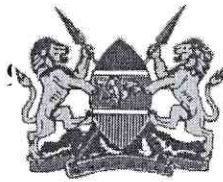


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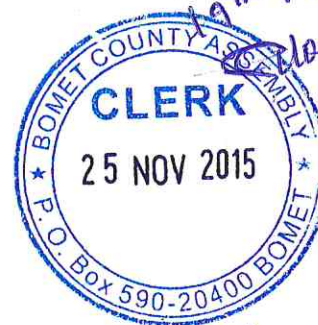
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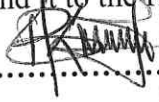
Preface

Mr. Speaker Sir,

I wish to thank the Members of Education, Vocational Training, Sports and Youth Affairs Committee for their effort in coming up with this comprehensive annual progress report covering the period of July 2014 to June 2015.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Committee to table this report and recommend it to the House for adoption.

 Signed.....

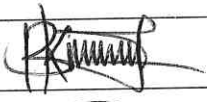
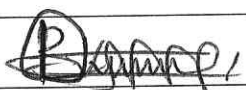
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Membership and Ownership of the Report

We members of County Assembly Committee on Education, Vocational Training, Sports and Youth Affairs do append our signatures confirming that we as a committee sat and undertook the agenda therein.

NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
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2. Hon. Wilson Keter	Vice chairperson	W.K.
3. Hon. Samwel Bor	Member	
4. Hon. Bernard Ngeno	Member	
5. Hon. Joyce Korir	Member	
6. Hon. Robert Metet	Member	
7. Hon. Leonard Kirui	Member	

Acronyms and Abbreviations

CIDP-County Integrated Development plan

NGO-Non Governmental Organization

CEC-County Executive Committee

ADP-Annual Development Plan

CDF-Constituency Development Fund

VTIs- Vocational Training Institutions

ECDE- Early Childhood Development Education

EALASCA- East Africa Local Authorities Sports and Cultural Association

KICOSCA- Kenya Inter-County Sports and Cultural Association

MCAs- Members of County Assembly

CHAPTER ONE

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

It is expected that every county government shall decentralise its functions and the **provision of its services to the extent that it is efficient and practicable to do so. County Governments draws its functional powers from Article 185 (2), 186 (1) and 187(2) and are specified on the fourth schedule part 2 of the Constitution of Kenya.**

Article 183 (1) and (2) outlines the functions of the County executive committees and includes implementation of County legislations, implementation within the county national legislation to the extent that the legislation requires so, manage and coordinate the functions of the county administration and its departments. This Committee plays an important role in oversight, Legislations, representation, analysis of policies and plans related to Education, VTIs, Youth Affairs and Sports. A Committee is like a 'small' parliament which forms the basis of debates in the House. It is here where most agendas of the House debates are brought out.

Article 185 of the constitution of Kenya empowers County Assembly and its committee, while respecting the principle of separation of powers to exercise oversight role over the county executive committee and any other county executive organs.

It is an obligation of the county executive committee to provide the county assembly to full and regular reports on matters relating to the county as stated in Article 195 of the constitution give powers to county assembly or any of its committees to summon any person to appear before it for purposes of giving evidence or to provide information needed.

These forms the legal basis that county assembly and its committees uses reports and invitations of the county executive whenever it is discharging its oversight role.

1.1 Mandate of the Committee.

The schedule 2 of the Standing Order states that the Education, Vocational Training Institutions, Youth Affairs and Sports committee to deal with all matters relating to Education, including Management, Supervision and Capacity building, Increased enrolment, Construction of ECD classrooms, support infrastructure development in special schools and integrated development, disbursement of bursaries to public Day Secondary schools, Development of Vocational Training Institutions, Management and Supervision of VTIs, Promote access to skills and employability of Youth.

1.2 Functions, roles and duties of the Committee

The functions and roles of the Committee is drawn from no.193 (5) which shall be to:

1. Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned department.
2. Study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation.

3. Study and review all County Legislations referred to it
4. Study, assess and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by results obtained as compared with their stated objectives.
5. Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly.
6. To vet and report on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 187.
7. Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislations.
8. Scrutinize the resolutions of the County Assembly (including adopted committee report), petitions and the undertakings given by the County Executive Committee.
9. Examine whether or not such decisions and undertakings have been implemented and where implemented, the extent to which they have been implemented as well as whether such implementations has taken place within the minimum time necessary
10. Whether or not legislation passed by the County Assembly has been operationalized and where operationalized, the extent to which such operationalization has taken place within the minimum time necessary.
11. The Committee may propose to the County Assembly, sanctions against any member of the County Executive Committee who fails to report to the relevant select Committee on implementation status without justifiable reasons.

1.3 Distribution of Wards and Sub-Counties in Bomet County

<i>Sotik</i>	<i>Chepalungu</i>	<i>Konoin</i>	<i>Bomet East</i>	<i>Bomet Central</i>
<i>1.Kipsonoi</i>	<i>1.Chebunyo</i>	<i>1.Boito</i>	<i>1.Longisa</i>	<i>1.Mutarakwa</i>
<i>2.Kapletundo</i>	<i>2.Siongiroi</i>	<i>2.Mogogosiek</i>	<i>2.Kembu</i>	<i>2.Chesoen</i>
<i>3.Ndanai/Abosi</i>	<i>3.Sigor</i>	<i>3.Embomos</i>	<i>3.Chemaner</i>	<i>3.Silibwet</i>
<i>4.Rongena/Manaret</i>	<i>4.Nyongores</i>	<i>4.Kimulot</i>	<i>4.Kipreres</i>	<i>4.Singorwet</i>
<i>5.Chemagel</i>	<i>5.Kongasis</i>	<i>5.Chepchabas</i>	<i>5.Merigi</i>	<i>5.Ndaraweta</i>

CHAPTER TWO

2.0 MAJOR ISSUES TRANSACTED DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

During the period under review, the committee deliberated on various issues touching on its mandate as provided for under the Standing Orders. The major issues discussed included the following;

- Bursary Disbursement
- Sport programs
- Budget estimates (department- Education, Vocational Training, Youth and Sports)
- The Sector Draft Policies
- Establishment of ECDE centers
- County Vocational Training Institutes

2.1 MAJOR COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

2.1.1 Committee sittings

The committee, during the Financial Year 2014/2015 held a total of 59 meetings to deliberate on various issues touching on its mandate.

During the sittings, the committee managed to get views and clarifications from the office of the County Executive Committee Member Education, Vocational Training Institutes, Youth and Sports. The views were necessary for the committee to make informed decisions in discharging its mandate.

2.1.2 Site visits

In discharging the role of oversight, the committee also undertook site visits within the county. This included visits to the Youth Empowerment center- Longisa, ECDE centers and Polytechnics.

2.1.3 Bills and policies

The committee also participated during the processing of the Sector Draft Policies in consultation with the Executive.

However, during the period under review, the committee was not able to deal with any Bill within the context of its mandate since none was generated by the executive.

2.1.4 Other activities

I. Benchmarking Visits

The committee was able to host MCAs from Migori County Assembly Committee on Education, Youth and Sports. The committee learned how their counterparts from Migori was

CHAPTER THREE

3.0 OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SECTOR

The committee made various observations regarding all the four sub-departments within the county department of Education, Vocational Training, Youth and Sports as follows;

3.1 Early Childhood Development and Education

Observations

The committee observed that various activities were undertaken in the course of the Year which included the following;

The committee observed that there are 64 centers in their program slated for construction and others even have started.

There were uneven allocation of resources for construction of the ECD centers yet they had budgeted for a lofty amount for the same.

The committee felt that the ECD policy was not clear on the financing of the programs in the department as well as the standards of establishing ECD centers and curriculum.

The issue of concern was the funding accorded to the department in terms of infrastructure development. On this area, the committee observed that the funding was too low and not equitably distributed across the county.

Resolutions

1. There should be an elaborate criteria to be used in selecting the ECDE centres to be developed by the Executive in a given financial year which should be agreed upon and submitted to the committee
2. The county government should fully focus on its functions in the educations sector as stipulated under the Constitution since the funds devolved were meant for such functions
3. A programme for visits to ECDE centres and other relevant educations facilities within the county should be revised before the visits are undertaken.
4. The CEC for Education, Vocational Training, Youth and Sports should be occasionally invited to furnish the committee on the plans and developments to be done in every financial year.
5. The Committee urged the CEC that issues to do with public funds should be approved by the Assembly to avoid scenarios whereby other areas will be disadvantaged by others when resource allocations are skewed to favor others

carrying out matters of Education within the powers conferred to them as Members of County Assembly and within the jurisdiction of the county governments.

II. EALASCA Games

The committee also attended the 6th edition of EALASCA Games in Kampala, Uganda under the banner of KICOSCA. The theme for the 6th Edition was *“consolidating Integration through sports and cultures”*. The 6th edition of the EALASCA games hosted at Nelson Mandela-Namboole stadium was therefore intended to promote the spirit of integration among the East Africa Community nations.

III. The First Lady’s Marathon

The event took place on Women’s Day at Nyayo Stadium, Nairobi. The Bomet County Assembly team participated in the different activities scheduled for the First Lady’s Marathon together with other participants from across the country including senior Government officials and women MCAs drawn from all the 47 Counties in Kenya who took part in the marathon.

Recommendations

- I. The county assembly should invest and develop sport facilities within its precincts for use by the Members of county Assembly and members of staff so that they can do practice for their physical fitness. This will enhance healthy living which helps push medical costs lower and also plays a huge role in maintaining happy families.
- II. To ensure as many people as possible benefit from the Beyond Zero initiative, the county governments should supplement what the campaign has achieved so far in terms of funding.
- III. The county Government of Bomet should subscribe to the membership of Kenya Inter-County Sports and Cultural Association (KICOSCA) and participate fully in its activities as it brings together all counties to share their experiences and challenges as far as devolution is concern.
- IV. The county assembly should invest and develop sport facilities within its precincts for use by the Members of county Assembly and members of staff.

funds for this sub-sector to enable the youths to gain skills necessary for creating self-employment.

The committee also observed that more support for the trainees should be given especially upon graduating from the technical institutes so that they can start off their businesses in line with the training they receive. It was felt that necessary support should be considered.

Major Challenges facing the institutions

- Inadequate number of staff to cater for all the programmes currently being offered by the institution while those engaged are on temporary terms.
- Fee payment by the trainees is a challenge since most do not afford especially students with disabilities and the orphans.
- Lack of facilities such as dormitories, latrines, classroom and chairs.
- The institution does not have disability friendly machines to gather for trainees with disabilities yet there are students who require the same.
- Inadequate equipment and machines for training in all departments

Recommendations

On this sector, the committee recommended that;

- a) That there is need for the county government to allocate more funds for this sub-sector to enable the youths to gain skills necessary for creating self-employment.
- b) The county government should ensure that necessary infrastructure should be put in place to ensure that the VTIs offer quality training.
- c) The relevant department should review the curriculum for the county VTIs so as to align them to needs of the market.
- d) The county government should encourage and sensitize communities within the county on the importance and utilization of these training institutes.
- e) The county government should prioritize fully equipping and modernizing the existing training institutes before establishing new ones.
- f) To avoid overlap of support of projects by the two levels of government (the national and county governments), both levels of government should consult widely so that equitable and efficient distribution of public resources is achieved.
- g) That there is need for the county government to increase funding to cater for proper facilities required so that county polytechnics can offer quality training.
- h) The county government should ensure that necessary infrastructure should be put in place to enable the VTIs offer quality training.
- i) The relevant department should review the curriculum for the county VTIs so as to align them to needs of the market.
- j) The county government should encourage and sensitize communities within the county on the importance and utilization of these training institutes so as to improve its appreciation, image and enrollment of trainees.
- k) The county government should prioritize fully equipping and modernizing the existing training institutes before establishing new ones.

3.4 Youth and sports

Observations

The committee observed that this sub-sector was underfunded and its programs may not be sustainable financially, they further cited the following;

- Limited policy guidelines on the county sports programmes.
- No updates to the Assembly on the events running in the sector.
- Haphazard manner in which the previous football games were handled
- There are many Directors overseeing one sector resulting in conflict of interest therefore hampering the sector's development.
- Lack of proper communication to the participants and the youths in particular about the planned sports' programmes.
- Lack of funding by the county government for the youth programmes
- It was the committee's observation that the county government have not set aside adequate funds for the sports programme as well as submit the policies to the Assembly for consideration and possible adoption for the sector to be fully efficient and beneficial to the youths within the county.

Recommendations

On this sub-sector, the committee recommends that;

- I. Policy guidelines should be developed to ensure smooth running of activities in this sub-sector as well as accountability for resources allocated.
- II. To avoid overlap of support of projects by the two levels of government (the national and county governments), both levels of government should consult widely so that equitable and efficient distribution of public resources is achieved.

3.5 The Youth Policy

The Committee cited a number of issues affecting the youth that included; health related issues, increasing college and school drop- out rates, crime and deviant behavior, limited sports and recreation facilities, abuse and exploitation, limited participation and lack of opportunities and limited access to Information and Communication Technology.

The Committee observed that the Youth in the County have been sidelined yet they are the pillars in development and are heroes and building blocks of the County's progress.

They noted that the stronger and empowered the youth, the more developed our County will get.

Recommendations

There is an urgent need to develop structures that handle programs set for the youth in the County.

The Youth should have access to information in order to enhance youth empowerment to contribute and participate on matters social, economic and or political.

3.6 Girl- Child Education

The Committee felt observed that there was an urgent need to address the challenges faced by the Girl- Child in the society regarding education and creating for them opportunities for cognitive development and individual empowerment to increase their status in the society. The Committee felt that girls hardly get the right or relevant type of education that would make them overcome the social, cultural and health challenges.

Challenges

Poverty that hinders them to afford sanitary facilities and especially adolescent girls are disproportionately affected, thus miss school during menstruation or may cause them to drop out of school due to unfavorable learning conditions.

Early pregnancy, early marriages or forced marriages

Female genital mutilation and

Distance from home to school that when schools are far, and children have to travel long and dangerous distances to attend the nearest school, girls are more likely to stay at home.

Girls who are disabled, disfigured or severely mentally affected are likely to be kept at home, possibly even hidden from outsiders and very unlikely to be able to go to school.

Recommendations;

The county government to look into making admission and readmission policies.

The sanitary pads proposal by the members should be implemented.

Civic education should be carried out in the society to instill discipline on the girl-child.

Social places inhabited by girls should be issued with restriction policies to restrain school going girls from such places.

Enrolling girls who drop out of school due to poverty to join less expensive institutions such as polytechnics and craft centers to learn new skills and develop their confidence and help them to have a way economically.

3.7 Oversight and Executive Accountability

The committee played key role in checking the activities of the County Executive in the implementation of programs under Education, Vocational Training, Youth Affairs and Sports. Here the committee monitored activities of the executive by examining ministerial

statements raised by members, inviting and engaging the CEC and conducting site visits to project areas within the County.

3.8 Annual Progress Report of 2013/2014 Writing retreat

The committee was also able to consolidate all the activities that were undertaken by the committee during the F/Y 2013/14. The details of this report can be referred in the Education, Vocational Training, Youth and Sports committee Annual progress Report of 2013/2014.

CHAPTER FOUR

4.0 ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES & RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Achievements

Over the period under review, the committee was able to participate in the processing of the Youth, Vocational Training, Sports and Early Childhood Development Policies which are yet to be submitted by the Executive for adoption by the Assembly. The policies are good for the County's progress on Education, Vocational Training Institutions, Youth Affairs and Sports.

4.2 Challenges

During the period under review the committee was faced with some challenges;

- i. Lack of proper communication from the executive on issues touching on the mandate of the committee.
- ii. Quarterly Progress reports were not submitted on time as required by the law
- iii. The executive were not submitting documents to the committee on time so that the committee can be able to discharge its mandate effectively.

4.3 Recommendations and way forward

- a) The County Executive should put in place County Youth policy framework that will serve as guideline in the implementation of County Youth Programs and activities.
- b) The County Government should consider coming up with more Education sector legislations.
- c) Empower the committee through capacity building and training on matters of Policy and legislations touching Education, VTIs, Youth Affairs and Sports sector.
- d) The Executive should be submitting quarterly reports of the department detailing activities, programmes and projects currently under implementation and those accomplished. This is provided for in **Article 183 (3) of the constitution**.
- e) The committee need to come up with a comprehensive program schedule/work plans so as to avoid repetitively dwelling on one issue (Reference is made to meetings that collided)
- f) Capacity building and training for members to effectively discharge on the committee's mandate.
- g) The Committee on Education, Vocational Training, Youth and Sports should constantly undertake benchmarking visit to other counties to exchange ideas and best practices with their counterparts in other County Assemblies.
- h) The Committee on Education, Vocational Training, Youth and Sports should have their relationship with the Executive department enhanced to improve service delivery

CHAPTER FIVE

5.0 CONCLUSION

In spite of the challenges that were witnessed over the period under review, the committee was able to effectively deliver on its mandate as per the standing orders due to the commitment of the members and the support from the staff, offices of the Clerk of the Assembly and the Speaker.

Going forward, the committee is confident that the county department of Education, Vocational Training Institutions, Youth and Sports is set to improve in delivery of services and development of necessary infrastructure as the relevant policies are on the final stages of being finalized.

The committee acknowledged some instances where it had to work on a number of documents at the same time, each with a specific deadline. The Committee observes that to avoid unnecessary delays and to address the issue of the County Assembly being blamed for its cause, thorough documents meeting the required standards must be submitted on time by the Executive. This is one objective that the house should prioritize.

The committee however shall continue to remain steadfast in its resolve to deliver on its mandate as per the standing orders and will continue to co-operate and work together with all the stakeholders in order to effectively contribute towards the attainment of the development agenda of Bomet County.

 Signed.....

THE HON. CICILIA TOWETT

Date 19/6/15.....