

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU**



**THE HANSARD**

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

**The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 p.m.**

*The Deputy Speaker, (hon. Jonathan Lemoosa) in the chair*

**PRAYER**

**MOTION**

**MCA Wamba West Ward**, (Hon. Benjamin Leitore): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I stand to move the following Motion, **THAT**, the county diverse eco-system and wildlife is the cornerstone of the economy and group ranches are making significant contribution to increase wildlife numbers and regenerating vegetation in areas that were no longer able to support wildlife and other animals.

**AWARE THAT**, wildlife conservation as a business offers global, national and local benefits of saving species, habitats and ecosystem as well as biodiversity. However, the actual cost of conservation is born by local communities who often get insufficient and inequitable benefits.

**COGNIZANT** of the fact **THAT**, this has posed various challenges to the management and conservation of wildlife.

**FURTHER AWARE THAT**, effectiveness of conservation of activities in Samburu National Reserve (SNR) can be done through cooperation, partnership, mutual support and joint actions from the County Government of Samburu and the neighbouring group ranches such as Girgir and Nkutuk e Ng'iron group ranches.

**FURTHER AWARE THAT**, Girgir and Nkutuk e Ng'iron group ranches are the two group ranches neighbouring SNR and desire to support the County Government in promoting wildlife and environmental conservation.

**DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT**, how successful the County Government nurtures and manages a relationship with the communities living adjacent to SNR, is critical to the survival of SNR and tourism in the county.

**AWARE THAT**, the County Government of Samburu is currently allocating sh. 2 million per year per group ranch and with changing economic times this figure is far below acceptable level operation.

Therefore, this House urges the County Government of Samburu to allocate 5 million per group ranch and this should be included in the financial year (FY) 2018/2019 through the

submissions of the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Finance to the County Budget Committee. I call upon Hon. Lesoipa to second the Motion.

**MCA Suguta Marmar Ward**, (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I stand to agree with the Member for Wamba West Ward for the Motion that is being presented to this House that is intended to have the community surrounding the SNR given a little amount of money for them to realize the dream of conservation so that they are able to feel they are part and parcel of this conservation. This community had to give out huge parcels of land for both fauna and flora to exist. And for those few remarks, I stand to support the Motion. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker**, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Are you supporting or seconding?

**MCA Suguta Marmar Ward**, (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): I stand corrected Hon. Speaker.

**MCA Wamba West Ward**, (Hon. Benjamin Leitore): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Allow me to open up on this for Members to understand and I would like to appreciate the seconding and support of the Member for Suguta Ward on this important Motion. This Motion is intended to increase...

*(Interruption from Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya on a Point of Order)*

**MCA Loosuk Ward**, (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): I do not know if it is right to support the Motion when the Speaker has not yet opened the Motion for discussion. I need that clarification. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker**, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): We shall open up the debate but the Chair still needs some room to expand and so may be after he is through, we can propose the question. But we can propose the question even now.

Hon. Members, I now propose the question that the County Government of Samburu do allocate sh. 5 million per group ranch per year as explained in the Motion. Yes Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei.

**MCA Nachola Ward**, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir. I stand to support the Motion. We are aware that the Members of this House were elected to improve the livelihood of the people of Samburu County and thus area of conservation is critical in tourism sector. Before devolution when we were Councillors, we allocated sh. 1 million to

the group ranch adjacent to SNR. Last term, we added another sh.1 million and so it added to sh. 2 million. Even now, it is evident that there is a lot that needs to be done so that we facilitate the community around SNR to embrace conservation and to curb the conflict between the animals and wildlife in the area.

We know that the money we do give out do support the community in their activities in terms of bursaries and other activities. Therefore, as we give more, they can earn more and the animals will not be endangered and so the county can invest more on wildlife and conservation. I therefore support the Motion. Thank you.

**MCA Maralal Ward**, (Hon. Fred Kiragu): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I wish to oppose the Motion from the onset. We cannot add money for a reason of adding. Just because for one time they were given a million and it was added to 2 million and now we increase to 5 million without any justification. We are talking of resources which are needed elsewhere.

The first thing we should have been told is what has been done with the 2 million. This House should have also been told what the 2 million achieved and found that it was not enough because of ABCD and so if we get 5 million, then we can do this and that to promote which activities.

It is a bit had to come up with a figure and the House is told to add to it without any tangible reason. It is a way of mismanaging resources. When we have not been shown what has been done with the two million, to justify why we should increase another 5 million then we are left with a lot of question marks. It will also be a poor way of approving funds in this House. The 2 million have not done much either to improve the SNR. We hear that SNR is dying. It is in the knowledge of all of us that SNR is in its dying bed. When tourists choose to go to Isiolo and not SNR is enough evidence that the reserve is no more. The 2 million is not even helping.

When we still have encroachment in the reserve, this 2 million if I were to believe that it did anything worthwhile...

*(Interruption on a Point of Information from Hon. Lesoipa)*

**The Deputy Speaker**, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): What is the Point of Information Hon. Lesoipa?

**MCA Maralal Ward**, (Hon. Fred Kiragu): I do not want to be informed Hon. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker**, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Continue Hon. Kiragu.

**MCA Maralal Ward**, (Hon. Fred Kiragu): Thank you for your protection. What I was saying is we could have been told to help conservation. These group ranches have dug borehole. Meaning the animals are not encroaching into the park. We should have been told with evidence that SNR bought animal feed for the community. We are told through these 2 million, they get bursaries but the County Government do allocate bursaries. Then how does wealth generating activities help in improvement of conservation and improvement of the park?

Therefore, this is one thing I believe we need to look at it properly and see as we increase money to these communities that boarder SNR, what benefit has the SNR brought to the county as we speak right now when tourists are going to Isiolo and even us the Hon. Members are taken to Isiolo instead of SNR.

Also, the department of Tourism has to pull up its socks in order to convince the Hon. Members of this House that, that money is going to do anything worthwhile so that this county can generate money from tourism. As we speak, the County Government is losing not less than 50 million per year from the tourism department when SNR is going down, Maralal Safari Lodge is closed and so the department first of all has to wake up and justify this. The communities living around SNR should also tell us something else they are doing with that money and not bursaries. Things like incoming generating activities because there is a department that does that. And with that, I rest my case.

**MCA Suguta Marmar Ward**, (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Hon. Speaker let me correct the Hon. Member who just spoke before me. Because the Hon. Member is from Maralal where no land is reserved for such purposes, he was talking of Samburu National Reserve. The Hon. Member for Wamba West Ward asked for funds for the conservancies around Samburu National Reserve, Westgate conservancies among other around that area.

Hon. Speaker, with your company as you remember we recently travelled Maasai Mara in Narok County as we were briefed, we were told that all the Wards that boarder the Park remits Kshs. 2 million every month for the communities surrounding the Park so that they can co-exist and make the feel as being part as well as benefiting from the Park.

You cannot bring all the collection from the Samburu National Reserve to Maralal living the people there with nothing and still tell them we do not need your cows in this Park and it is their land. Mr. Speaker Kshs. 2 Million for the whole community per year is less; I think maybe my friend's budget for the whole year for his house could probably be Kshs. 2 Million for four or five occupants.

I think it is a great joke that the Hon. Member does not want to uplift the lives of our people than what he was thinking. The Motion is timely and requisite, our people are languishing in poverty and the natural resources available both Fauna and Flora does not benefit them.

Mr. Speaker, I do not see anything fishy for the request on addition of the funds to the annual allocations given to the community while over Kshs. 2 Billion is not accounted for by the Departments. I urge the Hon. Members to look at this Motion in a positive way so that they will be able to give a better judgment on the communities that we represent, thank you Hon. Speaker.

**MCA Ang'ata Nanyokie**, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): I rise to support this Motion although I have one reservation. Firstly, the communities living around Samburu National Reserve use their land because that land was not reserved for that purpose so the groups agreed that their land be used for conservation and for that reason they need to be motivated to be part of the Park. We toured Masaai Mara last week and we were told that the communities living around Mara National Park and they receive 25 percent of the revenue collected but Mara National Park collects approximately Kshs. 2 Billion annually.

What affects Samburu National Reserve is encroachment by the community and this is because they feel they are not part of the conservation and they are not getting the support they should have been getting while the land belongs to them. It will be prudent for them to have something more so that they feel being part of it, what I do not agree with is that in this hard economic period the allocation is 200 percent increase or more. We have difficulties with revenue allocation, collections and submissions. We have problems with Kenya Association of Tour Operators (KATO) and poor infrastructure in the Reserve. There is so much to improve than to give out before improving. I am of the opinion that we improve them by adding it to Kshs. 4 Million, thank you.

**MCA Loosuk Ward**, (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): I stand to request that the Speaker differs the question put to a later date for this House to get more facts on whether we need to

increase the amount because we know what we need to do but we base our resolutions on presented facts. I do agree with the mover of the Motion and the Members who supported the increment because of the contribution by the communities to conservation goals and they would have use the land on other productive use such as grazing among others.

There are factors to be considered before making an increment because it is not an enough reason to just somebody how much fuel do you use for your vehicle and he/she answers 100 litres and I go fuel my car with the 100 litres while the capacity is small. It is not enough that we went to a tour and then because other communities are getting money then we immediately and say let us allocate without considering such facts... *(Interjection by Hon. Benjamin Leitore on a point of information)* Hon. Leitore let me finish because I have few questions then he will inform me on the questions I will ask.

**The Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Order. Hon. Lanyasunya continue

**MCA Wamba West,** (Hon. Benjamin Leitore): On a point of Order

**The Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Order. Please Hon. Leitore, continue Hon. Adamson.

**MCA Loosuk Ward,** (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you Hon. Speaker. We need to know the amount of revenue that the two group ranches remit to the County Government... *(Interjection on a point of Order by Hon. Benjamin Leitore)*

**MCA Wamba West,** (Hon. Benjamin Leitore): On a point of Order number 87.

**The Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Please let him continue

**MCA Loosuk Ward,** (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you Hon. Speaker. The Chairperson for the Committee on Tourism knows that the mover of the Motion has time to reply. We need to know how much the group ranches remit to the County Government so that we know... *(Interjection on a point of order by Hon. Lesoipa)* Hon. Speaker you know that I did not interrupt Hon. Lesoipa.

**The Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa, as directed by our Standing Orders you did propose the Motion by putting up your statement, refer to your Standing Orders what it says when a Member other than nodding takes up a statement, thank you.

**MCA Loosuk Ward**, (Hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Hon. Lesoipa needs to know that he exhausted his two minutes, thanks:

- 1) We need to know how much the two group ranches remits to the County Government so that we know how much to give back to them
- 2) We need to know the revenue collected through Tourism from the two group ranches
- 3) We need to know the gaps
- 4) It is good to observe that we have a lot of group ranches in Samburu County, like Ltungai, Poro, Loosuk, Sera, Kalama, Meibai, Sarara, three in Nyiro, Kalamadang and Baawa zone

I expect that the Committee to give us an analysis of all the group ranches because there are many group ranches that contribute to tourism

The Chairperson of the Committee should bring a Motion that supports all of these conservancies. As Hon. Kiragu mentioned that the Committees at the two group ranches are almost totally killing the Samburu National Reserve by grazing and invading the lodge area. It will be appealing if the communities will try to revive the Samburu National Reserve so that we can also support. In a nutshell, I support the increment but we need an analysis as a House so that we increase on a basis of A, B, C and D not just because it contributes to conservation. That is an amorphous and an ambiguous statement. My prayer is that we differ putting the question. I request the Chairperson Committee on Tourism to bring the analysis so that we know how to support the group ranches in our County because they face challenges such as insecurity, transport, funding, rangeland management, boreholes, rangers' housing and this is across the board not just one or two group ranches. The analysis should also be based on the Conservation and Tourism Policy so that we do not just jump to support two group ranches and leave the others hanging. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker**, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Hon. Chairperson, I will give you enough time because it is so directed.

**Specially Elected Member**, (hon. Dube): Mweshimiwa Speaker tusiwe tunaunga tu mkono bali tujue milioni mbili imetumika kwa njia gani. Tunajua bursary ni kidogo na wanafunzi ni wengi na kwa sababu hii pesa ya busary iongezwe. Pili Kamati kwenda kutembea Maasai



Mara na hawajaangalia matatizo ya huku nyumbani sikubaliani nayo. Kwa hayo Bwana Spika, mimi siungi mkono msawada hii.

**MCA Lodokejek Ward**, (hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Mr. Speaker I also stand to oppose the Motion with the following reasons. I concur with hon. Member when he said that communities surrounding the conservancies are making effort to contribute towards conservation or to increase wildlife around Samburu National Reserve.

Mr. Speaker the whole of Samburu East are doing efforts in ensuring that wildlife is conserved and if we are to increase the funding then all group ranchers should get shares from the funding to aid their efforts of conserving wildlife around Samburu National Reserve.

Mr. Speaker, revenue received from Samburu National Reserve is below per and the 2 million funding received by the group ranchers is enough as we try to improve our wildlife. We can't compare the two counties as revenue received from Maasai Mara is more. The Call for increase of funding is unacceptable as we can't increase the funding just because a Committee went for bench marking and found out that the surrounding group ranches in the Mara are receiving 5 million each.

I also concur with Hon. Lanyasunya to defer the question until we find out revenue collected from Samburu National Reserve and also with justification on how we can increase the sum of Kshs. 2 million funding.

Mr. Speaker, it's not in order to just give funding without justifications, we should follow precedence before dishing out money to different avenues especially being fully aware that there is a reduction on our budgetary allocations.

**MCA Porro Ward**, (hon. Joseph Leshipayo): I also rise to concur with my fellow hon. Members from Loosuk and Lodokejek. Hon. Speaker, the Motion is an ambush as we need more information to justify the increase of the allocation of the said group ranchers.

I also urge the proposer to postpone the Motion for Members to get more information on the said matter.

**Specially Elected Member**, (hon. Doris Lenkirasi): Asante bwana Spika, nasimama kuupinga Mswada huu kwa sababu moja. Wanakamati wanasema tuongezee conservancies pesa lakini zinaongezeka kila siku kwa nini tusijadiliane kuziendeleza?

Kama Porro kuna conservancy imeanzishwa ambayo hakuna gari au rangers, kwa nini tusiendeshe upcoming projects kama hizo. Revenue ambayo itatoka kwa hizo conservancies will justify communities kuongezewa pesa.

**Specially Elected Member**, (hon. Antonella Lobura): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion because it is group ranches that border the Samburu National Reserve. SNR (Samburu National Reserve) is the only reserve that is within our County and we are gaining a lot of revenue from it.

The reserve needs to be highly improved hence the wish of the Committee to increase funding to the neighbouring group ranches. It will help largely in conservation of the SNR and also the human-animal conflict will be avoided.

They will be sensitized using the same funds and in turn they will be educated on matters reserving the SNR (Samburu National Reserve). Apart from that, it will also help families with kids in school in bursary benefits.

I urge this House to support the Motion so as to help improve our County as a whole.

**MCA Nachola Ward**, (hon. Lawerance Lorunyei): Mr. Speaker, I think Hon. Members have no clue of what is happening in our County or they just refuse to see it. I am aware that SNR is a big contributor to our budget and through the funding they have built boreholes.

The same Conservancies are doing marketing of this County to tourists as they usually send representatives abroad. I remember 2015 and 2016 they send representatives to Britain to market the Conservancies as well as our County.

Mr. Speaker what is preventing Communities from encroaching into the SNR (Samburu National Reserve) it is because of the value we get from tourism and again if we facilitate them security around SNR will be enhanced by the Community.

We should induce them because there is a lot the Community is doing around SNR (Samburu National Reserve) because of the facilitation we are providing them with. If we need more from SNR (Samburu National Reserve) we should at least sustain the group ranchers to avoid encroachment.

We should increase their funding so that they can do much more because Kshs. (1) One million is not enough to facilitate a National Reserve of that stature. Mr. Speaker even without going to the Mara for benchmarking I already know what they are facilitated with.

Communities are getting Kshs. (2) two million every month while we are giving our group ranchers two million shillings every year. If members need more time to be informed let them take time but we need to consider giving more to the group ranchers to keep them off SNR (Samburu National Reserve). The proposer can always make a visit and find out what the Kshs. two million they get has done for Communities.

**MCA Angata Nanyokie Ward**, (hon. Paul Leshimpiro): I just want to inform hon. Members that visiting the Mara was not done with a bad intention and we are not tabling the Report just yet. We used Mara as an example and not requesting that what Mara is doing is what should be done to SNR (Samburu National Reserve).

This Motion was once tabled in this house and it was approved based on the total percentage collected revenue. If we were to go by the previous approved Motion having in mind that 2015-2016 SNR (Samburu National Reserve) collected Kshs.166 million and the Motion states that we should give them 10% of the total revenue collected.

The Communities around SNR (Samburu National Reserve) should be receiving 16 million and 600 hundred thousand Kenya shillings so that we don't become a House of contradiction it's our request that we should not oppose the Motion that we already approve.

I request that 2 things to be considered Hon, Speaker, one either we differ putting on the question to when we will be all informed or alternatively I withdraw my previous statement of 4 million per group ranch and request for Kshs. three million per group ranch.

These will not only help the existing group ranchers but also the upcoming ones who will require some support later.

**MCA Suguta Ward**, (hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Thank you hon. Speaker, I would like to put issues very clear. I think it was mention by hon. Member for Angata Nanyokie and let me inform some of the Members. When a Committee goes for benchmarking in another County, I think it's only right to come and make comparison of what we are doing opposed to what other Counties are doing.

We went to Mara to get information on how to improve SNR (Samburu National Reserve) conservation and one of the reasons is that all the 5 wards that surround the Mara receive Kshs. 2 million every month. Annually they receive Kshs. 60 million...

*(Interjection on a point of information by hon. Leshoomo)*

Hon. Speaker protect me as you did to the other hon. Member, I don't need to be informed.

**MCA Lodokej Ward**, (hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Point of information Mr. Speaker.

**MCA Suguta Ward**, (hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): I don't need to be informed.

**Deputy Speaker**, (hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Order hon. Members, you do not need to shout to your hon. Member, continue. Order Leshoomo.

**MCA Suguta Marmar Ward**, (hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Thank you Mr. Speaker for your wisdom and guidance. I was only making a comparison where I already know that Samburu County is not collecting as much as Mara and the revenue allocations are different. Having a two million increase per year is very little. The hon. Member for Wamba is exactly asking for the Corporate Social Responsibility of the Counties that border the National Reserve. Corporate Social Responsibility of 5 million shillings in a year.

A good thing about Kalama where we even budgeted for is its improving and an airstrip where visitors will land there instead of landing in Isiolo. The two million that we allocate will give back to SNR and the Samburu County Government as well. You cannot tell me that Ltungai which is in my ward does not receive the two million because it is not in SNR yet we receive 300 million from Wamba West. Social Responsibility around the communities living around there should be known by these Members.

We the Members should argue that though funds are limited the people living around there are considered. They should even say that 5 million is lesser and it should stand at 8 million. I know that some time the great people of Lodokejek will tour people in great Kalama and learn something about animals. Let us appreciate the wildlife that we have, thank you.

**MCA Loosuk Ward**, (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you Chair. We appreciate the Members who went to Maasai Mara on behalf of the whole Samburu County. The pictures sent to us through WhatsApp were fabulous. I would like to say that when they go for benchmarking, they should... *(Interrupted)*

**MCA Suguta MarMar Ward**, (hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Please address the Deputy Speaker as the Speaker and not the Chair.

**The Deputy Speaker**, (hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Please hon. Lesoipa I will chase and throw you out.

**MCA Loosuk Ward**, (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Hon. Lesoipa is not aware that the Speaker is also Chairing the House and so he stands informed. We expect a report and not a Motion that does not have facts. We appreciate Samburu National Reserve because it is even where we take our children for holidays. It is our only National conservancy and we should promote it. We need a detailed report so that we can compare and fill the gaps. It does not beat logic when we say that SNR is the mother of all our conservancies and that we should support it, it is not logical to say that we support the mother and kill the child.

I support what hon. Lenkirasi said that we need the Chair for Tourism to give us an analysis of all the conservancies in our County so that we can support because we have entrusted him with that mandate and mantle because

*(Point of Order by hon. Lawrence Lorunyei)*

**MCA Loosuk Ward**, (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Supposedly I go for benchmarking and the only two conservancies in Loosuk ward and I come back allocate the money and leave out the rest. Can we get a report from the benchmarking Committee and after that we just defer the question but also we get the policy of Tourism concerning other conservancies because everybody is crying on what is happening to conservancies and eventually if this is the way to go then we will go and propose a Motion tomorrow for Loosuk conservancies.

**MCA Maralal Ward**, (hon. Fred Kiragu): It needs to be clear that we are not opposing the Motion or the benchmarking but only the method that it is brought to this House. If I visit a friend and find that they cook chapatis every day, I would not cook them in my house since I cannot afford. They should have laid the report in this House before hurrying to a Motion so that we see and read it. They charge us with which we do not know yet we cannot know if we are not told. Maralal ward should not be seen like we do not conserve but we also have our land around Maralal Safari Lodge and my constituents like Lkurroto are not allowed to graze around those grounds and they also need to be persuaded and not to...

*(Point of Order by hon. Lawrence Lorunyei)*

Mr. Speaker, protect me because the other Members spoke like two or three times. If it is about conservation, Flora and Fauna, promoting that, we also need it. We also have people encroaching into Kirisia forest. They need to be persuaded and allocated some money so that they do not go and burn and cut firewood. The movers and supporters of this Motion are also missing a point, are we presenting a conservation, do we want to improve conservation Fauna and Flora or do we want to bribe people?

It seems like they want people to be bribed so that they do not do this. We want to know that if they are given a million they acknowledge and state their expenditure and give reasons as to why it is not enough and that if we are given this then we will survive. Everybody who is going to be friendly to Fauna and Flora it should be spread to other areas like Poro, Malaso, Kirisia forest, Lkurroto and even in Lodokejek there are some people that are crying that they also have animals there. You cannot only see animals in Kalama and not see them in your ward, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker**, (hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): It is time that we give the mover of the Motion to take the floor before I make a ruling.

**MCA Wamba West**, (hon. Benjamin Leitore): Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is your discretion to put the question or defer it but I wish to give my contribution to this very important Motion. As indicated by the hon. Member for Ang'ata Nanyokie and hon. Lesoipa that the tabling of this Motion is different from the report that we are going to table in this House. I am happy that you are a Member of my Committee that visited Mara and definitely the recommendations that we are going to table in that report will be broad and not only in the revenue sharing among communities around the park but will be broad on issues meant to improve the management of our Samburu National Reserve.

This is just but a follow-up of the previous Motion tabled by hon. Paul Wonyan'g on issues of revenue sharing because hon. Leshimpiro informed the House that we passed a Motion that approves or gives back to the community 10% of the collection to the Samburu National Reserve. If we work to the collections of last year it amounts to 16 million based on the 10%. In our consultation from the two departments that is Tourism and Finance; it is not implementation in terms of percentages because we cannot project on how much we are going to collect. The release of this money happens within the financial year.

To project what is going to be given to the communities in percentages will take us to the last coin collected in that financial year so that we will ascertain on what percentages will be given to those communities. So my reason to bring this in terms of figures is to give a clear figure on what is achievable and also what will reduce conflicts between the communities and the Government. The Girgir group ranch and West Gate group ranch wrote complain letters to the two departments complaining on why and what is this percentage you are giving to us and what time will it be available knowing that the financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June. This is not implementable.

You can also see that it has reduced from the last proposal of 16 million to 10 million. That is five per every conservancy. Our Members also need to know and I think that the Chair for Finance is the one to inform the Members on our last collection on whether there were improvements for the last two or three years or whether it is not there. This is because in the year 2016/2017, 2017/2018 there was an increase in revenue collection of 21 million in 2017/2018 actually gave an additional location through the commission on revenue collection to this County Government about 471 million in the last budget where I think that hon. Leshoomo can attest to that since he is the Chairman of Finance.

I do not know how they term this increase; there is a term they call it since we are disciplined in terms of revenue collection which gave us back through commission on revenue allocation 471 million which is only through SNR. Samburu National Reserve increased its revenue allocation by 21 million and gave back 471 million to the Government. Where did that money go, it went to the entire County Government. We are only asking for peanuts in terms of Corporate Social Responsibility. What do we give back to the communities that live adjacent to these parks?

I just want to ask ourselves, do we intend to increase our revenue collection in these parks by involving communities, giving back to communities in terms of incentives and investments so that we all appreciate that these resources are ours. Let us also not forget that this land belonged to Girgir, West Gate and Nkutuk O' Ng'iron group ranches. The two group ranches jointly donated their land to Samburu National Reserve which is now our milking cow which we expect by this year to go up by 30 million.

We are now targeting to collect up to 200 million shillings. We do not have a reason to give back to the communities to appreciate on their contribution in terms of Tourism for that

specific reason of that of increase in revenue. We need to ask ourselves where we all get these. Samburu National reserve is contributing up to 80% of our local revenue.

For the Members who were previously Members of this House in the last parliament can bear me witness that we employed 20 rangers and every slot was given one slot that an elected Member was to forward that one name.

**MCA Maralal Ward (Hon. Fred Kiragu):** Thank you, I stand to oppose the Motion. These recommendations brought to this House by the Committee should have told the House the minimum disciplinary measures that can be taken against the Executive for not implementing the Budget. I want to join my colleagues the team innocent because there was a time they opposed and we did not understand:

- 1) We have projects that were in the development plan for 2016/2017 which has not been implemented and the 2017 and 2018 that have not been implemented in our Wards. We have projects for 2018/2019 that have not even been tendered and we are still being told of pending bills while we are at the third quarter of 2018/2019. I am afraid to say that the intention IS to have the Members of this House voted without all of them because when we have the plans not implemented 2014/2015, 2016/2017 and 2018/2019 will not be implemented now and we are told there are pending Bills Mr. Speaker, while these are brought in a hurry because it should have been passed sometime last year and so we are to pass it in a hurry.

The projects for 2018/2019 has not been implemented and we are passing for 2019/2020. Mr. Speaker, this is very worrying and I think even for the past financial year 2018/2019 as we do the third quarter and start the budget process. I have projects in my Ward and other Wards that have not been advertised, the period for advertising and implementing has been overtaken by events, the recommendations are right but they should have been brought with the steps to be taken if this has not been done, Mr. Speaker, my worry is that we shall continue passing without implementation while we are being blamed by our electorates, constituents for demeanours that are not from us but from the Executive. We cannot continue to help in funding projects that are not being implemented, thank you Mr. Speaker. I rest my case

**Specially Elected Member, (Hon. Osman Dube):** Asante Mr. Speaker, naunga mkono kwa sababu mbili. Chairperson wa implementation alete complain yake ni wizara gani haijafanya



kazi yake kwa sasa lakini kama baadae itakuwa ikona makosa basi tutkataa lakini kwa sasa tunaunga mkono.

**Specially Elected Member**, (Hon. Antonella Lobura): Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion. The Annual Development Plan (ADP) was tabled on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The time frame for this report to be passed within is on 28<sup>th</sup> February as indicated. The Committee has done its job but the Committee failing us is the Committee on Implementation

We always pass the supplementary budgets but the Committee on implementation does not follow it up and I wonder why the Chairperson of the Implementation Committee complaining that nothing is being done, what has he been doing?

**The Deputy Speaker**, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Order, Hon. Kiragu I will throw you out. Thank you Hon. Antonella Lobura. The Implementation Committee does not foresee the projects but actually the statutes and regulations that are passed as resolutions in this House, thank you, welcome again. Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei

**MCA Nachola Ward**, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I stand to support Motion because of the time frame. According to the recommendations by the Members, they recommend that the Annual Development Plan (ADP) should be given to the County Assembly so that they analyse the paper adequately if we legally force the Executive to bring it in time so that we can analyse and approve the Bills

Mr. Speaker sir, there are priorities here and whenever any item is made a priority it means the money is allocated already, but we see that no project we passed and allocated money to is implemented. The documents are not brought in time so that we see where the gaps are. This is why there is a recommendation so that the Executive will be bringing this paper in time so that we know where the money has gone to. We would have approved in November 2018 although we still have time but it is good that we approve it so that we go to another step by checking what has been approved and if it has been actualized or not

Without the frame work then we will rudderless of knowing what is going on, where the money has gone to while we always complain of the projects not being implemented. it is only this paper that can assist us to pin down the Executive because of the incomplete projects, thank you Mr. Speaker

**MCA Wamba West Ward**, (Hon. Benjamin Leitore): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I just want to give my contribution and wrap up as the Chairperson Mr. Speaker. There are clear timelines provided by Public Finance Management Act on when these documents are to be forwarded to the County Assembly and subsequently on times that needs to be approved because we were given these documents on November and took it for public participation but due to lack of time because this House was also preparing to going for a recess then we did not manage to pass it

Mr. Speaker, it is the Annual Development Plan that informs the County Fiscal Strategic Paper. The last time the Committee should forward the County Fiscal Strategic paper is 28<sup>th</sup> February. This document is also going to inform on the objectives of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper. I urge the Members to approve as we have indicated because our recommendations are clear that the Chief Executive Committee Member (CEC) for finance should always make sure that these document is forwarded to the Assembly at the right time so that we get enough time to peruse, take it for public participation and subsequently approve as a House so that we will not be rushing to pass this document

Mr. Speaker, I want to tell the Members that this document contains plans for the Government within that financial year. This document intends to inform the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the objectives of the Government for the year 2019/2020 so we are not yet there. The implementation of the projects for this financial year had their own documents in terms of final development plans and County Fiscal Strategy Paper that we passed as a House so it is totally different when it comes to implementation of the projects, we only give the legality for the Executive to prepare the budget informed by this document. I ask the Members to approve it because this is the constitutional frame work for the County to prepare the budget for 2019 as informed by these objectives. Thank you Mr. Speaker

**The Deputy Speaker**, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank Chairman. Reading from the mood of the House, it is apparently clear that the House is comfortable with the document. I wish to agree with Hon. Antonella Lobura that it is the high time for the Chairperson of the Committee on Implementation ensure that the Committee's recommendations are adhered to especially one and two.

- (1) That the County Assembly respect the legal time lines in submission of Annual Development Plan, give the County Assembly sufficient time as provided in section 129 (5) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 to interrogate the document adequately
- (2) The County Executive should ensure that there is a realistic budget in the Annual Development Plan and reduce expenditure on budgets to ensure that they reduce pending Bills that accrue every financial year due to poor fiscal planning

Hon. Members. In any Government, money bills are time bound and if we do not respect that time bound then naturally they will be implemented without the input of the Honourable House.

*(Question Put Motion passed)*

Hon. Member, the time being 4:58 Pm and there being no other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Thursday afternoon, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 2:30 Pm