low.

1.4 Bartabwa ward;

1.4.1 Kalabata cattle dip

Mr. Speaker, Kalabata cattle dip was funded in 2013/2014 financial year at 1.5 million. Contract was awarded to Okwei Building contractors for a period of 12 weeks. The works that were to be done include collection crush, footbath, dipping tank with a roof and draining race. Payments amounting to Kshs. 1,778,980.00 was paid to the contractor.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, the project is complete but not in use. The amount paid to the contractor was way above what was budgeted. It was used only 3 times and it stalled, the water tank constructed is too small, footbath is too narrow, the pit latrine is a one-door. The management committee has been disbanded. Cows were charged at sh. 10, sheep and goats are charged at sh. 5

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends that the department must always procure based on the amounts allocated in the budgets and Bill of Quantities must be adhered to at all times.

1.4.2 Boruiyo cattle dip

Mr. Speaker, Boruiyo Cattle dip was funded in 2016-2017 financial year at a cost of Kshs.1, 499, 519.99. Works were awarded to M/S Bartule General Contractors LTD as contract no. BRCG/TNR/40/2016-2017 for a contract period of 9 weeks commencing on 8th February 2017 and ending on 5th April 2017.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, the project is complete and in use. It started being operational since October 17, 2020.cows are charged at sh. 20, sheep and goats are not dipped reason being the collection crush do not accommodate them .water tank and toilet constructed .

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends that the department of livestock and fisheries in liaison with the area MCA to allocate funds for repair of the collection crush and draining race to accommodate both sheep and goats.

1.4.3 Kiepkat cattle dip (Barbarchun)

Mr. Speaker, Kiepkat cattle dip was funded in 2020-2021 Financial year at 1.8 million. Contract was awarded to Recafri general Supplies ltd for a contract period of 12 weeks. No payments have been made since the project amounts were removed from the1st supplementary budget.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, the project is complete and in use. The contractor has not been paid .The Toilet was supposed to have 2 courses of block wall which was not done as stated in the Bill of Quantities.

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, The committee recommends that the department of livestock and fisheries and area MCA in liaison with the Budget and appropriations committee of the County Assembly should ensure that the funds allocated to the cattle dip which was removed during 1st Supplementary budget be reinstated to ensure that the contractor is paid for the services rendered to the County government.

1.4.4 Tuluk/Chemoe cattle dip

Mr. Speaker, Tuluk Cattle dip was funded in 2014/2015 financial year at a cost of Kshs.1.5million. Works were awarded to M/S Magoi Construction Company as contract no. BRCG/TNR/79/2014-2015for a contract period of 12 weeks commencing on 13thApril 2015 and ending on 13th July 2015.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, the project is complete and but not in use due to insecurity. Water caters were not installed thus water collection cannot be done. The main economic activity in the area is livestock keeping creating the need of a functional dip. It is also important to note that Chemoe and Tuluk is one cattle dip not two projects as stated in the list of projects provided by the department.

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Livestock and Fisheries to find out the exactly location of chemoe or Tuluk and if payments have been made separately for each of the project, then recoveries should be done.

1.5 Barwessa Ward;

1.5.1 Ayatya Cattle Dip

Mr. Speaker, Ayatya cattle dip was funded in 2013/2014 Financial Year at a cost of Kshs. 1,694,272.80. The contract was awarded to MS Okwei Building and Construction for a contract period of 12 weeks which was to begin on 28th April, 2014 and completion on 27th August 2014.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, during the visit it was noted that; the project is complete with poor workmanship, ordinary iron sheets (gauge 39) used which are already rusted, water exhibits serious cracks and cannot hold water. Water harvesting has not been done and generally bushes are consuming the project.

Mr. Speaker, the toilet and the soak pit have not been done

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends as follows;

- i. The department of livestock and fisheries should always ensure that projects that are handed over to the community are of the required standard to avoid poor quality projects handed over to the community.
- ii. The department to carry out inspection within 2 weeks after the adoption of the report with the aim of operationalizing the project since the projects is still a priority to the residents of the area.

1.5.2 Chebukar Cattle Dip

Mr. Speaker, Chebukar cattle dip was funded in 2016/17 Financial Year at a cost of Kshs. 1,484,856. The Contract was awarded to M/S Porism Agencies for a contract period of 16 weeks commencing on 8th February, 2017 and completion on 24th May, 2017.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, during the visit it was observed that; the project is incomplete with a collapsed dip tank. The project was earlier faced with land tussle but it has been sorted out. Payments amounting to shs. 507,432 have made to the contractor.

Mr. Speaker, 4 years after the contract period elapsed no warning letter has been done to the contractor nor the contract terminated

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, The Committee recommends that the department of livestock and fisheries moves with speed to inspect works done, terminate the contract and retender a fresh for resumption of works at site within 2months after the adoption of the report.

1.5.3 Kuikui Cattle Dip

Mr. Speaker, Kuikui cattle dip was constructed by the national government before devolution.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, during the visit it was noted that; The project is not in use, collection crush and draining race are out of order, the roof made of ordinary iron sheets is falling off.

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends that the department in liaison with the area MCA should conduct a needs assessment to find out if the dip is still a priority or not, and if it is still a priority then inspection to be done and funds allocated for repairs and operationalize the project.

1.5.4 Kaptiony Cattle Dip

Mr. Speaker, Kaptiony cattle dip was funded in 2019/2020 Financial Year at cost of Kshs. 1,800,000. The contract was awarded to MS Manham Company limited for a contract period of 10 weeks which was to begin on 20th April, 2020 and expected completion date being 24th June 2020.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, during the visit it was noted that the project is almost complete with a fenced soak away pit and toilet constructed. The project is not complete 10 months after the expiry of the contract. No extension of contract or a warning letter issued to the contractor.

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends that any engagement between the contractor and the County government of Baringo outside the contract period is illegal and payments made are irregular and thus recoverable. The department of livestock and fisheries should always stick to the contract terms and in case of any delay, the contract period be extended.

1.5.5 Turuturu Cattle Dip

Mr. Speaker, Turuturu cattle dip was funded in 2014/15 Financial Year at a cost of Kshs. 1,500,000. The contract was awarded to M/S Kibartu Construction and Supplies Limited for a contract period of 12 weeks commencing on 20th April, 2015 and completion date being 20th July, 2015.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, during the visit it was noted that the project is complete but not in use, poor workmanship exhibited by the cracks on the walls of the dipping tank, ordinary iron sheets used for roofing. The project was only used for 2 years.

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommends that Technical officers who are involved in project supervision should always ensure that projects that are handed over by contractors are in the desired conditions as specified in the Bill of Quantities.

Baringo South Sub-County:

2.1 Mukutani Ward;

2.1.1 Losampurpur cattle dip

Mr. Speaker, Losampurpur Cattle dip was funded in 2014-2015 financial year at a cost of Kshs.1, 477, 250.90. Works were awarded to M/S Kamargut Hardware LTD as contract No. BRCG/TNR/84/2014-2015 for a contract period of 12 weeks commencing on 27th April 2015 and expected to end on 27th July 2015.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, the project is partially complete 6 years after the expiry of the contract period with a metallic dipping tank. The dip is currently not in use because the dipping tank is leaking and thus cannot hold water. The water tank is too small and short. Water harvesting is not done. Footbath is poorly done and soak pit is also incomplete. Stone pitching is poorly done in the collection crush. Poor project supervision

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the project supervisory team must take their work seriously and ensure that projects handed over to the community are in specified condition as stated in the Bill of Quantities, failure to which an amount equivalent to the cost of the poor work be recovered from their salaries.

2.2. Ilchamus Ward

2.2.1 Kailer cattle dip

Mr. Speaker, Kailer Cattle dip was funded in 2016-2017 financial year at a cost of Kshs.1,498,683.20. Works were awarded to M/S Oilmex Africa group LTD as contract no. BRCG/TNR/55/2016-2017 for a contract period of 16 weeks commencing on 24th February 2017 and ending on 23rd June 2017.

Committee Observations;

Mr. Speaker, the project is complete and in use with the pit latrine poorly done. Water tank was not constructed yet it was provided for in the Bill of Quantities; fencing of the cattle dip has not been done. Soak pit done and fenced off. Water harvesting has not been done.

Committee Recommendations;

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends that the department of livestock and fisheries should ensure that what is provided in the Bill of Quantities should be strictly adhered to avoid the collusions between County officers and contractors. The contractor be returned to site to complete the works provided for in the Bill of Quantities which were not executed.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Chair we can exempt you due to the voluminous document, you can just read the Ward, the project so that we wait for the general recommendation and observations. You can go ahead I can see all members have accepted that way.

Hon. Siriti: Okay thank you Mr Speaker, we have Meisori and Parkaren cattle dips. Let us go to Marigat Ward where we have Endao, Maoi, Kimalel, Sabor, Kibingor, Barsemoi, Senetwo, Tinomoi and Timbei cattle dips.

Let us go to Mochongoi Ward where we have Nyimbei, Mochongoi and Kibagenge cattle dips.

We go to Baringo Central Kabarnet Ward where we have Kamwen, Kaptara, Metimoso, and Kurumbopsoo cattle dips. In Sacho Ward we have the following cattle dips Sigowo, Ketunoi and Sossion, In Kapropita Ward have Kapngemui and Sossion cattle dips.

On Mogotio Sub County, Emining Ward we have the following dips; Maji Moto, Tingtingyon, Sarakwa and Chepnyorgin. In Kisanana we have Kapnosgei, Koisaram, and Kaplegich cattle dips. In Mogotio we have Sirwa/Kesume, Barturkei, Olduka and Kappterit cattle dips.

In Eldama Ravine Lembus Perkerra we have the following cattle dips; Chepnes and Mochongoi cattle dips. In Lembus Ward we have Tugumoi, Tambaras and Boito cattle dips, In Eldama Ravine we have Sinende cattle dip. In Koibatek ward we have Emgwen cattle dip. In Maji Mazuri ward we have Lelgel and Soymining cattle dips. In Lembus Kwen we have Saach Angwan and Tokeito cattle dips.

In Tiaty Sub County, Loyamorok Ward we have Chemaril cattle dip while in Tirioko we have Dira and Loremoi cattle dips. In Churo Amaya Watd we have Cherumbo cattle dip and in Silale ward we have Toplen cattle dip. We captured less cattle dips in Tiaty because of the reason that has been stated before.

Mr Speaker let us look at observations and recommendations

7.1 General Observations:

Mr. Speaker, the committee, having carried out fact finding and analyzed the departmental reports observed as follows;

- i. That all cattle dips are not designed to accommodate dipping of sheep and goats
- ii. That all cattle dips do not have all the components of a standard dip i.e Capacity 18, 000 litres, Collection yard, Foot bath, Jumping ramp, Dip tank, Dip tank roof, Dip tank ceiling and Animal rescue area, Draining race, Fence , Gate and other structures that include ; store, Toilet/Bathroom, water trough and office.
- iii. The Bill of Quantities are altered by project supervisors and contractors without consultations with the residents and the project management committee
- iv. Most cattle dips were not constructed within the contract period, cattle dips that were expected to be completed within 14 weeks ended up taking 2-7 years to be completed.
- v. Project management committees are not involved in project implementations.
- vi. The charges applied to cows, sheep and goats are not uniform across the County. In some areas cows are charged at shs.20 while in some areas they are charged at shs.10, sheep and goats are charged at shs.10 while other areas charge shs.5
- vii. That an amount of between Kshs. 20, 000 and Kshs. 40,000 were set aside for project supervision.
- viii. The quality of project supervision by technical staff is wanting
- ix. That an amount of between Kshs. 20,000 and Ksh. 45,000 is set aside for information billboard.

7.2 General recommendations:

Mr. Speaker, the committee recommends as follows;

1. The department of livestock and fisheries should ensure that all cattle dip designs must accommodate cows, sheep and goats beginning with dips financed in the 2021/2022 financial year.
2. That the cattle dips must have all the components of a standard dip which include; store, Toilet/Bathroom, water trough and office. The toilet should be permanent structure constructed using blocks and not iron sheets, this should apply to dips constructed in the 2021/2022 financial year and the subsequent years.
3. The department of livestock and Fisheries should ensure charges applied to cows, sheep and goats should be uniform across the entire County factoring in sustainability of the Cattle dips.
4. The Department of livestock and fisheries in liaison with the area MCAs to set aside funds for purchase of acaricides for each ward in 2021/2022 financial year (startups).
5. That the accounting officer in the department of livestock and fisheries should ensure that projects are completed as specified in the contract agreement, any activity that is carried out after the expiry of the contract period is not binding and any pay payment to it is irregular and thus recoverable from the accounting officer.
6. That the technical officers involved in project supervision and who are facilitated using project supervision funds should ensure that the projects are done according to the Bill of Quantities and those projects handed over to the community meet the required standard. Failure to which the officers be surcharged an amount equivalent to poor work done.
7. That County Public Accounts and Investment Committee to further investigate the following projects; Sinende cattle dip, Parkaren cattle dip, Kaptara cattle dip, Toplen cattle dip, Dira cattle dip and Sachangwan cattle dip
8. The department of livestock and fisheries to investigate the reasons why dips in some parts of the County are not utilised by farmers yet the projects are complete and provide an advisory to the committee 3 months after the adoption of this report on the alternative ways of eradicating ticks.
9. The department of livestock and fisheries should ensure that before is initiated land should be transferred from private to public to land tussles that result to loss of public funds.
10. The department of livestock and fisheries to ensure that land (project site) is demarcated and titling done before the commencement of the project.
11. That the department of livestock and fisheries to explain through writing to the committee within 2 weeks of the adoption of this report why action should be taken against them for not taking action on the incomplete projects that have taken 2-7 years and still are not complete.

Conclusion:

Mr. Speaker, the committee having conducted fact finding, consulted with the department and analyzed project files submits the report to the Honourable House for and consideration adoption. I beg to move. I request my vice Chair Hon Kibai to second the report.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Kibai you can second.

Hon. Kibai: Seconded

(Question proposed)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Debate is open...Hon. Tarus

Hon. Tarus: Thank you Mr. Speaker I rise to support the motion and commend the committee for livestock and fisheries for coming up with good report. The organization of the report is good because you can scan and get a lot of information with ease. It has good paging and I commend the technical staff and members for this report.

Thirdly, the findings in the report are true and the committee did a fact finding over sighting the executive. The cattle dips done by the previous regime are shoddy as the committee found out and I have heard for the first time 39 gauge on a County project....

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): They need to correct in their reply because there is nothing like 39 gauge...

Hon. Tarus: Okay the projects in my ward are not operational and millions of shillings have been used thus the residents of Baringo are not getting value of their money on these cattle dips Mr. Speaker. The committee should have stated the amount allocated, contract amount and amount paid and the action plan from the department or the committee and timeframe to enable these cattle dips to use or serve the intended purpose.

I support the report and urge the committee to fast track and ensure the cattle dips are put into use, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Tarus...Hon. Kibai.

Hon. Kibai: Thank you Mr. Speaker being the Vice Chairperson of this committee, I thank the Chairperson and the committee members who necessitated this report. Livestock farming is crucial activity in our County.

Mr. Speaker if the Executive could have been doing their work as we did as a committee within a short time, we could be having value of money to our people. The public were not involved in the construction of cattle dips because many of them are not in use. In our recommendations, we are making sure that most of these dips are in use and ensure that our animals which is the main source of livelihood are safe from parasites.

There are many typos as observed by MCA Sacho in page 24 on Ayatya cattle dip on gauge 39 it should be gauge 30. Also there is a captured information on page 60 on Kapnoskei cattle dip that its acquiring land yet it is a public land. Otherwise this report is comprehensively done with good faith and the committee will make sure that cattle dips are well maintained and in use. I fully support this report, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Kibai who is also the Vice Chair to that Committee. Hon. Ernest Kibet.

Hon. Kibet: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support this report. However I have some observations. If you look at the cattle dip investment, it was a flagship project I think because it is common everywhere. Every Ward in the beginning of the other regime, they did serious construction of cattle dips and to me it qualifies like it was one key aspect that the Government identified and decided that they put money in.

However, there is a very big challenge and this committee did not go far enough because once we do projects we should look at the use and money value. Most of the cattle dips are suffering from two key things; incompleteness and management issues. The Committee here has just done general observations but they have not recommended on serious issues.

Management of cattle dips is a problem and I have personally suffered a lot because every year in, I have to chip in to rearrange management of cattle dips simply because the Committees are not well trained and equipped. There is a disconnect between the management and the department those who are supervising. You will find most of the cattle dip...those who are manning them don't know when and how to add the acaricides. There should be a serious recommendation on those extension officers. We are not really getting the maximum benefits from the cattle dips that we have built.

It has been proven that dipping of animals is the best way to protect them and it takes away over 90 percent of the diseases. I know that the Chair is here and my plea is that the Department should consider relooking at the aspect of the cattle dip. Another key recommendation is that after building you have to do improvement. Most of those manning them charge money that cannot sustain the cattle dips. I would recommend that those projects need more funding to do those other extra activities as they don't have...

I have seen other cattle dips talking about sheep and goat but you will realize that most of them were designed purposely for cows. They have not included the wire mesh situations so that you can dip. How will you use the cattle dip...because most of the pictures they are just perforated and sheep and goats will just run away. I want the committee to recommend...from my analysis, those cattle dips within my Ward don't have toilets, tanks and we need...it is a continuous process and we cannot just say we built 5 years ago and we expect to last...I don't know what was the plan of the Department and they expected these cattle dips to last for how many...

Some of our cows like in Kerio Valley they break those metals now and then and there should be constant repairs. Can we allocate money that every cattle dip must be getting money to do the repairs and I am sure that this Department is not aware of how much money is collected? The same Committees can turn to be cartels and be eating the money. I have a case where they took the money until we changed the Committee and they have refused to refund that money and they control some of these accounts. There should be a regulation and you cannot collect public money and consume on your own. That is punishable and so the Committee should have looked into those aspects and the sustainability of those projects. The Committee has not indicated where they go after the revenue from these cattle dips.

Cattle dips generate income and there are some that I am told they have a lot of money in their accounts because there is prudent management but these are those areas which still need the support. So if we look into those aspects, we will be able to sort. I also wanted to point out that you know MCAs here appear so prominently as if they are the Managers of the cattle dip. That is not our work and I don't know how the Committee found it convenient to include MCAs everywhere. We are not suppose...we are not the Government. That is not our work.

When you say now that the MCA should be going to check on when they are applying for additional acaricides, I think they wanted to please the MCAs but to me I find it odd. The Chair wanted to win our souls. The other thing is on the acaricides. I have a feeling that the management of acaricides, we are aware of quacks and people selling acaricides which are not standard. We are even aware of vaccination of animals.

My feeling is that this should be handled by the Department. They should be visiting most of these cattle dips to check on the quality of accaricides, test and all this. That is why I was saying for one, I really don't want to see the MCAs look like the ones managing. You know the other regime; MCAs wanted to be part and parcel of so that they get elected easily but these MCAs are modern and know how to handle their people and they should be able to disassociate themselves from projects. Just oversight. For that many remarks I support.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Kibet I think the Chair has written some recommendations from Hon. Kibet that is all the projects should have policy on management and it also applies to water, the issue of MCA we can challenge that because sometimes we are part and parcel of allocating funds. Next Member yes Hon. Lotela.

Hon. Lotela: Thank you Mr. Speaker I support this motion and also to raise some fundamental issues about these cattle dips. Mr. Speaker if you see the report there is a very clear and glaring issue about the management.

Mr. Speaker as a committee we are seeking that once we adopt this report we will also use this report to take action on the serious delay of the projects that have stalled for long. Some of the projects have stalled for almost seven years and if you see there is no intention from the department concerned on how to bring the problem to an end.

Mr. Speaker that one is something to do with us as a committee we need to wake up and address that problem and we hope so in every other Member but as the livestock committee we wanted to set an example that it will be a precedent to every Member of this committee.

Otherwise that is the key issue like the other part of Tiaty Mr. Speaker there is a lot of money invested in cattle dips but up to date even the complete ones they have not been commissioned or opened for use.

So the way the Member has raised about the management aspect of that cattle dip program is that the department should have a program a policy or a way or a regulation on how to effect the efficiency and the reason why this projects from the beginning were supposed to be constructed, what was the target.

So with the kind of diseases we have in Baringo the best way is to control otherwise I support the motion and lastly Mr. Speaker and it is not about this committee, I am a bit... not even concerned but I don't know how to put it. Mr. Speaker we have gotten a very silly information that you have directed the PIC/PAC report not to be tabled until it is presented to a certain office.

Mr. Speaker if that is the case then any other report that needs to come to the Assembly should be presented to wherever it is needed and if that is the case I saw the order of today, we were supposed to have a reading today in fact immediately after the livestock report.

Mr. Speaker we have a bulk of work, we have a rigorous process and we wanted to dispose it off and if that is the direction we need a formal communication from your office why there was a problem in House Business Committee.

I know there is a challenge in the House business where it is being ran like a kiosk sometimes they can even bring one agenda in this House and that is the kind of House business we have, it is very unfortunate anyway but I need a serious communication especially from the Chair that what happened, we have three reports ready but it has been decided that they cannot be tabled.

Is this a way of micro managing the Assembly or we are trying to stamp authority in the Assembly , so that is a sad situation Mr. Speaker and we can say we have seen where the problem is.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Lotela. The two reports for PIC/PAC will come tomorrow as agreed. Yes Hon. Elizabeth Kipsang.

Hon. Elizabeth Kipsang: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support this report and I thank the Chair for doing a commendable job, thank you Hon. Diana Siriti you are equal to the task. I support this report because many a times cattle dips have become a very big problem in the entire County Mr. Speaker.

After listening to the Chair Hon. Diana Siriti it has come to my mind that devolution has a lot of teething problems especially in the agricultural sector and Mr. Speaker listening to the report. I can see in the last Assembly there were a lot of problems especially in the area of dips and looking at the report very well, I think the engineers in this County have a very big problem.

Mr. Speaker if they design there should be a toilet, even the jumping ramp is a problem which means the engineers in this County are failing us because they are not designer dip, Mr. Speaker in a cattle dip we should also be having toilets because if you wait for long before your animal is dipped and you want to go for a short call where will you go, it will be on an open defecation so the issue of having a toilet within the vicinity of the cattle dip Mr. Speaker is very important.

Mr. Speaker, I have also realized that the charges in all our cattle dips vary, some other cattle dips are charging Kshs. 10 while others are charging Kshs. 5 and Mr. Speaker I think we should be having a uniform charge for all the cattle dips within our County.

Mr. Speaker if you look at it again you will realize that the extension officers in all agriculture, some have already gone for retirement while some are aging so I think we need to strengthen the ministry of livestock and fisheries, we need to have young and vibrant extension officers so that they can be looking in to these issues Mr. Speaker.

Otherwise I congratulate the committee for coming up with this good report and we also have the civic education department and I think one of our key issue is that the information during the construction of the cattle dips does not trigger to the people because we need the people from every area to be acquainted with the BQs.

Mr. Speaker there was a time when I was still in the civil society, let me use an example of the Kituro cattle dip , the person who was given the contract used the already used posts and what he did he just painted but as a very serious team of oversight when I was still in the civil society we did what we call social audit and we found that this contractors are quacks.

They use already used posts and they just paint, so we need a very serious oversight especially during the construction of these cattle dips, Mr. Speaker the accaricides is also a very big problem , we are nowadays dipping our animals at home because when you take your animals to the cattle dips the animals will always come with more ticks than before.

Mr. Speaker the CEC, CO and the Committee can you take serious action especially on contractors who are doing shoddy work Mr. Speaker. Otherwise Mr. Speaker I support this report and I want to congratulate the committee that you soldier on because this is one of the most important department in this County, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Elizabeth. Next! Member Hon. Francisah Cherutich.

Hon. Francisah Cherutich: Thank you Mr. Speaker for also giving me the chance to contribute. I am a Member of this committee and I want to congratulate my colleagues for this particular report and before I contribute with few points, I think I feel it is important Hon. Kibet the MCA Kabarnet ward to know that one of their duties as elected MCA's is oversight and management of this dips they should also do oversight on the same.

We wrote this report knowing that the elected MCA's are very necessary when bringing in such issues and that is why in our report...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): I think Hon. Francisah...

Hon. Francisah Cherutich: Yes...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): You are part of the MCA's either specially elected or...

Hon. Francisah Cherutich: I said elected MCA's...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): ... but all of us play the same roles.

Hon. Francisah Cherutich: I said elected MCA's because they are the one who are close to the wanainchi more than us. Now back to my point.

(Loud Consultations)

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

Hon. Kibet: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I think the Hon. Member should realize that we are all MCA's. The cattle dips don't just serve cows of men but those of children and women who she represents. So Mr. Speaker, our role is oversight and that is the end of it.

(Hon. Kibai stands in his place)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): What is the point of information?

Hon. Kibai: Mr. Speaker with due respect you know for specially elected members we don't have the ward fund and any other funds so it doesn't mean that when we refer to the elected colleagues, we mean bad. So Mr. Speaker the information to the MCA Kabarnet Ward is that we know cattle dips serve all of us...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay thank you ...

Hon. Kibai: But our concern Mr. Speaker and information is that we respect them and we know that they have those funds and they manage themselves and the committee, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay Hon. Francisah just continue we will do a research to know the different types of MCA's here, Hon. Francisah you can continue.

Hon. Francisah Cherutich: Thank you Mr. Speaker and as I contribute I don't want any other disturbance. Now item number one, as a committee we realized that one of our major issues on matters of these dips is the dip management because you realize that most of the dips are not able to buy acaricides and you realize again that when these dips were being built, some of those factors were not considered.

Secondly we also realized that there was no uniformity in issues of the Bill of Quantities (BQ). Why? Because you will realize in some of the dips the contractors built toilets yet in other dips the issue of toilets are not there. Again water tanks, we also realized that in some dips there is no water tanks yet in others they had water tanks. So maybe in future the issue of uniformity of BQs is very important.

Thirdly is the issue of contract period which I think Members have mentioned that regardless of the fact that these contracts are expected to end in 12 months, most of them have even upto 7 years yet there is no step that has been taken on the contractors. I think there is a problem in Baringo County in terms of contract period. So as a committee we proposed that it should be looked into.

Now there was this cattle dip in Tipingar which we also realized as a committee that the contractor did not go on site and imagine it reaches a point where the community are requesting the committee to make a follow up and that is where now I come in and ask if the community can ask a committee to assist them to make a follow up so that the dip can be built again that is why I come in and say this is the work of the elected MCA?

The fourth one is that we also realize that there is a very big problem on issues of budget and it is unfortunate that the Chair of budget is not seated here. I accepted him to listen to this because you realize that in most of the projects the budgeted figure is different from the awarded figure which is very dangerous and a very good example is Chebarsiat cattle dip and also in Kalabata there was a dip which was allocated 1.5 yet paid 1.78. For me this is an audit query in waiting. So again I think as a committee we have urged the department to ensure that they should look on this.

Lastly we also realized that why most of these projects have not been done is because of this problem which has been also a problem in Baringo County, issue of removal of projects during supplementary. Most of them when we tried asking the CO's of the department, the answer they gave us is that this monies were removed from the supplementary and were not brought back in the main budget so again Mr. Speaker I think this has been a thorn in the flesh of this particular County and going forward I don't know what the budget committee will do to avoid removal of projects from the budget during the supplementary, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): It is unfortunate I don't see any Member of budget. Hon. Kebut, I think already the Member has completed..Hon. Kebut

Hon. Kebut: thank you Mr. Speaker I rise to support this motion I am a member of this committee, Mr. speaker we tried our best but much need to be done that's why we mentioned the PIAC Committee. Mr. Speaker when you look at this issue of cattle dips which was an ambitious program for the first government. When you go to page 12 they allocated 100,000 for renovation and 10,000 is for the engineer supervisory fee this amount is little for renovation

We mentioned much about leaders for example MCAs our intention was not to make the MCA to be supervisors but to be concerned when these projects are being done because when we leave to the public nothing much is going to be done

Mr. speaker in the initial budget they had a uniform figure of 1.5M and later they enhanced to 1.8M we also picked in our recommendation that when they are doing these before coming up with a uniform figure, can we have zoning so that those projects at the far end like Tirioko they need to add more money, when we come up with good report the next committee should pick up

and start implementation because when we have good reports like these being shelved then we are not doing anything. This is a start and these committee was established the other day and I know we still have much challenges in that department because the youngest officer is about 53 years so in the next 5 years we will not have staff in that department we need to inject new blood, the engineer retired the other day so much need to be looked into, thank you Mr. speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Kebut, most members have contributed I now call the mover to reply.

Hon. Siriti: Thank you Mr. Speaker I appreciate members contribution. We know that livestock is the backbone of our County and if we don't put resources into managing our livestock then we are not going to go far. Mr. Speaker every year we have livestock diseases which sweep most of our animals and as a committee we want to minimize these by making sure that cattle dips are functional and that's why we were mentioning the elected MCAs and the dips committee. I urge the elected MCAs allocate some money for repairs during the supplementary budget because these projects need constant repair and maintenance and the stalled projects to be jumpstarted. Hon. Elizabeth said that they are dipping their cattle's at Home which is not enough because some of us practice free range system because if I have a cattle dip in my home what about my neighbor. I appreciate the contribution of the members and we are going to go far as a committee, the dips which have not been captured will be discussed in phase two, Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): The motion having been discussed fully.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Order members! This House stands adjourned till today 2:30pm

The House rose at 11.31am.