

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 24th July, 2018

The House met at 9:40 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

PAPER

**REPORT OF YOUTH, CULTURE, GENDER AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
ON MAINSTREAMING CHILD PROTECTION IN THE DEVOLVED SYSTEM OF
GOVERNANCE**

Hon. Stephen Chege: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly;

That, the report of the Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services Committee on Mainstreaming Child Protection In The Devolved System Of Governance be laid on the Table of the Assembly.

(Hon. Stephen Chege laid the Paper on the Table)

MOTION

GOAT MILK REARING PROGRAM

Hon. Sarah Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move Motion on goat milk rearing program;

Aware that crop and animal husbandry is a devolved function as provided in Part 2(1) of the Fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, further aware that the National Agricultural Policy emphasizes on diversification to improve farmers yields, recognizing that the Kenya National Agricultural Sector Extension Policy 2012 seeks to promote high value animal husbandry, concerned that most farmers in the County practice small scale farming due to small land sizes, cognizant of the fact that goat milk has high nutritional qualities and fetches high prices in the market, noting that goat rearing can succeed in the dry areas due to the limited amount of feeds required compared to other livestock; this House urges the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Agriculture to initiate a goat milk rearing programme in Murang'a County and offer extension, value addition and marketing support services to the programs.

Mr. Speaker Sir, goat has been described as poor man's cow because of immersive contribution to the poor man's economy. They are not only supplying nutritious and easily digestive milk to their children but also regular source for income for the poor and landless or marginal farmer.

Mr. Speaker Sir, being a small sized animal, goats can easily be managed by women, children. Feeding, milk and care of goat does not require much equipment and hard working. Goats have got very few demands of housing and management, they hardly need separate house. Goats can be profitable for farmer and can fit well into a mixed farming. They are also cheaper to maintain and easily available.

They are capable of adapting to various agro-climate ranging from arid to dry, cold arid and hot humid. They can be raised in a plain hill track, sandy zone and at high altitude. Goat milk has a high content of vitamin B complex and lesser allergy problems than other species of livestock.

It also has high quality of enhancing the value of patients suffering from peptic ulcers, liver dysfunction and other digestive problem; it is also used as medicine for a person ailing from asthma, coughing and diabetes.

Mr. Speaker, I finally want to inform this House that when I decided to move this Motion, I visited the dairy *shamba* (farm) at Kangema where we were received by a Madam Helen who took us through; the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee needs to visit that place. We saw that one goat is able to produce three litres which they sell at a cost of Kshs100 per litre and yoghurt at Kshs400 per litre. We saw that it can improve the lives of the people. If women groups and the youth can be supported, it can add value to their lives. It will also reduce some diseases.

I therefore urge this House to support the Motion and request the Committee on Agriculture to visit the place. We were told that they charge some money because you will be taken through; it is just like Yatta for those who have visited the place. They charge Kshs15,000 for a group of 10 people. We need to prepare and request for a visit for these Members to go there where I know they will learn a lot. I urge this House to support this Motion and now call upon Hon. Ngundo to second. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Ibrahim Ngundo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I represent Muguru Ward and I rise to second the Motion on goat rearing program. It is unfortunate that goat rearing has not been practiced well in our County. I wish to state some few benefits of goat milk; it boosts immunity, it is a complete protein, it easier to digest, it is recommended to persons with skin problems, and patients with cancer.

Mr. Speaker, goat milk is also recommended in the Bible, proverbs 27 verse 27 and Hon. Members can read it at their own time.

(Laughter)

Hon. Ibrahim Ngundo: I wish to conclude with a humble prayer that Members get a chance to visit one farmer in my Ward who is doing well in goat rearing. I second. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Very nice seconding. I will now propose the question.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Ruth Wambui: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to support the Motion on goat milk rearing program. Mr. Speaker Sir, as we are aware commercial goat milk rearing in Kenya is growing very fast and contributing much to the income of this nation and as Murang'a County we should not be left behind, we should do something about it.

Mr. Speaker, I am very impressed on the advantage that Honorable Sarah has just mentioned and I feel sincerely speaking this is a very good Motion if it is implemented because one thing we should understand is that, the farmers only require little capital and investment compared to cow rearing. Goat is very easy for the farmers, keeping in mind for the goat to give birth, you can do it twice in a year and if it happens to be lucky for you the goat give birth to twins the farmers will be very much far.

Mr. Speaker, as we also understand it only needs and requires very little labour which by the end of the day the farmers can be able to do other businesses. This will help us to do it.

It is also a very good business idea with good returns to investment ratio and we will be doing ourselves justice. I understand there is a man in Chuka who also rears very many goats and by the end of the day he was declaring his profit, within six months Kshs1.6 million. If this program is supported, our farmers will be very much okay especially getting income for women. Women have a challenge they do not own land or a cow thus if this is implemented our women will be empowered and they will have a source of income. Children who are above 18 years also can be able to rear goats and I understand there is a factory in Kiambu where they process the milk for goat. One of the challenges I learnt is that they have a challenge with supply of milk. If this happens in Murang'a whereby we will be supplying milk and by the end of the day we make products which are available in our supermarket and big hotels we will have created employment to our youth and to people who are deserving I wish this Honorable House can approve the Motion and also the County Government dealing with 'one cow one home' we try another one called Toggenberg. Thank you Mr. Speaker I stand to support.

Hon. Duncan Muturi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion having in mind that the goat milk is having a big medicinal value where we are currently as a society we have been having very many ailments especially when you approach the age of 50 years, we are having a lot of diseases and the goat milk is having a high value. It is also very good if it is introduced to our children at an early age which will create a lot of market to our products. Thank you I stand to support the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): I will ask the Mover to respond.

Hon. Sarah Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Honorable members starting with Hon. Ruth Wambui, who has talked of little capital, it is true that the cost of feeding 10 goats is the cost of feeding one cow. We were told that because in that farm they are doing cows and goats. They are telling us they used to feed one cow they used to feed one goat and the cost of one goat was Kshs25, 000 so if you multiply by 10 you will get Kshs250, 000 and you see it has more profits.

I want to respond to Hon. Muturi who talked of diseases, they also told us that we can tell people with cancer that goat milk boosts the white cells, we all know white cells help the body to fight diseases and when somebody has cancer, it will boost the white cells that will help fight the disease.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The House rose at 9:55 a.m.