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County Assembly Buildings, at 2.30 pm*

[The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif) in the Chair]

PRAYER

PETITION

PETITION ON SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET
APPROVED BY THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): Honorable Members, the office of the Clerk has received a petition dated 20th April 2020 concerning the second recommendation and approval of the supplementary budget by Mandera County Assembly. As per our Standing Orders, I commit the same to the Committee on Budget and Appropriation.

Thank you.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF LANDS, HOUSING AND PHYSICAL
PLANNING COMMITTEE ON EL-WAK MUNICIPALITY CHARTER 2020

Hon. Halima Billow (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move the Motion; -

THAT this House adopts the report of Lands, Housing and Physical Planning Committee on El-wak Municipality charter 2020.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of Lands, Housing and Physical Planning Committee and pursuant to Standing Order 193 (5) it is my duty and pleasure to present to the Assembly the committees report on El-wak Municipal charter.

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This is one of the Sectoral Committee established under Standing Order 193(5). Among its functions are to study the programs and political objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation, make report and recommendation to the county assembly as often as possible including recommendation of proposed legislation.

Mr. Speaker, the legislative authority of a county is vested in and exercised by its County Assembly as provided for in Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. A County Assembly may make any laws that are necessary for or incidental to the effective performance of the function and exercise the powers of the county government under the fourth schedule.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Housing and Physical Planning derives its mandate from the provisions of Standing Order 193(5). The functions of the committee are as follows;

To investigate, enquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;

To study the program and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;

To study and review all legislation referred to it;

To study, assess and analyze the relative success of the department measured by the result obtained as compared with their stated objectives;

To investigate and enquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as may be deemed necessary and as may be referred to it by the county assembly;

To vet and report on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve except those under Standing Order 188 (Committee on Appointment); and

To make reports on recommendation to the assembly as often as possible including recommendation of the proposed legislation.

The committee comprise of the following members as constituted by the House;

1. Hon. Halima Billow Omar
2. Hon. Hindia Hussein Ibrahim
3. Hon. Adan Maalim Abdullahi
4. Hon. Abass Abdille Mohamed
5. Hon. Abdinoor Disow Teno
6. Hon. Adan Maalim Mohamed
7. Hon. Abdi Adan Ali
8. Hon. Amran Adan Abdirahman
9. Hon. Nasra Noor.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee wishes to thank the office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the assembly for supporting the committee in carrying out its mandate. I would also like to thank the honorable members for their cooperation, teamwork and commitment in coming up with this report.

Further the committee acknowledges the exemplary services rendered by staff attached to it. I wish to confirm that the recommendations of the committee in this report were unanimously adopted.

It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege on behalf of Lands, Housing and Physical Planning Committee to present the committees report on El-wak Municipal charter for approval by the assembly.

We the members of the Lands, Housing and Physical Planning Committee do append our signatures against our names to this report to affirm the correctness of the content and support for the report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Lands, Housing and Physical Planning is one of the Sectoral Committees established under Standing Order 193(1) and deals with all matters relating to Lands as set out under the fourth schedule part 2 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

On 13th November, 2019 the El-wak Municipal charter was tabled in the County Assembly and was committed to the committee. The committee was therefore required to conduct public participation pursuant to Article 196 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and table a report on the same pursuant to Standing Order 193(5) g.

In compliance with Article 196 (1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, section 87 of the County Government Act 2012 and Standing Order 123, the committee placed an advert in the dailies inviting members of the public for public hearing as per schedule below;

The venue for El-wak south ward was El-wak south hall, 25th November, 2019 at 10:00am.

Bula Afya El-wak north, venue was El-wak polytechnic, 26th November, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker, the members can go through the views of the public during public participation.

The objectives of El-wak Municipal charter include;

(a). Provision of efficient and accountable management of affairs of the municipality.
(b). Provision of good governance mechanism that will enable the residents of the municipality to participate in determining the social services and regulatory framework that will satisfy their needs and expectations.

(c). To verify public resources and authorities are utilized or exercised as the case may be to their satisfaction.

(e). Enjoy efficiency in service delivery.

(f). Vigorously pursue the developmental opportunities which are available in the municipality and to institute such measures that are necessary for achieving public order and the provisions of civic amenities so as to enhance quality of life of the inhabitants of the municipality.

(g). Provision of high standard of social services in a cost effective manner to the inhabitants of the municipality.

(h). Promoting social cohesiveness and a sense of civic duty and responsibility among the inhabitants and stakeholders in the municipality in order to facilitate collective action and commitments towards achieving goal of harmonious and stable community.

(I) Provision of services, laws and other matters for municipality benefits.

(j). Fostering the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of its community.

The Constitution of Kenya 2010, schedule 4 part 2, Land, Urban Planning and Housing is listed as one of the devolved functions. This includes county planning and development, including statistics, Land survey and mapping, boundaries and fencing, housing, electricity and

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gas reticulation and energy regulation fall under the purview of the committee. Section 91 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011 provides that the county Governor, may, on the resolution of the County Assembly confer the status of a municipality on a town that meets the criteria set out in subsection 3 by grant of a charter in the prescribed form to the procedure set out under section 81 to 4 shall apply with necessary modification to the conferment of municipal status to a town except that the conferment shall be done by the county Governor.

In this regard, the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Lands, Housing and Physical Planning submitted resolution of interim El-wak town committee requesting for conferment of municipal status as well as application for conferment of municipal status; a copy is annexed. The Urban Areas and Cities (Amendment) Act of 2019 on demarcation of boundaries, the committee noted that the process was taken over by the National Ministry Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, and Urban development with preliminary county assessment report in place where 968 areas in 45 counties with Nairobi and Mombasa counties excluded were identified on 16th April, 2020. The Ministry placed an advert on the daily newspaper calling for consultancy services on marking of digital boundaries hence this provision is taken care of at the national level; a copy is also annexed.

Pursuant to section 104 of the County Government Act 2012, a county government has an obligation to plan for the county and no public fund shall be appropriated outside a planning framework developed by the County Executive Committee and approved by the County Assembly. Such county planning should integrate economic, physical, social, environmental and spatial planning. Further projects should integrate economic, physical and environmental planning. The act provides that the county government shall designate cities and urban areas, sub counties and wards as planned by the authorities of the county.

Section 111 of the County Government Act also requires that each city or municipality should have the following plans;

1. City or municipal land use plan.
2. City or municipal building and zoning plan.
3. City area or urban area building and zoning plan.

4. Location of recreational areas and public facilities hence the above plans cannot be achieved without the conferment of the status of El-wak town to that of a municipality.

The committee proposed that charter No. 17(6) be amended by deleting at least one sitting in every month unless for special reason not more than three sittings in a month which includes committee meetings and substitute with its sittings to transact the business of the board once every three months and charter No.30 (4) d by deleting completely “the county governor or”.

Mr. Speaker sir, the committee observed that;

1. The charter provides that the boundaries of El-wak municipality will constitute El-wak north and El-wak south as demarcated by IEBC.
2. El-wak town is faced with perennial challenges of storm water drainage system and floods. In 2018, the town was submerged with floods forcing the County Assembly to pass a resolution urging the county executive to put in place urgent measures to mitigate the effects of the rainfall through construction of proper drainage system. The conferment of municipality status to El-wak will address the issue as it is set to benefit from the donor fund.

3. The department complied on the requirement of section 8 and 9 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011.
4. As required in the first schedule of the Urban Areas and Cities (Amendment) Act 2019, El-wak town has met the population requirement according to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistic census 2019.
5. The charter is largely compliant with the National legislation, County legislation and any other written relevant laws.
6. On the criteria of conferment of the municipality status the committee noted that;
 - (a). The county is in the progress of putting in place El-wak integrated development plan.
 - (b). El-wak town has sufficient space for expansion as required by law.
 - (c). El-wak has a capacity to effectively and efficiently deliver essential services to its citizens as provided for in the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.
 - (d). El-wak has infrastructural facilities including but not limited to street lighting and markets.
 - (e). It has capacity for functional and effective waste disposal.
 - (f). It has demonstrable revenue collection or revenue collections potential.
 - (g). It has demonstrable capacity to generate sufficient revenue to sustain its operations.
 - (h). The proposed El-wak municipality has a first growing population.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee recommends that the County Assembly, pursuant to section 91 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, approve the conferment of the status of municipality to the proposed El-wak municipality as amended.

Mr. Speaker, I would like the Member for El-wak south to second me.

Thank you.

Hon. Abdinoor Diisow (El-wak South): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would to take this opportunity to thank immensely the Committee on Lands, Housing and Physical Planning for coming up with such an inclusive report pertaining to this issue at hand. Mr. Speaker, the municipality of El-wak was first brought to this House November last year and it was with us for quite a couple of months. It is not new to us as we have perused through and found out that its compliance is watertight.

Mr. Speaker, as we have already said in our report, in May 2018, I personally sponsored a Motion seeking to address this problem which we are now mentioning here. Unfortunately, for one reason or another that Motion was not implemented by the executive owing to the immense resource that it required. Mr. Speaker, we are now lucky with this conferment of municipal status that Motion can be implemented and the people of El-wak can be relieved.

On the compliance issue there are parameters and indicators the committee went through and confirmed that El-wak has really qualified for the status. For example, as per Section 19 (2) of the Cities and Urban Areas Act there is demonstrable revenue collection or revenue potential. Mr. Speaker, naturally El-wak has got limestone. El-wak has got untapped natural resources like gypsum and cement ingredients. With such conferment and of course with donor's contribution El-wak can attract a lot of donors' who may set up industries that will ease the problem of El-wak thus increasing also the chances of employment for the youth.

Mr. Speaker, the same charter talks about the capacity to effectively and efficiently deliver essential services to its residents. El-wak being the most growing town, it has got a huge population which relies on fresh water that was recently piped from Falama and with such services in place El-wak people have the potential and they can form what is called ELWASCO in the management of water, generate its own revenue and as well serve or render essential services.

Mr. Speaker, above all the charter talks about population being qualification of a town to be a municipality. The recently conducted 2019 census revealed the stamina of El-wak in terms of population. El-wak south a lone where I represent has got a whopping population of sixty-three thousand and El-wak north has equally a population of over twenty-three thousand. Mr. Speaker, the requirement is seventy thousand and El-wak has surpassed that requirement.

For a town to be a municipality, the charter requires that the town must have structural facilities including but not limited to street lighting, markets and fire station. On this Mr. Speaker, El-wak has got a new SME market which was recently built. About street lighting I can confirm El-wak has got 413 solar street lights which are all functioning and the committee can attest to that because it has gone through the recent budget where it was funded by this government.

Mr. Speaker, the other one is about the functional capacity of the town for future expansion. El-wak has got a huge chunk of land which is unsettled now due to a lot of other problems like planning. Probably with the conferment of this charter, El-wak can still have more spaces for expansion.

Having said all that pertaining to the charter, I want to take this opportunity to plead with honorable members of this House. You remember recently in the social media the pathetic situation of El-wak which is in public domain. Mr. Speaker, I urge the honorable members of this House to put themselves in my shoes as a representative of that area where the situation is very alarming, we chip in as the people representatives and come to the aid of El-wak people.

Last but not the least, I would also take this opportunity to thank His Excellency the Governor for having such a good heart for the people of El-wak by initiating this process and confirming its compliance and bringing it to the House.

Mr. Speaker, with those few remarks, I stand to support it and I also plead with the members to support it.

Thank you.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): Honorable Sokorey!

Hon. Sokorey Maalim (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the committee as a whole for coming up with this report. Mr. Speaker, El-wak municipal charter is a relief to the people of El-wak and being an old town that is known to every one despite the town facing numerous challenges of water and drainage system especially during rainy season. When it rains the whole town is submerged and that makes movement of goods, service and people difficult. The way honorable Teno raised, recently there was a clip that was going round on social media of mothers

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pleading to the government for support. Mr. Speaker this problem has been in existence for long and it is our prayer that this report will now allow proper planning for El-wak town.

Mr. Speaker, El-wak has sufficient space for expansion and its population can sufficiently generate their own revenue. Finally, El-wak town has majority of the learned youth who are jobless and this municipal charter will give them the opportunity to secure jobs at their doorsteps.

With those few remarks, I urge the honorable members to also support.

Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): Honorable Rafat!

Hon. Abdinoor Dakane (Khalalio): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This charter about El-wak municipality has come at the right time we know El-wak very well. It is one of the big towns in Mandera and historically it is well established and borders with Somalia. It has got the capacity to expand with very good health services. El-wak can generate its own revenue to sustain itself because it has the resources.

I, therefore, stand to support El-wak Municipality Charter.

Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): Honorable Alinoor

Hon. Alinoor Derow (Wargadud): Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the committee' report on El-wak Municipality Charter. Mr. Speaker, El-wak is the second oldest town if not the oldest town in Mandera County. The town has various infrastructures as stated by honorable Teno of El-wak south. It has enough natural resources that are untapped like gypsum, limestone, quarries and gravels.

Mr. Speaker, by virtue of where it is situated, El-wak town is an economic hub and a gateway to business across boarder to El-wak Somalia and Moyale. Mr. Speaker, by promoting the status of this town, El-wak will be eligible for donor funding and further infrastructural development that will create better service delivery and ensure that the aspect of water logging in El-wak town is addressed. Mr. Speaker, if you look at the altitude level of El-wak town, it is 381m above sea level and it is a low lying land surrounded by Wargadud, Shimpir Fatuma and Kutulo which is at 700m above sea level, this means all the water flows to El-wak town and during rainy season that town is water logged by virtue of poor planning. All the natural out lets that God created has been blocked. That town needs to be re-planned and opened up to ensure that natural drainage and sewerage system is opened up. This will also ensure that water is not polluted. By virtue of having a municipality, there will be sewerage system to ensure that there is proper drainage and those boreholes are not polluted.

Mr. Speaker, besides El-wak town being a Municipality, we know Kutulo has been upgraded to a Sub county level. We have Shimpir Fatuma and Wargadud which have been left out. We hope that this will also end up in ensuring that Wargadud will be a Sub County on its own and Shimpir Fatuma upgraded. This will also ensure opening up of and upgrading other centers.

With those few remarks, we also request, as Southerners, the Chairman of all the political leaders in Mandera South to support.

Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): Honorable Kulow.

Hon. Kullow Alio (Rhamu): Than you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to support the creation of El-wak Municipality Charter with the strongest term possible. This is not because I come from

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El-wak but I feel what the southerners like honorable Alinoor of Wargadud are undergoing today in this House. We are elected and we are supposed to deliver services to our electorates. By passing this charter it is one of the ways of delivering services to the people of Mandera County and we stand to be counted.

Mr. Speaker, if I just take you through a bit of history in terms of how these Municipalities came about. In Kenya, from 1902 it used to have local authorities which are 175 in Kenya. During that time it used to be classified into 4 categories. I think you are a master on this because you have been working in the local authorities. I also worked in the Municipal Council of Mombasa for over 20 years and I know what it means. They used to be called the City Council, Municipal Council, County Council and Town council. After the advent of the 2010 Constitution there came Urban Areas and Cities Act which was revised in 2012 and amended again on 12th March 2019. This created a city, Municipality, Town Centre and Market Centre.

Mr. Speaker, I want to confirm that during the first assembly, there was a bill that was passed called Town Administration Act 2014 which created the employment of Town administrators but what the implementers of that bill did not do was the subsequent creation of the committees that normally go with the Town Administrators because wherever there is a town administrator he must have a town committee which has not been created up to date. If you look at this chain of command there must be a market center which has a population of 2000 and town Centre which has a population of 10000, Municipality with a population of 50000 and a city with 250,000. Among other criteria any center or town or Municipality that meets a threshold of this population has to be conferred that status. This means there are many things that come with conferment and among them is the grant. We are losing on this, as a chairman for Public service, before the amendment, I can confirm that we hurriedly passed the Mandera East Municipality and it has a lot of gaps and I request the chairlady to expedite the amendment to that charter because the timeline we had was very short.

The conferment of this city status will come with a lot of benefits and among them is that El-wak will be an autonomous town if this charter is going to be passed because it will control most of its service delivery. Two, it will have a board of management that is going to manage the affairs of the people of El-wak. They will not refer to the county government on most of the work it is going to do. According to this amendment act, a city is supposed to do 45 services, Municipality offers 42 services, town centers 22 and Market centers are supposed to do 14 services. As long as the town meets the requirement of offering these services it has the right to be conferred this status. The people of El-wak will have an access to increased service delivery because it is going to receive grants and its own allocation from the county government of Mandera. These are things which never use to happen. The youths of Mandera County and by extension the people of El-wak Municipality will get jobs. A lot of jobs will be created for the women, youth and persons with disabilities in that Municipality and these are some of the things that we are going to be proud of as leaders. It is going to have its own bylaws which will have an impact on them.

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): Honorable Kulow, fast track, time is not on our side.

Hon. Kullow Alio (Rhamu): Mr. Speaker, with that I support the creation of El-wak Municipality.

Thank you

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): Honorable Wariyo. Let us be brief.

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Hon. Ibrahim Ali Wariyo (Shimpir Fatuma): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will not say much. I will be very brief. I know honorable Kulow has taken so long to explain. We really appreciate. I want to thank Almighty Allah for making sure that this issue has caught the attention of the Governor and I want to thank him for bringing this noble idea. I want to also thank the able committee chaired by the able chairlady for accepting the proposal of H.E the Governor. I think members from Mandera South have something to say to that population because they have something to take back home after 5 years. As we understand, when a Municipality is established, the issue of town administration might not be there. I want to be on record to day to request H.E the Governor that the current town administrator will not be rendered jobless because the Municipality is now being brought in place. I want be heard loud and clear that he will be appointed as the Municipality Manager.

Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalid): Honorable Shaban.

Hon. Shaban Hassan (Ashabito): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Municipality Charter. El-wak being one the oldest town in Mandera County this charter is long overdue. El-wak is prone to floods. Last year during long rains I was there, the whole town was submerged in water posing health hazard to the members of the public. Because of soil topography there is poor drainage system and with municipality there are some goodies especially the storm water drainage will be improved, it will create jobs for youth who are unemployed and there will be improvement in terms of accessibility. If you go deep into the interior you can even park your car and walk to your residence.

With those few remarks, I stand to support the charter.

Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): Chairlady.

Hon. Halima Billow (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, honorable Members for supporting the report. I do not have any other thing to say. I request you to kindly put the question.

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): I want to make some clarification that Mandera Municipality Charter is already before the committee for amendment. Hon. Kulow, the committee is working on it.

On the issue of employment we will leave it to the Public Service Board and it is not for this House to debate. Honorable Wariyo has said it loud and clear that he wants somebody to be assisted.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE THIRD SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET OF MANDERA COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR 2019/2020 FY

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move;

THAT, this House adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on Mandera County Government third supplementary budget for financial year 2019/2020

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This is third revision of Mandera County Appropriation Act 2019. The first revised budget was approved on 23rd October, 2019 which was necessitated by delayed approval of County Allocation of Revenue Act 2019 by National Assembly and subsequent concurrence by the Senate and the second one was approved on 17th of March 2020 and was necessitated by Presidential Directive on payment of pending bills.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the third supplementary estimates of Kshs. 280.2 Million was submitted to County Assembly on 29th April, 2020 at 1640 hours following official gazettment of special sittings through Kenyan gazette notice No. 3290. The main objective of this supplementary budget is to attend to Corona Virus pandemic that has hit the globe by storm.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the third supplementary estimate was prepared at a time when the Coronavirus also known as COVID-19 has changed the lifestyle of the world. A virus that was first reported in Wuhan State in China has reminded the globe of Spanish flu of 1918 that wiped off 30 Million people.

According to World Health Organization (WHO), Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. Most people infected with COVID-19 virus will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. Older people and those with underlying medical problems like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease and cancer are more likely to develop serious illness.

WHO has recommended various ways to prevent and slow down transmission that includes awareness about the COVID-19 virus, the disease it causes and how it spreads, to protect oneself and others from infection by washing your hands or using an alcohol based sanitizers and by not touching your face.

The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes. So, it is important that people also practice respiratory etiquette, for example, by coughing into a flexed elbow. At this time, there are no specific vaccines or treatments for COVID-19. However, there are many ongoing clinical trials evaluating potential treatment.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the first case of Corona Virus in Kenya was reported on 13th March 2020 and since then, the country is experiencing majorly mild cases of Corona virus but has reported 21 who succumbed to the virus to date and 150 recoveries while the figure of positive cases in the country stands at 411 as at 2nd May 2020.

Our county has registered eight (8) cases to date. The first two cases were reported on 6th of April 2020 of the locals who travelled from the coastal region while the remaining cases are contacts of the first two cases. On Friday, 1st May 2020, H.E. the Governor reported total recovery of one person who tested negative twice and also two other cases that tested negative but still isolated for the second test. It is almost important to note that the remaining five cases are doing well and full recovery expected.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the table below shows glaring statistics about Corona Virus pandemic.

Region	Total Cases of Corona Virus as at 2 nd May 2020	(new cases in last 24 hours)	Total Death from Corona Virus as at 2 nd May 2020	(new Death in last 24 hours)

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Globally	3,267,184	91 977	229,971	5,799
Africa	27,973	1310	1,013	40
Americas	1,340,591	48 674	72, 196	3,109
Eastern Mediterranean	194,991	6406	7,741	143
Europe	1,492,024	30620	140,586	2,386
South-East Asia	60,490	3402	2,256	82
Western Pacific	150,403	1565	6,166	39

Mr. Speaker Sir, on 29th of April 2020, the third Revised Budget estimate was submitted to the County Assembly for consideration, review and approval in line with the Constitution. The main objective of the revision is to address the corona virus pandemic through necessary medical supplies and relief food as the local economies has been negatively affected due to partial lock down and curfew.

Mr. Speaker Sir, under Section 135 of PFM Act 2012, the County Government may spend money that has not been appropriated if the amount appropriated for any purpose under the County Appropriation Act is insufficient or need has arisen for expenditure for a purpose for which no amount has been appropriated by that act or in cases where money has been withdrawn from the County Government Emergency Fund.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Section 39 of Public Financial Management Regulation (County Government) of 2015 requires:

- (1) Each Accounting Officer shall within the guidelines of the supplementary budget circular and in conformity with budget guidelines issued by the County Executive Committee Member, prepare revised budget estimates in the format to be issued by the CEC for Finance.
- (2) Prior to incurring any expenditure under paragraph (1), Accounting Officers shall seek the approval of the County Treasury, and if approval is granted by the County Executive Committee Member, it shall be communicated to the Accounting Officers through a notification which shall be copied to the Auditor-General and the Controller of Budget.
- (3) The purpose for which approval is sought for a supplementary budget shall be—
 - (a) unforeseen and unavoidable, in circumstances where no budget provision was made; or
 - (b) Unavoidable, in circumstances where there is an existing budgetary provision which, however, is inadequate.

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- (4) For purposes of paragraph (3), the following shall not be considered unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure—
 - (a) expenditure that, although known when finalizing the estimates of the original budget, could not be accommodated within allocations; and
 - (b) Tariff adjustments and price increases.
- (5) Accounting Officers may seek supplementary budget if the expenditure cannot be met by budget reallocation under section 154 of the Act.
- (6) The request for supplementary budget in paragraph (5) shall be presented in a format that facilitates comparison with the original budget and shall contain all the information necessary to enable a decision on the application to be reached and shall include—
 - (a) the Vote, program, sub-programme and broad expenditure category which it is desired to supplement, the original sum voted thereon and any supplements which may have since been added;
 - (b) the actual expenditure and the outstanding liabilities or commitments against the item on the date when the request is made;
 - (c) the amount of the supplement required, the reasons why the supplement is necessary and why it has not been possible to keep within the voted provision;
 - (d) the basis for the calculation underpinning the supplementary;
 - (e) the proposed source of financing of the additional expenditure;
 - (f) an analysis of the fiscal impact of the additional expenditure, or of the implications, if any, for the planned outputs and outcomes of the affected programmes;
 - (g) any implied deviation from the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and the financial objectives; and
 - (h) The latest fiscal projections.
- (7) The county government entity requesting additional funds through a supplementary budget process shall submit a memorandum to the County Treasury, on a date determined by County Treasury.
- (8) For avoidance of doubt, budget allocations for new policy options and service delivery initiatives shall only be considered when introduced in the annual estimates of budget in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Act and these Regulations.
- (9) In approving any estimates under sections 135 and 154 of the Act, that County Assembly approval shall not exceed ten (10%) percent of the approved budget estimates of a program of Sub-Vote unless it is for an unforeseen and unavoidable need as defined in section 112 of the Act.
- (10) The County Executive Committee member shall submit a copy of the budget estimates approved under this regulation to the National Treasury.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we are grateful to your office and that of the Clerk for the support you have accorded to the committee in execution of its mandate in delivery of this report within such a short period. I also take this opportunity to thank all Honorable Members of the Committee and secretariat for their patience, unwavering sacrifice and commitment to service of the people that enabled us complete this important task within limited time.

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Mr. Speaker Sir, it is now my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriation Committee, to present to this August House, the report on Mandera County Government Third Supplementary Estimates for Financial Year 2019/2020.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the table below shows the summary of revenue and the total departmental allocation as approved on 19th July 2019 by Mandera County Assembly and subsequently Appropriation Act of 2019.

Revenue Summary as approved by County Assembly on 19th July 2019 for FY 2019/2020.

REVENUE SUMMARY 2019/2020 FY		Actual 2018/2019	2019/2020 APPROVED
Funding Types	Revenue summary By Sources	Kshs	Kshs
Taxes	Equitable share of Revenue	10,142,200,000	10,013,000,000
	Local Revenue Collections	179,287,568	200,000,000
Conditional Grants	World Bank/Japan Funding for Health sector - Transforming Health care - Universal Health	100,000,000	125,000,000
	Danida Funding for Health sector - Transforming Health care - Universal Health	32,653,125	30,000,000
	Road Maintenance Fuel Levy (Conditional Grant)	267,035,293	290,185,219
	Kenya Devolution Support Program - Level I		30,000,000
	Kenya Devolution Support Program	58,673,488	235,542,828
	Kenya Urban Development Support Program	175,819,500	175,819,500
	Kenya Urban Institutional grant	-	10,000,000

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	Foregone user fees in Health Facilities in rural Area (Conditional Grant)	25,474,920	25,474,920
	Balance Brought forward from 2018/2019 FY	2,421,546,956	1,374,718,639
	Danida Funds from 2015/2016 reflected in the supplementary that was not passed	25,000,000	-
	Unspents RMLF b/f	34,195,144	-
	Development of youth Polytechnics	31,240,000	31,240,000
	Kenya Climate smart Agriculture Project (NEDI)	150,000,000	200,000,000
	Agricultural Sector Development Support Program (ASDSP)	37,000,000	22,419,701
	TOTAL	13,709,957,408	12,763,400,807

1. The Summary of total departmental allocations as approved by County Assembly on 19th July 2019 for FY 2019/2020

APPROVED 2019/2020 BUDGET SUMMARY				
Departments	2019/2020 Financial Budget Estimate			
	Allocation for 2018/2019 Actual	Recurrent Expenditure Estimate	Development Expenditure Estimate	Total Departmental Allocation 2019/2020
Ministry of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries	855,050,188	227,511,454	672,196,888	899,708,342
Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports	1,103,657,738	521,076,576	321,624,354	842,700,930
Ministry of Gender, Youth and Social Service	226,362,980	100,944,738	151,298,000	252,242,738
Ministry of Finance				

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	729,816,630	682,813,846	106,462,837	789,276,684
Ministry of Health Services	2,527,634,900	1,647,259,138	943,164,120	2,590,423,258
Ministry of Trade, Investments Industrializations and Cooperative Development	332,295,295	59,180,357	179,761,059	238,941,416
County Assembly	1,021,895,035	854,858,369	312,791,542	1,167,649,911
Lands, Housing and Physical Planning	219,905,121	179,869,766	260,412,982	440,282,747
Office of the Governor and Deputy Governor	667,598,466	410,663,268	-	410,663,268
County Public Service Board	70,060,764	50,592,098	-	50,592,098
Ministry of Public Service, Management and Devolved Unit	1,720,128,478	943,651,354	251,700,873	1,195,352,227
Public Works Roads and Transport	2,133,325,114	154,754,988	1,126,963,849	1,281,718,837
Ministry of Water, Environment and Natural Resources	2,102,226,701	462,669,083	2,141,179,267	2,603,848,350
GRAND TOTAL	13,709,957,408	6,295,845,037	6,467,555,771	12,763,400,807
		49%	51%	100%

Mr. Speaker Sir, the following is the summary of Revenue as provided for in the first Supplementary Budget approved by this House on 23rd October 2019.

REVENUE SUMMARY 2019/2020 FY		Actual 2018/2019	2019/2020 Approved-Sup	
Funding Types	Revenue summary By Sources	Kshs	Kshs	
Equitable Sharable Revenue	Equitable share of Revenue	10,142,200,000	10,222,950,000	79%
Own Source Revenue	Local Revenue Collections	179,287,568	183,559,629	1%
Unutilized Exchequer from 2018/2019 FY	On-Going Development Projects funds b/f from 2017/2018	2,421,546,956	1,210,949,522	9%

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	2018/2019 FY Projects that could not be implemented that are shelved 2019/2020	-	163,769,117	1%
Conditional Grant by National Government Institutions	Road Maintenance Fuel Levy (Conditional Grant)	267,035,293	290,185,219	2%
	Development of youth Polytechnics	31,240,000	22,113,298	0%
	Foregone user fees in Health Facilities in rural Area (Conditional Grant)	25,474,920	25,474,920	0%
Conditional Grants - Development Partners	World Bank/Japan Funding for Health sector - Transforming Health care - Universal Health	100,000,000	65,351,998	1%
	Danida Funding for Health sector - Transforming Health care - Universal Health	32,653,125	30,281,250	0%
	Kenya Devolution Support Program - Level I		30,000,000	0%
	Kenya Devolution Support Program b/f	58,673,488	235,542,828	2%
	Kenya Devolution Support Program for 2018/2019 funds to be released in 2019/2020		58,673,488	0%
	Kenya Urban Development Support Program	175,819,500	175,819,500	1%
	Kenya Urban Institutional grant	-	8,800,000	0%
	Danida Funds from 2015/2016 reflected in the supplementary that was not passed	25,000,000	-	0%
	Unspent RMLF b/f	34,195,144	-	0%
	Kenya Climate smart Agriculture Project	150,000,000	200,000,000	2%

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	(NEDI)			
	Agricultural Sector Development Support Program (ASDSP)	37,000,000	22,822,072	0%
	Kenya Urban and Institutional Grant b/f	-	41,200,000	0%
	TOTAL	13,709,957,408	12,987,492,841	100%

The summary of total departmental allocations in the first Supplementary budget approved by this House on 23rd October 2019

Approved 2019/2020 Supplementary BUDGET SUMMARY					
Departments	2019/2020 Financial Budget Estimate				
	Allocation for 2018/2019 Actual	Recurrent Expenditure Estimate	Development Expenditure Estimate	Total Departmental Allocation 2019/2020	
Ministry of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries	855,050,188	259,206,959	1,061,831,660	1,321,038,619	10%
Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports	1,103,657,738	441,476,398	453,601,223	895,077,621	7%
Ministry of Gender, Youth and Social Service	226,362,980	85,559,108	60,748,646	146,307,754	1%
Ministry of Finance	729,816,630	630,024,088	284,405,058	914,429,146	7%
Ministry of Health Services	2,527,634,900	1,691,614,898	868,405,230	2,560,020,127	20%
Ministry of Trade, Investments Industrializations and Cooperative Development	332,295,295	71,606,053	282,269,804	353,875,857	3%
County Assembly	1,021,895,035	751,834,897	268,827,226	1,020,662,123	8%
Lands, Housing and Physical Planning	219,905,121	279,483,073	216,319,500	495,802,573	4%
Office of the Governor and Deputy Governor	667,598,466	449,390,273	-	449,390,273	3%
County Public Service Board					0%

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	70,060,764	56,759,224	-	56,759,224	
Ministry of Public Service, Management and Devolved Unit	1,720,128,478	1,138,281,752	248,497,599	1,386,779,351	11%
Public Works Roads and Transport	2,133,325,114	126,574,242	1,449,718,366	1,576,292,608	12%
Ministry of Water, Environment and Natural Resources	2,102,226,701	528,712,218	1,282,345,347	1,811,057,565	14%
GRAND TOTAL	13,709,957,408	6,510,523,183	6,476,969,658	12,987,492,841	
		50%	50%	100%	

The Approved departmental summary of Second Supplementary Budget

Mr. Speaker Sir, the table below shows approved departmental summary for both development and recurrent as per House resolution on 17th March 2020.

Approved 2019/2020 Second Supplementary BUDGET SUMMARY				
Departments	2019/2020 Financial year Second Supplementary Budget			
	Recurrent Expenditure Estimate	Development Expenditure Estimate	Total Departmental Allocation 2019/2020	
Ministry of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries	270,105,168	1,055,031,660	1,325,136,828	10%
Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports	425,665,461	448,994,521	874,659,982	7%
Ministry of Gender, Youth and Social Service	83,358,197	59,848,646	143,206,843	1%
Ministry of Finance	726,269,859	405,828,671	1,132,098,530	9%
Ministry of Health Services	1,739,860,995	825,218,230	2,565,079,225	20%
Ministry of Trade, Investments Industrializations and Cooperative Development	71,606,053	282,269,804	353,875,857	3%
County Assembly				8%

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	751,834,897	268,827,226	1,020,662,123	
Lands, Housing and Physical Planning	286,889,250	307,742,294	594,631,544	5%
Office of the Governor and Deputy Governor	482,390,273	-	482,390,273	4%
County Public Service Board	56,759,224	-	56,759,224	0%
Ministry of Public Service, Management and Devolved Unit	1,146,683,327	246,297,599	1,392,980,926	11%
Public Works Roads and Transport	110,957,792	1,348,238,366	1,459,196,158	11%
Ministry of Water, Environment and Natural Resources	562,890,176	1,154,745,347	1,717,635,523	13%
GRAND TOTAL	6,715,270,673	6,403,042,362	13,118,313,035	
	51%	49%	100%	

Mr. Speaker Sir, the following is the proposed changes by County Executive in this supplementary estimate.

Departments	Sub-Program	APPROVED for 2019/2020	Supplementa ry Movements	Final Allocation in the Third Supplementa ry
Recurrent Expenditure				
County Assembly	Recurrent Expenditure	726,834,897	(60,000,000)	666,834,897
Ministry of Trade, Industrialization and Co-op Development	Purchase of motor vehicle for departmental of trade	9,400,000	(9,400,000)	-
	Basic Salary	30,983,954	(11,918,329)	19,065,625
Ministry of Finance	Basic Salary	109,318,916	(12,000,000)	97,318,916
Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock	Basic Salary	77,455,334	9,048,797	86,504,131
Ministry of Education and Sport	Basic Salary	179,916,487	(11,000,000)	168,916,487
Office of the Governor	Basic Salary	95,397,936		

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and Deputy Governor			21,918,329	117,316,265
	Performance Contracting	5,100,000	(5,100,000)	-
	Devolution conference cost	6,800,000	(4,800,000)	2,000,000
	Foreign Travel	7,209,571	(2,000,000)	5,209,571
	Annual Contribution to CoG	10,200,000	(10,200,000)	-
Ministry of Public Service, Cohesion and integrations	Over provisions for Insurance	232,600,000	(2,500,000)	230,100,000
	Over provisions for Pensions	190,805,693	(8,000,000)	182,805,693
	Basic Salary	251,247,537	(20,000,000)	231,247,537
Ministry of Health	Basic Salary	847,708,621	(34,048,797)	813,659,824
	Public Health Programs (HIV, AIDS, TB, Malaria, immunizations,)	15,300,000	(10,200,000)	5,100,000
TOTAL		2,794,278,945	(170,200,000)	2,624,078,946
Departments	Sub-Program	APPROVED for FY 2019/2020	Supplementa ry Movements	Final Allocation in the Third Supplementa ry
Development				
Ministry of Trade	County Trade Development Fund	50,000,000	(50,000,000)	-
Ministry of Roads, and Transport and Public works	Completion of Governor's Residence	197,917,520	(40,000,000)	157,917,520
	Provisions for Deputy Governor's residence	53,000,000	(20,000,000)	33,000,000
TOTAL		300,917,520	(110,000,000)	190,917,520
GRAND TOTAL		3,095,196,465	(280,200,000)	2,814,996,465

Mr. Speaker Sir, the following is proposed re-appropriation by the County Executive; all was allocated to recurrent expenditure.

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Departments	Budget lines	Amount in Kshs
Water, Energy, environment	Grant to MANDWASCO	10,000,000
Finance and Economic Planning	Relief food Supply Covid - 19 intervention	120,000,000
Health Services	Supply of Covid - 19 related Supplies	150,200,000
TOTAL		280,200,000

Mr. Speaker Sir, the County Executive Committee member for Finance brought an addendum to the attention of the Budget and Appropriation Committee through Office of the Clerk. The addendum with reference MCG/CA/IBH/2020/8 dated 30th April, 2020 detailed changes as shown below.

Ministry	Recurrent /Development	Sub-Program	APPROVED for FY 2019/2020	Supplementary Movements	Final Allocation in the Third Supplementary
Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport	Recurrent	Somali Cultural week	10,000,000	(10,000,000)	-
Ministry of Finance	Recurrent	Maintenance of revenue system	10,000,000	(1,500,000)	8,500,000
Office of the Governor	Recurrent	Publication of CIDP (Draft and Final copies)	4,500,000	(2,500,000)	2,000,000
Ministry of Health	Recurrent	Specialized Consultancy Services (Specialist doctors)	7,526,400	(3,700,000)	3,826,400
				(17,700,000)	(17,700,000)
Ministry of Finance	Development	Office Repair and Maintenance as well as Drainage system at Treasury compound	12,200,000	7,546,216	19,746,216
Ministry of Education	Development	Development of borehole 11 Secondary school play ground	-	3,950,000	3,950,000
Ministry of Water	Development	Under ground water tank at Hopy - in Mandera West	-	1,800,000	1,800,000
	Recurrent	Grant to MADAWASCO	185,000,000	1,500,000	186,500,000

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	Development	Construction of 20,000 M3 Dam at Bulla Dumayo	10,000,000	(10,000,000)	-
	Recurrent	Repair of Underground water tank at Kalim	-	1,503,784	1,503,784
Ministry of Health	Recurrent	Supply of furniture to Karsa Hama Health center	-	1,400,000	1,400,000
Ministry of Finance	Recurrent	Office operation for Accounts Payable	4,000,000	5,800,000	9,800,000
	Recurrent	Office operation for Budget department	4,000,000	5,000,000	9,000,000
Ministry of Education	Development	two Twin toilets at ECD Centre in Corner S-Wargadud	800,000	(800,000)	-
			216,000,000	17,700,000	233,700,000
Ministry of Education	Development	Massive repair of ECDE classrooms at duse primary school	900,000	(900,000)	-
	Development	Supply of ECD Material to Duse Primary school	-	900,000	900,000
	Development	Renovation of Arabia ECD class room	1,200,000	(1,200,000)	-
	Development	Supply of ECD Material to Arabia wards	-	1,200,000	1,200,000
Ministry of Health	Development	Re-designing and Expansion of theatre at Lafey Hospitals	7,000,000	(7,000,000)	-
	Development	Renovation of Lafey Hospital Maternity	-	3,500,000	3,500,000
	Development	Renovation of 2 No of staff house and electrification of lafey sub county Hospital	-	3,500,000	3,500,000
	Development	Re-designing and Expansion of theatre at Banisa and Hospitals	7,000,000	(7,000,000)	-
	Development	Construction of drug store at Banisa Sub-County Hospital	-	4,000,000	4,000,000
	Development	Construction of sanitary facility at Banisa Sub-County Hospital	-	1,500,000	1,500,000

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	Developm ent	Construction and fencing of pit at Kutayu health center	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
			16,100,000	-	16,100,000

Mr. Speaker Sir, below is the extract from oral submission when the Budget and Appropriations Committee engaged the CEC Member for Finance on the supplementary estimate under review.

The CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning appeared before the committee for purpose of making an oral submission and also to respond to various queries on third supplementary Budget 2019/20

In his oral submission, the CEC indicated as follows;

On whether or not the proposed line items in the third supplementary budget 2019/20 has been already committed,

The CEC responded affirmative and indicated that 100% of the proposed items in the document have been committed. The CEC cited the ongoing distribution of relief food especially in Lafey, Mandera South and Kutulo sub counties as one example of committal of the proposed funds.

He also mentioned other activities including procurement and supply of medical and non-medical related supplies that are currently ongoing i.e. supply of masks and hand sanitizers, PPE, beddings, facility improvement works etc.

On the number of quarantine/isolation centers in each ward and budgetary allocation for the same if any?

The CEC indicated that the initial target of the Mandera County Government was not considering ward level in management of the outbreak but sub counties. The following arrangement was agreed upon with regards to the same;

Mandera County Referral Hospital which is a principal quarantine center to serve Mandera East and Mandera North sub counties, El-wak Level 4 Hospital to serve Mandera South and Lafey sub counties, Takaba Hospital to serve Mandera west and Banisa Sub counties and Kutulo being an entry point to be on its own.

That, the Executive has dedicated 3 specially branded ambulances to aid in transportation of individuals that are symptomatic to the above designated facilities.

The major identified/designated isolation centers in the county include; Sub county headquarters in El-wak, Takaba, Kutulo and Mandera county referral hospital, rehabilitation center, Kamor health center in Mandera East Sub County.

According to the CEC member, most of the above facilities are new and have infrastructure challenges and as such require various improvement i.e. water connection, electricity and other utilities.

Mandera East was made to be a principal isolation center due to proper infrastructure, the decision which led to the two confirmed cases in Wargadud and Rhamu been transferred all the way to Mandera.

Mandera East Sub County has about 178 isolation beds once rehabilitation center and Kamor health facility will be operationalized in few days.

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In other six sub counties the following centers have been earmarked as a quarantine facility Girisa Health facility in Mandera North- Isolation center. Private Lodge hired to house health care workers.

Sub County headquarters in Takaba serves as an isolation center and a small lodge hired to house health care workers.

Accident & emergency facility (isolation center) in El-wak level 4 hospital and Sub County headquarter to be a quarantine facility.

Sub County headquarters in Banisa serves as an isolation center and a small lodge hired to house health care workers.

Sub County headquarters in Kutulo and a small lodge hired to house health care workers.

Lafey – Private school hired as both quarantine center and lodging facility for health workers.

The budget lines for these quarantine centers have not been broken down. However, the procurement of medical and non-medical supplies are being done in bulk and on need basis.

On Criteria used in identification of quarantine/isolation centers in the county;

The existing government facilities have been mapped in all the sub counties in order to avoid other cost implication.

However, small lodgings were hired in Mandera North, Kutulo, Mandera West, and Banisa to house health workers who will manage the patients.

In Lafey Sub County, a local school was hired as both isolation and quarantine centers since the health center lacks proper infrastructure.

The executive is considering hiring a vehicle for the health care workers in Lafey since the identified facility is in the outskirts of the town. Accordingly, the CEC member stated that, funds have been committed only in Mandera East where there is a substantial number of confirmed cases.

On Criteria used in identification of beneficiaries for the food distribution program/ detailed list of beneficiaries for food distribution program per sub county;

The food distribution targets the most vulnerable members of the society
The distribution favors rural sub counties.

From the 10,000 households initially identified, 3260 IDPs, 1494 madrassa/duksi teachers, 1030 households for special groups (pwws, people living with Hiv/AiDS, retired KDF)

Mandera East – 900	Takaba - 800
Lafey 800	Kutulo - 500
El-wak 790	Mandera North - 800
Banisa 800	

Each ward receives approximately about 160 household beneficiaries.

On identification of duksi teachers, ulamas were engaged to provide the executive with a detailed list of madrassa/duksi teachers in the county i.e.

1. Mandera East – 350,
2. Lafey – 104
3. Banisa – 230,
4. Mandera South – 250,

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5. Kutulo – 100
6. Mandera west – 250 and
7. Mandera North – 210

IDPS

1. Banisa – 200,
2. Mandera South – 270,
3. Kutulo – 290 and
4. Mandera North – 2, 200

SPECIAL CATEGORY

Mandera East - 1000

Mandera West - 30

The revised beneficiaries after the incorporation of the special category, Idps and Maalim duksis, the statistics per Sub County are as follows;

1. Mandera East – 2,250,
2. Lafey – 904
3. Banisa – 1,230,
4. Mandera South – 1610,
5. Kutulo – 890
6. Mandera west – 1080 and
7. Mandera North – 3210

In Summary, Ordinary vulnerable Households totals to 5, 390, Maalim Duksis are 1,194 and IDPs totals to 3260 while Special category is 1,030 making total targeted household to **11, 174.**

Food Ration to be distributed;

Rice -**12.5kg** per household

Beans – **5kg** per household

Cooking Oil- **3 Liters** per Household

The executive also noted the following-

1. The criteria is therefore majorly on poverty index, poverty coping mechanism.
2. The quality of the food been distributed is standard and very good
3. The food distribution was done through an open tender won in 2019 and based on the framework agreement of 2 years, the supply is therefore as a result of pricing for that open tender.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the County Assembly's contribution of Kshs. 60 Million to Corona virus pandemic and further Kshs. 18 Million additional claimable mileage allocation was saved from the following programs. The savings from the respective votes was necessitated by indefinite closure of Assembly operations and Presidential Directive of working from home, except for essential service providers.

Budget Lines	Third Supplementary Changes
County Assembly's contribution to COVID-19	60,000,000

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Boards, Committees sitting and plenary allowances	-23,000,000
Additional Claimable Mileage for MCAs	18,000,000
Foreign Travel and Daily Subsistence .- Others	-17,500,000
Daily Subsistence Allowance & Accommodation- Committee Services	-12,000,000
Daily Subsistence Allowance & Accommodation for Staff	-10,000,000
Travel Costs (airlines, bus, railway, mileage allowances, etc.)	-7,000,000
System required expenses	2,750,463
Provision for Staff promotion	-3,000,000
Miscellaneous (Sum of other Budget line balances)	-2,885,463
Purchase of Hansard Equipment	2,300,000
Committee & Chamber Proceedings to the Public-Assembly Media Management	-2,000,000
Sanitary materials and programs	2,000,000
Savings from Basic salaries for MCAs	-1,985,000
Savings from Basic salaries for staff	-1,970,000
Contracted professional Services	1,890,000
Daily Subsistence Allowance for Security	-1,000,000
Casual & Contractual Employees	-1,500,000
Hardship Allowance	-700,000
Maintenance of Plant, Machinery and Equipment	-550,000
Maintenance Expenses - Motor Vehicles	-500,000
Advertisements on Dailies, local Shows & FMs	-500,000
House Allowance	-500,000
Car Hire for Committees during Public Participation	-350,000

Mr. Speaker Sir, the table below shows departmental summary after the movements were effected.

Draft 2019/2020 Supplementary SUMMARY	Third BUDGET				
Departments		2019/2020 Financial year Third Supplementary Budget			
	Allocation for 2018/2019 Actual	Recurrent Expenditure Estimate	Development Expenditure Estimate	Total Departmental Allocation 2019/2020	
Ministry of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries	855,050,188	279,153,965	1,055,031,660	1,334,185,625	10%
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Office of the Governor and Deputy Governor	667,598,466	482,208,602	-	482,208,602	4%
County Public Service Board	70,060,764	56,759,224	-	56,759,224	0%
Ministry of Public Service, Management and Devolved Unit	1,720,128,478	1,116,183,327	246,297,599	1,362,480,926	10%
Public Works Roads and Transport	2,133,325,114	110,957,792	1,288,238,366	1,399,196,158	11%
Ministry of Water, Environment and Natural Resources	2,102,226,701	575,893,960	1,146,545,347	1,722,439,307	13%
GRAND TOTAL	13,709,957,408	6,822,774,457	6,295,538,578	13,118,313,035	
		52%	48%	100%	

Mr. Speaker, the Committee made the following Observations/findings; -

1. The Committee observed that the information requested through House resolution on 23rd October 2019 and 17th March 2020 was not submitted to date on Itemized budget for MANDWASCO, Mandera Municipality and Grants from Donor agencies.
2. That, there was no provision of Emergency fund as per the requirements of Section 110 of the PFM Act 2012 despite Corona Virus Pandemic, invasion of Locusts and many other unexpected emergencies.
3. All the policy recommendations, House resolutions and directions given by this honorable House are ignored by the Executive despite the provision of section 130 (1) (a) (iii) of PFM Act 2012

POLICY RECOMMENDATION;

1. Department of Health Services shall ensure supplies of face masks, hand sanitizers and create awareness on corona virus disease in all 30 wards.
2. The executive to ensure prudent use of public resources as per provisions of law.
3. The County Treasury to submit all pending information and written memorandum on actions taken on House resolutions as per provision of section 130 (1)(a)(iii) of PFM Act 2012

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. The Budget and Appropriation Committee recommends the House for approval of the Mandera County Third Supplementary Estimates for financial year 2019/2020 with above mentioned amendments as per this committee's report.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request Majority leader to second.

Hon. Abdi Adan: Seconded

(Question proposed)

Hon. Yakub Hassan (Derkhale): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the recommendations of Budget and Appropriations Committee. The report on the appropriation itself is on Covid-19 Supplementary budget. I am very happy that we donated our allowances, salaries totaling to almost 60 million shilling to Covid-19 campaign. This is a very good example and I urge the public, the businessmen, the rich and the mighty and those who can afford to do the same because we have led by example. 60 million is not a small amount and this is just from around 60 staffs and 50 Members of Assembly. This is a lot of money. Everybody working in this Assembly whether it is staffs or Speaker, Clerks or Member of the Assembly has donated over 500,000 shillings per person and that is a lot. We have at least led by example. Because this is personal money, those who will be given this money to implement should put the money into proper use.

Secondly, there is a worrying situation here that most of isolation and quarantine centers are made in schools. I doubt whether the national government has put up any proper plan in place that after quarantine and isolation issue is over, how they will help to remove the infection from these particular premises because by putting an infected individual and isolating them in schools and children resuming schools in June is going to raise a lot of issues. We want the Ad Hoc Committee which is likely to be formed and approved by this House to look into those issues specifically on post Covid-19 infections in schools.

Thirdly, the supplementary budget is for Covid19 and it is around 280 million shillings as brought by the CEC for Finance but there is also a second agenda which was brought in. I do not know whether it is related to Covid-19 but I see ECD classes and many other things here. I do not know how it will help in controlling of the same. If you look at the main heading of the report is the Report of County Assembly Budget and Appropriation Committee on Third Covid-19 Supplementary Budget. This is a very special kind of budget which is very specific with specific item. By bringing other issues in, we are compromising the whole program. The Committee formed in future should also try to look at this.

I always say this, during budget making process and this is one of them, the general deductions versus what is saved against is not very clear. In Covid-19 what is stated there is around 280 million but the deduction is more than that. It is always worrying when budget is brought here and the deductions are more and you do not know where the money goes to.

With that, I stand to support the recommendations of Budget and Appropriation Committee.

Thank you.

The Speaker (M. A. Khalif): Honorable Mohamed.

Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim (Guticha): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the report of Budget and Appropriations Committee. I would like to appreciate the Committee for presenting a good report. This Supplementary has been necessitated by the emergency we have in the whole world. I also like to thank the Assembly and your leadership for donating 60 million to this fund. 60 million is not a small amount of money. I would like also to seek your indulgence in terms of committing of that fund. It should go to protection of health workers who are working under these circumstances and environment. I will also wish to call upon the Executive, that there should be prudent use of this resource that has been allocated by this House. Of concern to me is that in rural world where we represent have no basic facilities like masks, sanitizers and hand washing containers. It is also worrying that there is no public awareness in rural areas.

I also wish to call upon the Executive to commit part of this fund for awareness and campaigns and procurement of face masks, sanitizers and hand washing containers in areas that have not been reached before. This morning when we were contributing to emergency regulation fund, some of Honorable Members who have travelled within the county told us that there is no internal screening of movement of people from one Sub County to the other. There are also reports that yesterday there was alert that in Mandera South Sub County, there are people who came back from Somalia after taking their livestock to Mogadishu market and since Wajir has sealed its border, they are trying to penetrate Mandera Porous border so that they can make their way to areas like Bute. We need to advise the Executive that we should be on top of this issue. We are also getting reports that people are going to Bula Hawa for prayers since our mosques are locked. We need to advise our public and the people we represent that they should be more serious on this matter.

With those few remarks, I support.

Thank you.

The Speaker (M. A. Khalif): Honorable Alinoor!

Hon. Alinoor Derow (Wargadud): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is timely. For sure it will facilitate major response within the county. Mr. Speaker, I also like to thank your office for allowing us to have a special sitting to respond to the current situation. This is necessary and in fact it is with this flexibility that we ensure that we are at least able to merge the little resources that we have. The aspect of contribution of 60 million by Mandera County Assembly surely portrays aspect of representation having the electorates at heart and alleviating the suffering that they are facing.

I also give hand to other Honorable Members that have initially raised concerns about the use of funds. We urge the Executive to ensure that there is prudent use of these resources and ensure that there is major coverage in terms of awareness creation as far as prevention is concerned. It is necessary and pro-active. I got information that those people that came from Mogadishu in liaison with health response team that are based in El-wak, four persons are now arrested in El-wak Somalia. The others are also on their way.

With those few remarks, I ask other Honorable Members to support.

Thank you.

The Speaker (M. A. Khalif): Yes, Honorable Shaban. Let us summarize.

Hon. Shaban Hassan Hillow (Ashabito): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have some reservations. The Covid19 emergency fund of 280 million has been exhausted within three

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weeks; it has been committed. The funny thing is that they are front line health workers who have sacrificed their lives and their wellbeing to take care of these people. Their stipend and allowances have not been captured in this 280 million. These guys are demoralized. Some of them are exposed to this infection. The protective gear is not adequate and is not even ideal. We have exhausted 280 million within three (3) weeks of the first case we had. I think it is not good.

What the County did is that it has violated the government's directive. The government was very clear and they said we do not have resources and we should use the existing government structures. It has given directive that every county should identify three Secondary Schools to be used as Quarantine and Isolation centres. Now the County went ahead and started doing renovations at rehabilitation centres—most of these Sub-County Administrators. If you put up a new structure, it will come with cost. When the government said we use Secondary Schools then it means the facility is there—the washrooms and the mattresses—the only thing is just their food. But if we now convert the Sub-County headquarters to Isolation ward or Quarantine centres then we need to buy a bed, mattress and you need to set-up some things. So if we are not careful with these resources, I am seeing a scenario whereby we will exhaust the few resources we have and by the time these crisis reach exponential rate then we have exhausted everything. If you look at the trend, what is happening in Europe, Italy, Spain and others, they had the first case, then after three (3) months, there was exponential increase in the number of cases.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has also projected that this crisis might persist up to October. So, if we are not careful with the few resources, we might exhaust everything and get into crisis. Now the County went ahead and leased small lodge in every Sub-County. I hope these small lodges should translate to small money when it comes to payment.

Then the other thing is that there is reduction of basic salary from the Ministry of Health of 34 million and then Public Service 20 million. When you deduct Basic Salary of a staff, does it mean that these guys will be sacked or he will go without salary? This is Basic Salary and not allowances.

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): I think they have explained that in the note. There are people they wanted to recruit and because of the Court Order they have not recruited. Nobody can reduce somebody's salary and it is not about the current staff.

Hon. Shaban Hassan (Ashabito): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the issue raised by Hon. Guticha about screening which is not happening in our county, I think there is confusion in the department. The Governor's taskforce composed of CECs and Chief Officers is supposed to supervise this containment of Covid-19 in Sub-Counties. When these guys went to Sub-Counties, they started intimidating the healthcare personnel. I want to confirm to this House that we have robust healthcare personnel especially in the Sub-Counties Health Management team. So, they are running different program. I would like to take this opportunity to urge the Governor to recall the taskforces in the Sub-Counties and give space to Sub-Counties Health Management Team to run this program with enough support.

On the issue raised by Hon. Yakub Hassan about using public facility, once the pandemic is over, the old facility has to be disinfected so that it is safe to be used by the next person.

Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): Vice-Chair for Budget and Appropriations Committee.

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Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the honorable members for supporting the document. I hope when the Ad Hoc Committee will be formed, they are going to look at the way these resources are going to be spent.

I request you to put the question.

Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): According to my guideline on the Special Sitting, we are supposed to have concluded the business by 4 pm but we are yet to dispose of some important motions. Let us proceed and finish.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

REDUCTION OF PUBLICATION PERIOD OF THIRD SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR 2019/2020 FY

Hon. Jimale Abdi (Guba): I beg to move a Procedural Motion; -
THAT, aware that Standing Order 119 requires that a money bill be introduced after the expiry of publication period of (7 days);

FURTHER AWARE, that the publication period can be reduced with the resolution of the County Assembly;

This County Assembly therefore, RESOLVES to reduce the publication period of the Mandera County Third Supplementary Budget for FY 2019/2020 from seven days to today, 4th May, 2020.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

BILL

MANDERA COUNTY GOVERNMENT THIRD SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 2020

(Second Reading)

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): I beg to move; -
THAT Mandera County Third Appropriation Bill for FY 2019/2020 be now read a second time. I request Majority Leader to second.

Hon. Abdi (Neboi): Mr. Speaker, I do not know why every member is asking me to second? But I second for the Vice-Chair for Budget and Appropriation Committee.

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(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): Mover to reply.

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Mr. Speaker, kindly put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): Next Order!

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif) left the Chair]

IN THE COMMITTEE

[Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow (Nominated) took the Chair]

Order for the Committee read

THE MANDERA COUNTY GOVERNMENT THIRD SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 2020

Temporary Chair (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Hon. Members, welcome to the Committee of the Whole House.

(Clause 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 agreed to)

First Schedule,

(R341-01 agreed to)

R341-02;

The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for salaries and expenses for the Department of Finance and Economic Planning, amount Kshs. 834, 269,859

Temporary Chair (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Chair, any amendment?

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Yes. New amount is Kshs. 841, 069,859

(Amendment proposed)

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(Question put and agreed to)

(R341-02 as amended agreed to)

R341-03;

The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for salaries and expenses for the Department of Education, Culture and Sports; amount is Kshs. 414, 665, 461

Temporary Chair (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Chair, any amendment?

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Yes. New amount is Kshs. 404, 665, 461

(Amendment proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(R341-03 as amended agreed to)

(R341-04 agreed to)

R341-05;

The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for salaries and expenses for the Department of Health Services. Amount is Kshs. 1,845, 812, 198

Temporary Chair (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Chair, any amendment?

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Yes. New amount is Kshs. 1, 843, 512, 198

(Amendment proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(R341-05 as amended agreed to)

(R341-06 agreed to)

(R341-07 agreed to)

(R341-08 agreed to)

(R341-09 agreed to)

(R341-10 agreed to)

R341-11;

The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for salaries and expenses of the Department of Water, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources; amount Kshs. 572, 890, 176, Appropriation in Aid Kshs. 917, 922

Temporary Chair (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Chair, any amendment?

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Yes. New amount is Kshs. 575, 893, 960.

(Amendment proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(R341-11 as amended agreed to)

R341-12;

The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Governor and Deputy Governor; amount Kshs. 480, 208, 602

Temporary Chair (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Chair, any amendment?

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Yes. New amount is Kshs. 482, 374, 887

(Amendment proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(R341-12 as amended agreed to)

(R341-13 agreed to)

Class Sub-Total; Supply, Kshs. 6, 833, 270, 673; Appropriation in aid, Sub-Total Kshs. 183, 559, 629.

Temporary Chair (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Chair, any amendment?

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Yes. New Total for Supply is Kshs 6, 822, 774, 457

(Amendment proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(Class Sub-total, Supply, as amended agreed to)

Second Schedule; Development Expenditure,

(D341-01 agreed to)

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D341-02;

The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for Development Expenditure for the Department of Finance and Economic Planning; Amount Kshs. 405, 828, 671

Temporary Chair (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Chair, any amendment?

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Yes. New amount to read Kshs. 413, 374, 887

(Amendment proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(D341-02 as amended agreed to)

D341-03;

The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for Development Expenditure for the Department of Education, Sports and Culture; Amount Kshs. 448, 994, 521

Temporary Chair (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Chair, any amendment?

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Yes. New amount is Kshs. 452, 144, 521

(Amendment proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(D341-03 as amended agreed to)

D341-04;

The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for Development Expenditure for the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries including Irrigation, Administration, and Planning Regulatory Management; Amount is Kshs. 1, 055, 031, 660.

(D341-04 agreed to)

D341-05;

The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for Development Expenditure for the Department of Health Services; amount is Kshs. 825, 218, 230.

(D341-05 agreed to)

D341-06;

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The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for Development Expenditure for the County Assembly Services; amount is Kshs. 268, 827, 226.

(D341-06 agreed to)

D341-07;

The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for Development Expenditure for the Department of Trade, Investment, Industrialization and Cooperative Development; amount is Kshs. 232, 269, 804.

(D341-07 agreed to)

D341-08;

The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for Development Expenditure for the Department of Lands, Housing and Physical Planning; amount is Kshs. 307, 742, 294.

(D341-08 agreed to)

D341-09;

The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for Development Expenditure for the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services; amount is Kshs. 5,948, 646.

(D341-09 agreed to)

D341-10;

The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for Development Expenditure for the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport; amount is Kshs. 1, 288, 238, 366.

(D341-10 agreed to)

D341-11;

The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for Development Expenditure for the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources. Amount is Kshs. 1, 154, 745, 347.

Temporary Chair (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Chair, any amendment?

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Yes. New amount is Kshs. 1, 146, 545, 347.

(Amendment proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(D341-11 as amended agreed to)

D341-12;

The amount required in the year ending 30th June, 2020 for Development Expenditure for the Department of the Office of the Governor and Deputy Governor. Amount is Nil.

(D341-12 agreed to)

Class, Sub-Total; Kshs. 6, 293, 042, 362

Temporary Chair (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Chair, any amendment?

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Yes. New Sub-Total is Kshs. 6, 295, 538, 578

(Amendment proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(Class sub-total, as amended, agreed to)

Grand Total; Supply amount, Kshs. 13, 118, 313, 035; Appropriation in Aid, Kshs. 183, 559, 629

(Grand total agreed to)

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Madam Temporary Chair, I beg to move; -
THAT, the committee do report to the County Assembly its consideration of the Mandera County Third Appropriation Bill, 2020 and its approval thereof with amendments.

(Question put and agreed to)

Temporary Chair (Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow): Sergeant-at-arm, usher in the Speaker.

The House resumed

Temporary Chair (Hon. Sokorey m. Issackow) left the chair

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif) took the Chair

REPORT AND THIRD READING

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Hon. Sokorey M. Issackow (Nominated): Mr. Speaker, I beg to report THAT the Committee of the Whole County Assembly has considered Mandera County Third Supplementary Appropriation Bill for FY 2019/2020 and approved the same with amendments.

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move- THAT the County Assembly doth agree with the committee in the said report.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move; - THAT, The Mandera County Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2020 be now read a Third Time.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was accordingly read a Third Time and passed)

MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

Hon. Abdi Adan (Neboi): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move; - THAT, pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No 1, I beg to move establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Covid-19

AWARE that Covid-19 has been declared a global health pandemic resulting to unprecedented global health threats that claimed many lives worldwide;

COGNIZANT that the National and County Government have taken various measures aimed at containing the spread of the pandemic countrywide;

APPRECIATING the effort taken by both level of governments in containing the pandemic;

Therefore, this House RESOLVES to establish an Ad Hoc Committee of the Assembly which shall oversight action and measures taken by the County Government in addressing the spread and the effect of Covid-19 in the County and shall address the following, among other matters; -

1. Provision of testing and medical equipment including adequate ventilators in Mandera Referral Hospital.
2. Measures taken to ensure continuous supply of food and other essential commodities at affordable price.

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3. Measures taken by the County Government to enable the continuation of the service delivery to the residents of the county.
4. Provision of adequate Isolation and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) facilities in the County Referral Hospital and each Sub-County Referral Hospital.
5. Measures taken to ensure protection, safety, and wellbeing of Healthcare Service Providers and other frontline workers.
6. To step-up measures to sanitize and safeguard the population against Global pandemic.
7. To monitor and report to the County Assembly on all the activities the County Government is implementing as well as ensure fund set aside for the pandemic is utilized.
8. Lastly, the Committee is to oversight response, and the Committee is expected to table progress report within thirty (30) days and thereafter quarterly report and subsequently table a final report within six (6) months.

This committee shall comprise of the following members;

1. Hon. Abass Abdille.
2. Hon. Robow M. Hassan.
3. Hon. Alinur Hassan Ali.
4. Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim Yusuf.
5. Hon. Shaban Hassan Hillow.
6. Hon. Kulow Alio Guyo.
7. Hon. Alinoor Derow Abdullahi.
8. Hon. Shamsa Ibrahim Maalim.
9. Hon. Fatuma Omar Kasai.

This House is on recess because of the Covid-19 menace. We are here because of this Special Sitting that you called for. Since the House is on recess, we will not be getting time in our committees to do the oversight role as we used to do. So, there is a lot of work going on in the County. Funds have been set aside for Covid-19 and these funds need to be over sighted. We thought about this Committee to represent us as a House because all of us cannot be doing that work. This committee is going to represent the House to ensure that the funds and all the work that is going on concerning Corona Virus Disease in Mandera County is going on as required because we are required as leaders to do our oversight role. The members have been complaining that they have no any other means or anywhere else where they meet these people who are responsible over this problem and do their oversight. So, we got an opportunity today to form this committee to represent us.

I want to say to the committee that as soon as they start doing their work, that they do the work on behalf of this House, and ensure because we have right now seen so many gaps in the way Covid-19 response is being done in our county. Members have been talking today in the morning and even this afternoon. Expenditures in Isolation and Quarantine centres, medical supplies, and awareness is being done in our County because we are at the grass root and much is being done up there but at the grassroots level people are not feeling.

The previous day when we met the CEC Finance, he explained to us some of these measures that they are trying to take and how they are responding to this Covid-19. We told him that the County Government is doing a lot. We are getting information through the Social Media

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but at the grassroots level, the impact is very little; in terms of masks being distributed, sanitizers and creating awareness. In that part, I think the work is not going on as required.

On the food distribution because of the effect of this disease, the business has slowed down, and people have gone back to their homes; and they are suffering. Therefore, we want to urge this Ad Hoc Committee to ensure that they do the right work and represent us well. I know they are up to the task. Give us reports as required. Your office is going to guide us on how they are going to report to the House.

Therefore, I beg the Hon. Minority Leader to second me.

Thank you.

Hon. Jimale Abdi (Guba): Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee. When the honorable member representing Ashabito who is the Chair for Health Services Committee was talking about the frontline workers, I was about to cut him short because it is our work to oversight anything that is going on in our county. We are here by the law. We represent the County and the people of this County and we must oversight what is going on in this county. I think with the formation of this Committee, definitely the concerns of the honorable member for Ashabito will be tackled. It is up to us to make sure that what we just passed here, the Third Supplementary Budget, is used as on what it is meant for because even this Assembly has donated 60 million and donating 60 million is not just a jock. We must make sure that the money is used for the intended purpose. This is a very strong team. This committee will definitely will come up with a Chair. As leadership of this House, we have seen the need of having an Ad Hoc Committee and that is why we brought the request to you. We appreciate that you agreed with us.

To the Committee, I am requesting them to be on top of the task, to make sure that it is not only in Mandera town but they must go round Sub-Counties to see what is ongoing. There is very minimal involvement of people at Ward level. They must see how people are prepared for this Covid-19.

I support.

Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Yakub Hassan (Derkhale): This is a quite a good move. The committee is comprised of nine (9) members. May be what is worrying is two honorable members, Hon. Kulow Alio and Hon. Alinoor Derow who are above 58. We know the issue of presidential directive that if you are above that age, and you have a pre-existing condition, I am not saying that they have pre-existing condition but they could have confined themselves in their Houses. But still there is no problem. The members of the committee are all tough guys. Most of them are health professionals like the Chair for Health Service, Hon. Shaban Hassan and Hon. Kulow Alio who is also representing Rhamu; and I think they can lead the team.

With that, since 3 pm we have been talking and if you look at the mood of the House, honorable members are tired. Kindly, put the question so that we go for Iftar.

Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): Hon. Ahmed Gabnan.

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Hon. Ahmed Gabnan (Waranqara): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the formation of the committee and I would like to urge the committee not to focus on how the amount allocated here and the donations we are getting out and following up the Executive on how it is spent and bringing statements of the companies awarded but we want them to bring recommendations and report to this House as far as Covid-19 effect is concerned in this county. Our people are suffering. If you find that for example, they may bring recommendation urging the Executive to relax some laws. For example, the Finance Act, you will find that the Finance Act that we have passed, you know some of the charges are exorbitant and is of no benefit but because of the business deteriorating, our Enforcement Officers and other Officials of the County are harassing the businessmen while there is no business. At the moment, the public are suffering and the business of the transport sector is greatly affected—the Bodaboda, Tuktuk and Taxi drivers. But you will find that Matiang’i’s boys or Roba’s boys patrol points are increasing in numbers daily. This is the Covid-19 effect. The Bodaboda guy is getting Kshs. 50 and we have 3 to 4 patrol points in this County. Because of those factors, they should not confine themselves to the amount awarded, and the supplies under hospital taken but look at the wider picture. The effect and the recommendations of this thing and the action this County Assembly can assist our community.

Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): Hon. Dakat.

Hon. Abdiaziz Dakat (Arabia): Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me the chance. I support the formation of this committee simply because I am a member of the Budget and Appropriation Committee, and we have invited the CEC Finance. When we asked him questions about utilization of this fund, we have really doubted him. They should query and follow-up the utilization of these funds because it is the public fund. We want medical supplies to reach up to Ward level. I urge the committee to strictly follow the utilization of these funds.

Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): Thank you. Going by the mood of the House, I call upon the Leader of Majority and then I will put the question.

Hon. Abdi Adan (Neboi): Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank the House for accepting the Motion to establish an Ad Hoc Committee. I request you to put the question.

Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): I think much has been said about the committee. Their mandate is clearly written there. I agree with the Minority Whip that they should not only confine themselves to what is written there. They should look at the bigger picture of the effect of Covid-19 not only in terms of health but even in terms of social life. He said a valid point. You remember His Excellency relieved some taxes including the Value Added Tax, and then the Income Tax to the employees and even to the business. We should actually apply the same. Why can't we relax our tax collection because of this period? It is a very valid point. I think the committee should look at that.

The issue of hiring hotels, you know we have very limited resources and we do not know how long this pandemic will be with us. We should not be in spending spree and somehow you get stuck. So, let us engage them. You know the issue is not only reporting you can engage the people who are concerned, interact and discuss some of these things so that we use the government existing facilities. We have National Schools in this town, we have a National

School in Rhamu, and we have several Secondary Schools in all the Sub-Counties. Let us utilize government facilities which are already there.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. M. A. Khalif): The House stands adjourned Sine Dine until further notice.

Thank you.