

# REPUBLIC OF KENYA

## SIAYA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### THE HANSARD

#### Second County Assembly – Fourth Session

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2.30 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Hon. Okode) in the Chair]*

#### PRAYERS

#### STATEMENT

##### STATUS OF A COUNTY GOVERNMENT VEHICLE IN GEM

**Hon. Siguru:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(c) I rise to seek a Statement from the CECM Governance and Administration on the operation status of the County Government vehicle registration 041CG012A that serves Gem Sub-county and in the Statement the CECM should:

1. Explain why the vehicle has been grounded with worn out tires for longer than usual that is not beneficial for any of the functions which it was assigned in the sub-county.
2. Provide details of the plans the county has to repair the vehicle or assign another one to assist in the functions of administration and revenue collection.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, my attention has been drawn to a number of Statements which have not been addressed. They are about 19. As you are all aware we shall be going for Recess after passing the Appropriations Bill.

This is a disservice we are doing to our people and ourselves. I can see the Committee on Education, Gender, Youth and Social Services has not responded to the question by Hon. Andrew Omwende on the implementation of budgetary allocations for various PWD projects in Siaya County.

The same committee has not responded to the question by Hon. Akuno on procedures and process of disbursement of bursary in West Asembo Ward which was asked way back in March.

In addition, the committee has also not responded to a question by Hon. Nancy Wamwai which was asked on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

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There was one by Hon. Eric Odawa which was addressed to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on utilization of emergency funds.

The Committee on Agriculture has not responded to a Statement by Hon. Omoro on the imminent invasion of locusts in Siaya County.

The Committee on Roads has not responded to a Statement request by Hon. Odero on maintenance of street lights, status of various projects in West Asembo by Hon. Akuno.

The Committee on Health has a request by Hon. Charlton Andiego on the county's preparedness though we have combined that with the responses to be delivered in person by the Executive on Tuesday next week.

The Committee on Finance, Trade, Cooperative and Industry has not responded to a question by Hon. Odero Oor on the status of Project Management Committee fund which was requested on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

The Committee on Governance has not responded to a Statement request by Hon. Otiato on the status of disciplinary procedures that have lasted more than 6 months that was requested on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March

The Committee on Education has not responded to a question by Hon. Opanga on the stalled construction of ECDE projects in North Ugenya Ward requested on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March

The Committee on Finance, Trade, Cooperatives and Industry has not responded to a question by Hon. Otiato on the proposed removal of solid waste from various markets including Akala, Aram, Bondo, Ndori, Siaya...which was asked on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March

The Committee on Health has not responded to a question by Hon. Omwende on registration of PWD's with NHIF

The Committee on Finance, Trade, Cooperatives and Industry has not responded to a question by Hon. Audi on remittance of NHIF and NHIF deductions of salaries of market cleaners in the county

The Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Urban development has not responded to a question by Hon. Abigael Awino on issues of boundaries on Kogelo grazing grounds, dispensary, Nyangweso Market and Nyamula Market in Central Gem Ward which was asked on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

The Committee on Education has not responded to a question by Hon. Otiato on proposed supply of furniture and equipment to Barack Obama University

The Committee on Health has not responded to a question by Hon. Willis Ochieng on the status of completion of repair works at the Maternity Wing of Siaya County Referral Hospital and also a question by Hon. Winnie Otieno on their preparedness. It will be handled together with their response on Tuesday.

Hon. Andiego had also asked them to give a detailed report on the status of payments of community health volunteers in Siaya County.

Hon. Members, next week we have to prioritize how to respond to these questions. Any other person whose question has not been responded to?

**Hon. Odongo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I have a number of Statements which have not been responded to. I believe that it is a letdown because we are now preparing another Budget and the statement is on the status of Bar Olengo Dispensary which has stalled.

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**Hon. Speaker:** Committee on Health, are you privy to that Statement? Yes, Hon. Adala.

**Hon. Adala:** No

**Hon. Speaker:** Can the secretariat capture that and supply it to the committee by close of business today.

**Hon. Mboha:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. From the list that you have provided on Statement number 8 by Hon. Charlton Andiego and number 18, I don't know if they are one and the same thing.

**Hon. Speaker:** They are not one and the same thing but they have been compiled together. They will be addressed on Tuesday. There is a Motion which had asked the Executive to give an account of their preparedness. Elements of the same question were also captured by the two Hon. Members, Andiego and Winnie. So we attach them and we expect the Executive to respond to them. Those ones will be delivered by the Executive themselves in the strength of the Motion we have asked.

Can we make a point of responding to all this next week? Give us even a status report. Tell us why you want to take sanctions on a CECM for not providing you with answers. Don't tell us you asked but they have not responded.

### **MOTION**

#### **BUDGET 2020/2021**

**Hon. Madialo:** I wish to move the following Motion:

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the Siaya County Program based and Line Budget for the FY 2020/2021 laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

I believe that every Member has had the occasion and opportunity to read, internalize, digest and understand this Report.

I want to be very brief by stating that this Report is the basis upon which this House can appropriate money for use by both the County Executive and the County Assembly and other agencies that are financed through appropriations by this House for the FY 2020/2021 for purposes of providing services and compensating those who provide those services and meeting capital expenditure delivery of service during the year 2020/2021.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the disclosed resource purse for the FY 2020/2021 is Kshs. 7,199,893, 117 billion. Against this are monies meant to meet the recurrent expenditure and money meant to meet capital expenditure. Among the capital expenditure that this government, both arms is going to undertake are those expenditures that go towards implementing projects that are identified by way of Public Participation at the Ward levels.

For purposes of our language, Ward level also means the amalgamation of the three special interest groups that are recognized constitutionally and represented in this House.

The Executive proposed that between Kshs. 12 million and Kshs. 21 million would go to the Wards variously. For the interest groups the Executive proposed Kshs. 4.5 million to meet the programs generated by those who represent those interest groups.

Against the capital expenditure, this committee recommends in fact directs, the Executive to bring up to par all the Wards at Kshs. 21 million for purposes of financing those

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projects that are specifically identified by way of Public Participation at the Ward level and prioritized by residents of those Wards.

This committee recommends that the Kshs. 630 million be directed at implementation of those projects; further that the special interest groups be considered as 1 Ward and be appropriated Kshs. 21 million in total for implementation of programs generated by those groups through their representatives.

The committee observed that there are projects that are defined and described depending on who was appearing before the committee; some as flagship, others main projects while some described them as transformative. These were projects like the stadium and Opoda Road which are capital intensive.

The Committee recommends that those transformative projects be implemented and that there be addition and a projection that they will be completed between this year and the next Financial Year and that they be trans-county; in other words they cover each sub county to the fullest extent possible.

Mr. Speaker, against the Kshs.7.1 Billion, the Financial Year now ending has got projects that have not been executed or have been executed but not paid for or are in the process of being executed.

As at the time that this committee was authoring this report, it was not possible to, with certainty, identify which programmes were definitely going to be rolled over or the ones that had been executed but were going to be paid or which ones are in the process of being executed and are likely to reach the threshold of being paid for before we return the views into the next Financial Year.

The Committee recommends and directs that as at the time of appropriating against the contents of this report that both the County Assembly and the County Executive do furnish the Committee with details of those projects and programmes that are unlikely to be executed and where executed are unlikely to be paid for on time.

The Committee further directs that the Executive while submitting the Appropriations Bill for purposes of consideration before this House do confirm by way of annexures or attachments the projects that are going to be executed per Ward or the programmes that are going to be executed per Ward.

This is important for purposes of verification by the Membership of this Assembly that those projects that were forwarded have been indeed captured and are going to be part of the FY2020/2021 Budget. We observed that there was an attempt to follow/obey the Fiscal papers that informed the expenditure in the FY and we have encouraged the Executive to try and be in conformity at all times with the Fiscal papers.

May I congratulate the Assembly for being compliant with the Fiscal papers that informed the operation of the Budget. I wish to rest my submissions by urging my sisters and brothers to put service to the County and service to our people above any other consideration noting that we have tried as much as possible to be COVID 19 rules compliant. I wish to rest my case by requesting Hon. Nick Ochola to second.

**Hon. Ochola:** Seconded.

*(Question proposed)*

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**Hon. Oriaro:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir for this fundamental opportunity to air my views concerning the report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations. I want to say that on behalf of Central Alego Ward, people that I represent and the Siaya County public, I am very much pleased by the remarks by the Hon. Member and Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee who coincidentally stands tall as the learned member fraternity.

He has spoken with wisdom. Two things underscored: one, the report read is properly prepared that we give a nod to this report and of course on behalf of my people I give a nod to it. Two conditions are tied to it that are implementable and pursuable by the Executive.

We were not in a position to know which projects of the previous Financial Year, the processes of the execution ranging from procurement to their Ward. I can give a good example, the Sirongo Ware Primary School ECDE block, it was captured in the previous Budget or the current Budget that this one will yield to this new one of the 2020/2021 not yet done.

Two; we have got other projects also that are yet to be initiated in my Ward like the fencing of the Kanyaboli Community Health Centre and others. The words of wisdom by the Chair resonate very well with that that the Executive later on shall compile the list of projects that are intended for rolling over if that would be the worst.

Our fear was and I believe this is the fear of everybody that the Kshs. 21million cross cutting was only meant for new projects so we believe that those projects yet to be undertaken shall be carried over. Let me with a resounding yes give a nod to this report, thank you.

**Hon. Adala:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the report. I want to applaud the team for doing a very good job. It is not a simple task to undertake. I know that this is an exercise that raises a lot of emotions but our team has really shown us that they can withstand all that heat and make us have a very good document.

On behalf of the youth of Siaya that I represent in this House, I want to laud the team for having seen it fit that the suggestion that had been made by the Executive of Kshs. 2.5million be raised to Kshs. 7million. Whereas I am so much aware that that is not enough to address needs of a youth of Siaya County, it is a big step forward in terms of addressing youth matters.

For the last two Financial Years we have been having this amount set aside but sadly enough it has never been used; reason has always been that lack of laws to support its usage. This time round I want to say that I am very pleased with the Committee that has deemed it fit that if we cannot take a route of fund then let us itemize what this amount set aside for youths will go to Wards.

I have seen what youths of Siaya raised when we had a session with them; it was not very possible to have a physical meeting but we made a zoom meeting and their suggestions have been well captured here.

Something else that has really made me support this Budget is in regards to the Assembly Budget which I serve. Hon. Members, when you look at the report, there is suggestion of Kshs. 7million for vehicles for the Assembly being bought. This is a good idea

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because the kind of work we do here entails a lot of research and this means we must go to the field.

Sometime last year we found ourselves in a very awkward scenario when we had assignments to move out and have a physical viewing of scenes. We had shortage of vehicles to enable us move out and see facts for ourselves. It is my hope that the next Financial Year we shall have these vehicles.

When we get to health, I am very encouraged with the establishment of a blood bank. Most of us who understand health you know that a blood bank would serve two roles, one is health...

**Hon. Olasi:** Point of order!

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Olasi!

**Hon. Olasi:** Mr. Speaker, is the Hon. Member in order to suggest that a section of Members are the only group that understand health? Otherwise there is a group which understands while the other doesn't?

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Adala:** Mr. Speaker, thank you. Sometimes we understand where we come from. Blood bank serves two roles; one is health and two is source of revenue. When we look at revenue streams of Siaya and the amounts we raise every Financial Year, when I look at this Budget, this time we really want to raise something very little as our revenue.

With the blood bank in place, then I want to think that we will also increase our revenue sector and get good money to support our Budget. Finally, those of us who are aware, I know all of us are aware for the sake of our Whip, matters of sports was initially in education but it has since been moved to tourism sector.

It goes without saying that if you assign a function you must send funds. If I look at this report, my only reservation is the amount allocated to this sector of Arts, Sports, and Culture etc. When you have a department that is so wide as such then you only allocate it Kshs. 250million then we really don't expect much from this department.

If one looks at our Wards, the focus that has always been there is about sports. We cannot see the role of actors! I want to urge this House that when you will be looking at reports in the next Financial Year, let us become aware that there is existence of those who act. In fact if you look at it, our strength lies more in arts and we can highlight so many of them who have succeeded and finally with those results I support and say thank you for a job well done.

**Hon. Ochieng:** I want to start by appreciating the work done by the Budget Committee for having brought this wonderful report. Having looked at this report, I want to believe that it is a well balanced Budget where all departments have been considered.

This time round the Agriculture department where I am the Chairperson has really been considered and I want to sincerely thank the team for having considered the projects that were forwarded by the department and by the communities within Siaya County.

When we talk of empowering farmers; we all know that Siaya County was well known for cotton and it is in this Budget that I have seen some allocation for cotton development at Kshs. 23million and this would go for the ginnery preparedness to make sure

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that the cotton that will be cultivated within the County will be processed within Siaya and this will amount to job creation to our youth and women who are always in the farms.

Tractor hire services and seeds have been considered as much as there has been challenges on how to implement these projects. We are all aware that we lacked the policies to guide all these but after being convinced by the Executive team on the preparedness of the policies which I believe are on progress; I want to believe the Siaya County farmers will be very happy when we pass this Budget and adopt it.

We also have an allocation for Kshs.5million for the fingerling multiplication at Yala; someone might be wondering why it is being done in Yala, the reason is there are government setup fish ponds in Yala that were supposed to be used in fingerling production.

There are farmers who have shifted in fish farming and they have been outsourcing from Homa bay County, Kakamega County and now with this in plan I want to believe that this department will be very vibrant and will be making sure that we put money in the pockets of Wananchi.

On the recommendations that has been given by this able Committee; I want to echo their recommendation no.2 that the County should strive to reduce the population of its resource envelope going to the compensation of employees. The County should further come up with measures including reduction of the wage bill and establishing of investment opportunities to increase the local revenue collection.

We are all aware that as a County we are not denied setting up income generating activities that would really help Siaya County to get revenue; like Makueni County with their textile industry; they were awarded tender to produce police uniforms and safety masks. The County should invest at Yala swamp so that we can also be producing food and the same time making money for this County. I would like to urge Hon. Members not to waste time but pass this good Budget.

**Hon. Otiato:** I am also joining my colleagues in thanking the Budget Committee for a good job done and so that we don't waste a lot of time because time is really running it would be my wish that the Executive acts on this very fast so that possibly we are done with it in the IFMIS systems, we have the procurement plan so that we move with speed and possibly in December we might be back with the Supplementary Budget if any.

Today the only challenge that we have is the issue of the rollovers that we are not able to know what is still captured on the rollovers and what is not. I have had an opportunity to share with the Chair of the Budget Committee about this need case that we have in river Yala as we now fight Corona menace. Even the President gave a directive that water should not be disconnected whether we have outstanding bills or not.

We are suffering as Yimbo East Ward when river Yala has dried off due to broken dykes; I am aware that we had over Kshs.20million plus the other one was about Kshs.30million. We have had over Kshs. 50million to repair those dykes and to date my concern was health facilities are lacking water because river Yala is drying and even our water supplying lines have dried up because water sources have dried up.

We wish that possibly as we are finalizing this the matter be captured and as a matter of priority we look at it because water is a necessity especially in this war of Covid-19. We recommend that it be considered as an emergency and be part and parcel on the war on Covid-19, thank you.

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**Hon. Odhiambo:** I want to say that I am a bit unwell but it was a very important occasion for me to attend and that is why I am here. Secondly, I want to echo loudly that whatever is in the Report is a bit detailed. The special groups have been allocated for in this Budget and it has been directed in whatever they are going to do from the treasurer.

I only wish that the implementing authority actualizes it within the stipulated time so that even the disabled and women from my Ward also feel that they are taken care of within the County. My worry is that the 30% for development in this County I think is the least amount as compared to what is being paid as salaries and other operations but it turns out that the development money always is not being used fully.

As much as we are passing this report, the concerned Committee also makes an attempt in advising the implementing authority so that even development which is the least in this budget be used in the 3quarters so that all the projects be done within the stipulated timeframes.

In addition, I want to say that there is always an emergency fund in this County but I wonder whether it is only in my Ward where this money has never been used or other Wards as well. I want also to encourage those who are concerned that when it comes to emergency let it be an emergency and let the money be used, let us not wait for people to die. I hope all Members will agree with it and pass it, thank you.

**Hon. Wandera:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir for giving me this chance. I want to say that when I was young, there was one Member of Parliament who would keep quiet to the end of the session then stands up to ask “what about Alego?”

I do not want to say that but I want to express my concern on Agriculture. I do not want to talk about Sidindi and I do not want to ask what about sugar cane but this is one industry which is being killed because in every Budget it has never featured.

I am glad that my chairperson and for your information I am a Member of Agriculture Committee expressing concerns over cotton and ginnery. I believe sugar cane offers a good percentage of employment to our people as well as good income to the landlords, which will improve economic status of Siaya.

I want to state categorically here that since I came to this House I have not seen sugarcane being given priority in any Budget given that I come from sugar belt area like some of us from Ugenya and Gem and we know that it’s an empowerment to introduce sugar industry. We have had sugar industry being killed by some sugar barons and we have always complained.

Nevertheless, here our budget is drawn without emphasis or citing sugarcane industry and we are just quiet. Therefore, even though I would like this to be done and I support it, in the near future, I would like sugarcane industry to be addressed so that we have it in Siaya. Otherwise, I support almost 100 percent, Thank you.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Omwende.

**Hon. Omwende:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. To add flesh to what Hon. Wandera has said, I think he is raising a very fundamental issue about the sugar because there are zones in Siaya that are purely doing sugarcane plantation.

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I believe this can improve revenue collection and if I recall well that can be done through Cess. Cess plays a major role in road maintenance. So this is one important aspect that is left out. But that was not my cup of tea, mine is to appreciate on the Budget proposal that in the last Assembly the special group was not given good money but Second Assembly is doing their level best to give these special groups recognition that can work for them.

In future, this issue of clotting the special groups in one basket where we say women, youth and people living with disability are one is not right especially people living with disabilities are disadvantaged in this category.

I was therefore thinking that in future we could be a group of our own and not clotting us in a group where we get a percentage then we have to share among ourselves. Therefore, I would just request that in our next Budget we should have our own kitty for the special group, thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Majority Leader.

**Hon. Oor:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I have a few points to raise but first let me say that I support the Motion. Secondly, the allocation that we have given to the Ward that is Kshs. 21 million and grant which is fuel levy we should know because the Executive may do their own things, which may not help the Members or Wards.

Third, all the time we are talking about revenue collection last time I talked about how they can contract an independent company to do it for them and help with issues of collection. I do not know whether they took it serious or nothing was done at all.

Fourth, roads to beaches and areas of sand collection should be given enough allocations because they are sources of income to this County and so they should not add this allocation to the Wards, instead have a special allocation for repairing the roads to those areas. This should be taken seriously and therefore I request the chair that when you sit down you put aside funds for that. Otherwise, I support.

**Hon. Opanga:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also rise to support the report by the Budget Committee for the good job they have done. Aware of the current happenings this is a well-balanced Budget, and the reason I want to thank the Committee is that the Committee in its own wisdom saw it wise that every Ward gets something.

If not equal but equal to the sense that if had previously like my ward we were allocated Kshs. 9.5 million, those are projects that were supposed to be done in this Financial Year. I am happy today that if we pass this Budget report as a proposal that North Ugenya will receive Kshs. 21 million.

This is a report that is well connected to post Covid-19 because towards our last quarter the Covid-19 has really affected us, in terms of revenue collection and in terms of Budget implementation. It is my prayer that the departments, the various departments in the County will use the opportunity; the window that will be presented and ensure that the projects that were rolled over from this Financial Year are given priority.

They should also work within timeline to ensure that we have very proper procurement plan so that we do not carry a lot of rollovers in the coming Financial Year, having in mind that this is almost the last Financial Year to the general election. I also want to thank the Committee for having touched the various areas in terms of health, I have gone through the report and I know that just some few days ago the County did not have beds or just 10 beds.

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Having gone through the report, I have seen in terms of health there are key areas that the Committee has touched on. I would also urge the public to take part and read the report and go through the Budget to understand that us as an Assembly we are not just seated here and anything we do here is for the benefit and welfare of the people and ensure that we leave a legacy.

As I conclude, it is my prayer that the department of Sports; and I believe we are almost approaching if not surpassed the issue of Stadium. The department should ensure that at least by end of this year the County of Siaya should have a modern stadium, which is ongoing so that next year we will be talking of something else because every year you will hear we are building a stadium. This should be a thing of the past. I support.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, Member for West Ugenya.

**Hon. Odongo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Allow me to congratulate the Budget and Appropriations Committee for a job well done. I appreciate the work done even though I have one area that is not clear and I happened to be in these departments from Water department, Education to the Budget office.

I believe that the report that has been brought before us lies on the Budget estimates that were picked during the Public Participations. What has been appropriated in West Ugenya on the Executive side in all the departments if I am not wrong I believe those are not the projects or proposals that were picked during Public Participation.

When I went to the Education department and a printout given to me on the proposals, there is a construction of ECDE at St. Ochiel that is in Uyundo that during Public Participation when I happened to interact with the Ward Administrator and my Ward manager the proposal of the ECDE was supposed to be done at Miyare. I have complained and raised the concern with the CECM Education.

When I went to the Budget department, the former Hon. Member, Mr. Odinga told me that the letter should be done from Education to alter whatever has been brought to them. This is the final document that has been carried to the Budget office therefore, the letter has to be taken to the Budget Committee then the chair for Budget does a letter to them.

When we go to the department of Water, there are some areas appropriated in regards to some pipe extension at Miyare and some other areas, which I believe according to Public Participation, were ruled out. Because we realized that the sub massive pump that has been used by the implementers cannot allow this water to be extended according to what they are appropriating.

I therefore, request that all this be collected together to sum up to Kshs. 3.5 million so that we get a new borehole. I was told that the letter must come from the department to the Budget Committee then to the chairperson.

My humble request to the chairperson of Budget Committee is to kindly take note of these two requests. I have also understood some areas, which were not clear to me when the Mover was on the Floor which was not a bit clear to me, that some of the special allocations have been amalgamated.

I request the Mover when replying to kindly be open as to whether youth, gender or people living with disability, if they have been merged together, let us know so that when the supplementary comes next time, we don't argue. Thank you. I support.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Winga, before I ask the Mover to reply.

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**Hon. Winga:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I would like to commend the Budget Committee, of which I am also a Member. I am standing here just to let my fellow Female Members know that this time round we have the Kshs. 7 million in the Budget.

This will enable us to visit all the 6 sub counties meeting our women leaders. So in that connection we are very happy. Also having read the mood of the House, Mr. Speaker, these people it's like they want to go home. Thank you.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** I call upon the Mover to reply.

**Hon. Madialo:** Mr. Speaker, allow me to humbly express my gratitude to my brothers and sisters for contributing towards this Motion. It is my hope the ayes will have it. I would like to respond to one or two issues. The Honorable Andericus Oduor Odongo has requested to have a clarification on what I meant by amalgamation.

I meant total. That we have taken the people living with disability, (Hon. Omwende said that was his cup of tea), Gender and Youth and amalgamated into Kshs 21million. In other words, the total for them is Kshs.21 million, but thank you for seeking the clarification so that we don't have to argue over it two months later.

I pity the Hon. Edwin Odhiambo. You know Hon. Oduor Odongo cheats death. The other day he cheated it just next to my home, in the floods, he will cheat even the Covid-19 one, and for the emergency fund, on the part of Mheshimiwa Otiato and Yala Swamp, I want to assure my brother that his concern is the concern of myself, his concern is a very serious one for Mheshimiwa Oriaro, and also for Mheshimiwa Felix Ouma.

For this reason, even as river Yala dries in the part of East Yimbo, the water that is swept in the bank or channel is actually being spilt into the farms of these 3 wards, and I would be able to agree with Hon. Otiato, under your Chairmanship, the Executive comes to the General Oversight Committee to explain the emergency, they look at the provision for river Yala water and food security, and when the water turns to the floods then issue of hunger arises.

It is not within my depth to address sugar cane. Everybody here knows that the issues of sugar cane are being addressed at a much higher level in this Country and they have never solved the problem. The issue of sugar cane might be beyond the ability of one County, but even if it was within our ability, sugar cane is controlled by a statutory body through which the National Government appropriates money every Financial Year.

I note the concern of the Member for West Ugenya, and I give him an undertaking, that before we capture for the purposes of appropriation Uyundo, we shall want to know whether Miyare was meant to be the project of concern.

We are going to follow and take note of the variation of the place he says the Public Participation identified for water points so that the project walks in tandem with what was given in the Public Participation level if possible.

Having said that much, may I thank my brothers and sisters for contributing once more and urge that when the question is put, the ayes will have it. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** I know today is a special day, and the communication team might be tempted to circulate images or video discussions that we have had today, much as I appreciate

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that we are all on face masks and dressed as per the dressing code, I would advise that you don't circulate those images without the approval of the Speaker because of Covid-19 compliance and other related issues.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**MOTION**  
ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** There being no other Business, Members will you be upstanding for adjournment.

There being no other Business this House adjourns until the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2020 at 2.30 p.m. in the Chamber.

The House rose at 4.46 p.m.