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MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 11th June 2024

The House met at 2.45 p.m.

[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta) in the Chair]

PRAYER

MOTION

**ADOPTION OF A REPORT ON PROGRESS OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AND TECHNICAL TRAINING.**

Hon. Naomi Maina: Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopt a Report of the sectoral Committee on Education and Child Welfare on its consideration and progress report for the department for the period July 2023 to march 2024 laid on the Table of the Assembly on June 4, 2024.

Madam Speaker as everyone has a Report on their files, the honourable members have the report, I wish to highlight a few issues on the status of the recruitment of Early Childhood development Education (ECDE) teachers as approved in financial year 2023/2024 in the budget.

Following the approval of the budget 2023/2024, the County Public Service Board (CPSB) was required to recruit and employ 200 teachers, consequently, the County Executive Committee Member in charge of education had written to the County Public Service Board requesting for the additional of ECDE teachers. An advert was raised in the newspaper to recruit 200 ECDE teachers on internship and thereafter interviews were conducted during the month of September to November 2023. However, the County Public Service Board in the letter dated 16th referenced Murang'a County gave the department 46 teachers who were posted to specific centres with priority given to the new ECDE centres that never existed before and didn't have a County ECDE teacher as indicated on table one of the Reports.

Hon. Speaker, it is good to note that in March 2024, the County renewed contracts for the ECDE teachers that is 1,040 ECDE teachers whose contracts had expired.

Two, ECDE furniture; Madam Speaker, in order to fast track the acquisition and distribution of furniture in ECDE centres, the County partnered with Kenya prisons to make the desks and tables for all ECDE centres in the County as indicated in the table. By March this year, we have distributed 2247 chairs and 256 tables that have been procured and delivered.

Three, I would like to tackle progress on vocation training centres; one, that is Murang'a Youth Service training. Madam Speaker, in order to address the problem of the youth and employment in the County, the County government of Murang'a started the Murang'a Youth Service that is MYS implemented through community-based works and skills but we have been training 30 youth in every ward totalling to 1050. They were identified through balloting to participate in a short-term job as well as skills training. The first cohort having finished their short-term works have been placed in the Vocational Training Centres (VTC) to learn skills of the following five courses. One plumbing, two hairdressing and beauty, three we have been having tiling and painting, four welding, five electrical. As of March 2024, 879 MYS and 2157 regular trainees have been enrolled totalling to 3036. The County has employed 66 instructors to train MYS youth.

Further, the County government of Murang'a sponsored 727 Murang'a Youth Service (MYS) cohort 1 by paying their NITA examination fee of each Kshs5,000 as well as the centre and material fees. The exams were undertaken from 15th April to 29th April, 2024.

Number four, we go to tools, equipment and instructional materials. On tools and materials, the County procured several tools and equipment for the vocational training courses implemented by the MYS skill training. The tools and materials were distributed evenly to the 32 VTCs depending with the courses being offered as indicated in the table.

Five, we now got to Committee findings and observations. The Committee observed as follows; -

1. That, there is lack of adequate funds to purchase training materials.
2. Delay in disbursement of capitation to VTCs.
3. That, there is slow procurement processes for tools and equipment and workshop, construction materials among others
4. That, there's is poor perception towards VTCs by the society.
5. That, the County lacks enough modern tools and equipment to train skills relevant to current job market.

6. Poor state of infrastructure i.e. old classrooms, toilets, workshops etc.
7. Lack of enough instructors.
8. Lack linkages with relevant attachment agencies and industry.
9. Outdated curriculum in some programmes i.e. MVM
10. Lack of capacity building of officers in the directorate
11. Lack of co-curricular funding and few sports equipment.

Now we go to Committee recommendations;-

1. That, the CPSB recruits the remaining 154 ECDE teachers and employs them on permanent and pensionable terms
2. That, more funds be allocated to VTCs to assist our youths in acquiring vocational skills.
3. That, the County do pursue permanent funding of VTCs by both national government and County government through capitation and conditional grants.
4. That, the County should create awareness to the society about programmes offered in VTCs and their benefits.
5. That, refresher courses be organized to the staff on emerging technologies and financial management.
6. That, the County do create collaboration and partnership with the relevant industries in the County and beyond.
7. That, more funds be allocated in the Budget Estimates of FY 2024/2025 for purchase of the modern and state of art tools and equipment.
8. That, the County Executive Committee member for Education do establish incubation centres and centres of excellence in selected VTCs in each sub-County.
9. That, the CPSB do recruit and employ more instructors to meet the TVETA recommended ratio of 1:14.
10. Introduction of training on latest courses in the market.
11. Frequent funding of co-curricular activities to help in identifying talents
12. That, the County Executive Committee Member for Lands facilitate processing and acquiring of title deeds of all VCTs institutions in the County.

Thank you Madam Speaker I now call upon on Hon. Hanna to second the Motion

Hon. Hanna Wairimu: Madam Speaker I rise to second the Motion and make observation on TVET area.

Honourable Members as you all know that apart from 32 TVETs which have been selected for the MYS program training, every ward have more than two TVETs which have been closed down due to lack of training materials and lack of instructors. So, I urge very member, if we can adopt this Report and this department to be financed or to be allocated funds, this is the best area we can help out youth in Murang'a County because they will benefit fully through training.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Question proposed)

(No debate arose)

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta): Honourable Members, there being no other business, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday June 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

The Assembly rose at 2.57pm