

KERICHO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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(The House met at 2.30 p.m)

[Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono):Let's proceed.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Chairman Cooperative Management Tourism and Wildlife
you may give notice.

Hon. Jackline Langat (Nominated Member representing Women):Thank you Mr. Speaker
for giving me this opportunity to give notice on the status report on the oversight visits on the
farmers' cooperative societies and tourism sites.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, however the notice should read just like the
way the motion reads. Just read what the motion reads.

Hon. Jackline Langat (Nominated Member representing Women): Thank you Mr. Speaker
for giving me this chance to give the report that this house approves the report on the

Cooperative Management Tourism and Wildlife committee on the oversight visits to the farmers' cooperative societies in Kericho County.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, next order!

**MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON COOPERATIVE
MANAGEMENT TOURISM AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE**

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Honorable Jackline Langat you may prosecute your motion.

Hon. Jackline Langat (Nominated Member representing Women): Thank you once again Mr. Speaker and I would wish to seek your guidance on where I should start from.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Start from the general overview which is in page 3.

Hon. Jackline Langat (Nominated Member representing Women): That is 2.0, general overview

2.0 GENERAL OVERVIEW.

The committee on Cooperative Management, Tourism and Wildlife held a committee meeting on **11th February 2021**. It was noted that there were many Cooperative Societies in the County, some were operational and others dormant. It was evident that funds were being allocated to the section of Cooperatives, Tourism and Wildlife and much was being underutilized.

It was in light of the above the committee resolved to invite the CEC In charge of Trade, Industrialization, Cooperatives, Tourism and Wildlife to attend a consultative meeting with the committee on 25th February 2021 and was required to submit the following information ;

1. List of all existing Co-operative societies in the County

2. The status of the said Co-operative societies (Dormant, Operational and newly registered)
3. Challenges facing the Cooperative Societies and their achievements.
4. The status of projects undertaken by the Department

2.1 LIST OF ALL EXISTING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN THE COUNTY

There are a total of three Hundred and eight (308) Registered Cooperative Societies in the County; two hundred and two (202) are operational while one Hundred and Six (106) are dormant.

2.2 CHALLENGES FACING THE COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.

2.2.1 Challenges Facing Cooperative Societies

i) Governance Issues – Most of the active societies belong to the farmers. Their leaders lack management skills since they are not experts.

ii) Weak capital base- contributions and Commissions from the produce cannot sustain the cooperative societies.

iii) Attitudinal Issues-the ability of a cooperative to meet its members' expectations depends on whether management effectively evaluates membership needs. Most Cooperative officials' belief that the interests must be similar to their own and therefore there is no need to investigate them separately.

iv) **Financial Management-** The officials managing the cooperative societies tend to have financial crisis since they lack financial management skills, innovations and creativity for purposes of expansion of their societies hence need for capacity building.

v) **Political Interference-** when there is good political will among the leadership, the societies will always thrive and vice versa when there is no good political will.

vi) **Budgetary allocations** – The department receives many requests from different cooperative societies for support, but the allocation to the section is very minimal since the department has many sections.i.e Trade, Industrialization, Cooperatives, Wildlife and Tourism.

2.2.2 Achievements of cooperative Societies

i) The Co-operatives have enabled the members of the cooperatives to market their produce e.g. Coffee, Milk, Sugar cane and tea.

ii) The Saccos have mobilized savings to the tune of Ksh.15 Billion

iii) The Cooperatives have put up modern buildings in Kericho town e.g. Sinendet plaza, Kenya Highlands Sacco

iv) Some cooperatives are now involved in value addition of their produce, i.e. Kabianga Dairies

v) The Housing cooperatives have enabled their members get involved in real estate business.

2.3. THE STATUS OF PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT

The projects on cooperatives tourism and wildlife were as follows:

No	Project Name	Ward	Fy	Activities	Status
1.	Chesigot FCS	Kunyak	2018/2019	Construction of	complete

				a coffee bag store	
2.	Kosiachtany	Sigowet	2018/2019	Construction of a milk cooling plant	complete
3.	Kipagenge FCS	Litein	2018/2019	Supply and delivery of 2 milk dispensaries	Complete
4.	Support to cooperatives	Various	2018/2019	Supply and delivery of 4 no. Computers and printers	complete
5.	Support to cooperatives	Various	2018/2019	Supply and delivery of milk cans 65 No. of 50ltr	complete
6.	Support to cooperatives	Various	2018/2019	Supply and delivery of one disc coffee pulping machines 14no. and two disc coffee pulping machines 1no	complete
7.	Saoset FCs	Kamasian	2019/2020	Construction of 100m3 masonry tank at Saoset	Complete

				FCs	
8.	Sosiot FCs	Waldai	2019/2020	Provision of tiles, Construction and drainage system at Sosiot FCs	Complete
9.	Kamachungwa FCs	KedowaKim ugul	2019/2020	Construction of a coffee bag store	complete
10.	Seretut FCs	Seretut	2019/2020	Construction of milk cooling plant at Seretut	complete

ONGOING PROJECTS

No.	Description	Location	Pending Bills
1.	Construction of resting shed at Fortenan museum	Kipkelion west	1,850,028
2.	Construction of subsidized fertilizer store at Ainamoi FCS	Ainamoi	1,198,200
3.	Construction of coffee bag store at Kamachungwa FCS	Kipkelion East	1,200,000
4.	Construction of Tuiyobei FCS	Kipkelion west	2,450,100
5.	Construction of coffee pulper house at Changei	Kipkelion West	1,453,140

	Farmers cooperative society		
6.	Construction of Coffee pulper house at Burgei Eut FCs	Kipkelion West	1,396,950
7.	Construction of coffee bag store Cheribo Fcs	Belgut	1,319,040
8.	Completion of charcoal Briquette House at Kipkelion Coffee Mill	Kipkelion west	887,000
8.	Construction of Milk Cooling Plant at Seretut Farmers' Cooperative Society	Belgut	1,200,000
9.	Construction of Office Block at Kapkatet Farmers' Cooperative Society	Bureti	1,200,000
10.	Construction of tourist attraction site at Reresik caves	Ainamoi	2,500,000

3.0. OVERSIGHT VISIT TO THE PROJECTS

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): You may go to page 11, on the observation

Hon. Jackline Langat (nominated member): Page 11

4.0 Committee Observation

1. The constructed coffee bag store at Kamachungwa Farmers' Cooperative in Kipkelion was well constructed and already in use.

2. The road leading to Kamachungwa Farmer's Cooperative Society is in pathetic condition.
3. The constructed resting shed at Fortenan museum is in-complete.
4. There are no signboards erected along the road leading to the museums, tourists could easily miss direction leading to the site.
5. The office block constructed at Kapkatet Farmers' Cooperative society was well constructed, but not in use since it has not been furnished.
6. The Tourist attraction site at Reresik caves in Ainamoi is not demarcated despite having been allocated funds.
7. The Constructed subsidized fertilizer store at Ainamoi Farmers' Cooperative Society is complete.
8. The milk cooling plant house at Seretut farmer's cooperative society is complete.
9. There are a total of three Hundred and eight (308) Registered Cooperative Societies in the County; two hundred and two (202) are active while one Hundred and Six (106) are dormant.

5.0 Committee Recommendations

The committee made the following recommendations;

1. That the department of Trade, industrialization, cooperative management tourism and wildlife must ensure that all pending projects are completed and be operationalized.

2. That the department of Trade, Industrialization, Cooperative Management Tourism and Wildlife must ensure that funds allocated to projects should be utilized appropriately and efficiently for the intended purpose to ensure value for money.
3. The County Government through the department of Lands, Housing and Physical Planning fast-track the acquisition and demarcation of community lands for the purposes of tourism development i.e. Reresik, Chebulu and Tulwap etc.
4. The County Government through the department of Roads, Transport and Public Works should construct accessible roads to the projects and erect signboards for ease of direction for people visiting the projects.
5. The Department of Trade, Industrialization, Cooperative Management Tourism and Wildlife to prioritize reviving after assessing the viability of cooperative societies which are dormant.
6. Cooperative Societies should be independent devoid of any political interference.
7. Budgetary allocations to the Section of Cooperatives Management, Tourism and Wildlife should be enhanced during budgeting, more so because it deals with the farmers directly in marketing their produce, in addition improvement and development of tourists sites that attracts tourists' hence increasing revenue in the County.
8. The County Government through the department of Trade, Tourism and Wildlife should ensure that Cooperative Societies' Leaders/Officials be trained on Semi-Annual basis on matters of Governance and Financial management to equip them on managerial skills for effective and efficient management of societies .

6.0 Acknowledgement

The Committee wishes to thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Assembly for the necessary support extended to it in the execution of its mandate.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

It is my pleasant duty; pursuant to Standing Order 205 to present the Report on oversight visits to Farmers Cooperative Societies and tourism Sites by the committee on Cooperatives Management, Tourism and Wildlife for consideration by this House. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, who is seconding?

Hon. Jackline Langat (Nominated Member representing Women): I request honorable Emily Kerich to second.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Honorable Emily Kerich?

(Honorable Emily Kerich bows in secondment)

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Honorable William Soi!

Hon. William Soi (Member for Chemosot Ward): Thank you honorable Speaker for giving me this chance. I rise to support this motion by Cooperatives Management, Tourism and Wildlife. This is sector which has been neglected but it has a lot of wealth in it. I thank the committee for the tedious work that they did on this, only I must say that Chelilis new cooperative was not captured in the list and I would like to tell the chair to see because we were privileged to get the cooler from the national government and the cooler is outside. It is a big machine which I would like the committee to consider when budgeting. Otherwise I stand to support this document. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Adjournment)

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Honorable members we adjourn until 9:30am tomorrow.
Thank you

(The House rose at 2:50pm)