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MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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**THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION
REPORT ON THE SUBMISSIONS BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEMBER INCHARGE OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, VETERINARY SERVICES
AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF
AGRICULTURAL FARM INPUTS SUBSIDY POLICY 2022-2032.**

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1.0 PREFACE.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 201, the Committee on Implementation is mandated to:-

- i) Scrutinize the resolutions of the Assembly (including adopted Committee reports), petitions, and the undertakings given by the County Executive Committee and examine;
 - (a) Whether or not such decisions and undertakings have been implemented and where implemented, the extent to which they have been implemented, and whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary;
 - (b) Whether or not legislation passed by the Assembly has been operationalized and where operationalized, the extent to which such operationalization has taken place within the minimum time necessary;
- ii) Propose to the Assembly, sanctions against any member of the County Executive Committee who fails to report to the relevant select committee on implementation status without justifiable reasons.

1.1 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.

The Committee on Implementation as currently constituted, comprises the following Hon.Members:-

| NO | NAME | DESIGNATION |
|----|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. | Hon. Hilary Muigai Muchoki (MCA - | Chairperson |
| 2. | Hon. Jane Mukami Kigotho (MCA) | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. | Hon. Anthony Marubu Chege (MCA) | Member |
| 4. | Hon. Gladys Wambui Waikau (MCA) | Member |
| 5. | Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu (MCA) | Member |
| 6. | Hon. Peter Munga Njuguna (MCA) | Member |
| 7. | Hon. John Kamwaga Mwangi (MCA) | Member |
| 8. | Hon. Simon Mwaura wamwea (MCA) | Member |
| 9. | Hon. Laban Chomba Njaramba (MCA) | Member |
| 10 | Hon. Elizabeth Wambui (MCA) | Member |

1.2 COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT.

The Committee Secretariat facilitating the Committee Comprise-

| NO | NAME | DESIGNATION |
|-----------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Reuben Maina | Lead Clerk |
| 2. | Denis Karanja | Clerk Assistant |
| 3. | Grace Kabutha | Hansard Reporter |
| 4. | Peter Ndung'u | Sergeant at Arms |

1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hon.Speaker, the Committee is grateful to the Office of the Speaker, the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly, and the Committee secretariat for the support received as it discharged its mandate of establishing the implementation status of the County Assembly resolution.

Therefore, It is my pleasant duty and privilege to table this Report on behalf of the Select Committee on Implementation and recommend it to the House for adoption.

Signed.....Date.....

Hon. Hillary Muchoki (MCA)
CHAIRPERSON, SELECT COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION

2.0 BACKGROUND.

Hon.Speaker, It should be noted that Article 185 (3) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that a County Assembly while respecting the principle of the separation of powers, may exercise oversight over the County Executive Committee and any other County Executive organs, the role of which is exercised in respect of the functions stipulated under Article 183 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

Hon.Speaker, the Select Committee on Implementation is mandated to scrutinize resolutions of the House arising from adopted Committee reports, public participation, and undertakings given by the County Executive and examine whether such decisions and undertakings have been implemented within the Sixty (60) days as provided for in Standing Order 195. Further, the Committee reviews whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary and provides a satisfactory reason for the delay in full implementation.

Implementation of House Resolutions captured in the various Committee reports and other Legislative processes in the House is critical in the evaluation of Assembly performance and success.

Hon.Speaker, upon expiry of the period stipulated under the Standing Orders, the Committee should write to the relevant County Executive Committee Member, who would be expected to respond within 14 days. If by the expiry of the 14-day period required for the County Executive Committee Member to respond, and he/she fails, a reminder letter is done by the Committee requiring submission of the implementation status within seven days, making reference to the first letter.

If by the expiry of the 7-day period required for the County Executive Committee Member to respond, and he/she fails, a second reminder is done making reference to the first letter and the first reminder, where if the same is not acted upon the Committee may elect to summon the respective officer responsibly.

If the County Executive Committee Member responsible for the relevant department or Agency absolutely fails to act on the letters or invitations by the Committee, **Hon.Speaker** these amounts to substantial grounds sanctions against the said officer which may include;

- i. Absolutely failing to address/transact/ discuss any business pertaining to the docket held by that particular County Executive Committee Member.
- ii. Failing to approve the budget estimates of the department that the Officer in question holds until he/she honors the authority of the County Assembly and appears before the Committee with an absolute apology and explanation for undermining the Assembly.

3.0 INTRODUCTION

Hon.Speaker, the Select Committee on Implementation in its 4th quarter set out part of its program to review the sector's progress on the Implementation of the County Assembly Resolutions and undertake an evaluation of the key challenges faced in implementation and the way forward.

The Agricultural Farm Inputs Subsidy Policy 2022-2023 was laid on the table of the House by the Chairperson of Agriculture, livestock and Fisheries Committee on Tuesday 6, December 2022, and thereafter stood committed to the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. The said Committee wrote a report on the policy that was adopted by the House on December 13, 2022, and subsequently forwarded it to the office of the County Executive Committee Member for implementation.

Hon.Speaker, In recognition of the mandate vested upon the Select Committee on Implementation by Standing Order 195, the period within which the CECM was expected to furnish the County Assembly and, in this case, the Select Committee on Implementation with the report on the status of implementation of the said resolutions lapsed on **Monday, February 13, 2023**.

In view of the foregoing, the County Executive Committee Member In charge of Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary Services Department via letter MCA/C/IMP/15/VOL.V/19 dated 15, February 2023 was required to submit to the County Assembly implementation status report on the said resolution on or before **Wednesday, March, 1, 2023**. the CECM failed without explanation to respond to the said request within 14 days, a reminder letter ref: **MCA/C/IMP/15/VOL.V/23** was done by the Committee requiring submission of the implementation status within seven days.

The CECM via letter ref MCG /MOALF/FIN/1/001 dated 9th May,2023 Submitted the above-mentioned report to the Assembly through the Office of the Clerk and he was thereafter invited to appear before the Joint Committee sitting of Sectoral Committee on Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries and Select Committee on Implementation on **Tuesday, June,20,2023 at 1.00 p.m**. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the implementation status of the aforementioned policy.

The CECM was required to submit a comprehensive report indicating the following:

1. How far is his office in the implementation of the recommendations contained Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries Committees report on Murang'a County Farm Input Subsidy policy 2022-2032?
2. How far is his office in the implementation of the Public Finance Management (Muranga County Agricultural farm inputs Subsidy and incentive fund) guidelines 2023?.

3. Criteria used to establish the Committee for Implementation, Monitoring, and Evaluation of the subsidy program.
4. Criteria used to identify potential suppliers for both Milk and Mangoes.
5. Mechanisms put in place to facilitate the transfer of farm inputs subsidy to farmers.
6. Mechanism is implemented to facilitate capacity building for agricultural farm inputs subsidy beneficiaries.

Hon.Speaker, The policy aims at empowering dairy and Mango farmers, While the dairy farmers will access farm inputs for their milk herd through cash paid on the basis of milk delivered to their cooperative societies, the farmers in the mangoes value chain shall be subsidized based on the number of kilograms delivered to processors, identified through County Government partnerships.

In the above regard the Committee resolved to hold a workshop from 02-04, August 2023 in Nairobi, as well as meetings within the precincts of the Assembly which has culminated into this report.

4.0 COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES.

The committee set out the following objectives:

- a) To determine the implementation status of the Agricultural Farm Inputs Subsidy Policy 2022-2032 passed by the County Assembly
- b) To identify the key challenges faced in the implementation of the said policy and appropriate recommendations to overcome the said challenges.
- c) To advise on the effective implementation of the said policy.
- d) To explore monitoring and evaluation techniques on the Implementation of the passed resolutions by the County Assembly.

5.0 METHODOLOGY.

Hon.Speaker, the Committee in its endeavor to furnish this House with a clear status of the implementation status of the above-mentioned motion, prosecuted its mandate by Examining in detail the adopted report on the Agricultural farm inputs subsidy policy 2022-2032 and submissions by the County Executive Committee Members and Sectoral Committee on Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries.

6.0 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

It is worth noting the following provisions on the Assembly resolutions:

1. Article 183 (3) of the constitution of Kenya ,2010 which provides as follows that: the county executive committee shall provide the county assembly with full and regular reports on matters relating to the County.

2. Article 185 (1) of the constitution of Kenya,2010 provides that: the legislative authority of a county is vested in, and exercised by, its county assembly. (2) A county assembly may make any laws that are necessary for, or incidental to, the effective performance of the functions and exercise of the powers of the county government under the Fourth Schedule.
3. Section 8 of the County Government Act,2012 of the roles of the County Assembly;
4. Section 30(2) (j) of the County Government Act 2012 provides that the Governor shall “submit to the County Assembly an annual report on the implementation status of the county policies and plans”.
5. Murang’a County Assembly Standing Order 195.

7.0 SUBMISSIONS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER IN CHARGE OF THE AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

Hon.Speaker, The CECM appeared before the joint meeting of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries and Select Committee on Implementation on **Tuesday, June,20,2023 at 1.00 p.m.** and submitted the following before the Committee:

THAT, the implementation of the subsidy program has followed the guidelines of the regulations to the letter as follows:

On Mango Subsidy Programme;

THAT, the County government identified Lower Murang’a Farmers Cooperative Society Limited (LMFCS) as a vehicle for mango aggregation and marketing. The Directorate of Agriculture Crops mobilized the mango farmers through the Lower Murang’a Mango Farmers’ Cooperative Society, now in place.

THAT, the co-operative society was registered in accordance with the Constitution of Kenya and the provisions of the cooperative societies act Cap 490, Co-operative Societies’ Rules, and the resolutions by mango farmers.

THAT, The County Government has so far trained Graders and Pickers of Mango Farmers for Quality Assurance. Cooperative officials also received training, and members' mobilization to join the cooperatives was done. An MoU is in place, signed between the County Government and Mango processors. Thereafter the harvesting of mangoes followed by aggregation facilitated the delivery of the collected mangos to the processors. Payment to farmers for the mango deliveries

was done by the processors, which the County Government facilitated through the Ministry of Trade.

THAT, the County Government paid the subsidy per kilogram of mango to individual farmers through their banks or mobile payment through MPESA.

To assess the mango distribution and the diverse varieties to market, the Directorate of Crops undertook a Mango Baseline Survey.

On mango subsidy data: he informed the Committee that during the season 840 farmers delivered mango from the following regions.

| S/No | Ward Name | Number of Farmers | Total Kgs | Total Ksh |
|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Mbiri | 30 | 24,725.70 | 173079.90 |
| 2. | Makuyu | 200 | 159,052.00 | 1,113,364.00 |
| 3. | Maragwa Ridge | 27 | 57,016.60 | 399,116.20 |
| 4. | Kimorori | 66 | 43,201.70 | 302,411.90 |
| 5. | Kambiti | 232 | 115,657.10 | 809,599.70 |
| 6. | Kakuzi | 69 | 31,230.20 | 218,611.40 |
| 7. | Kamahuha | 5 | 17,322.00 | 121,254.00 |
| 8. | Gaturi | 112 | 65,093.50 | 455,654.50 |
| 9. | Ithanga | 99 | 114,419.50 | 800,936.50 |
| TOTAL | | 840 | 627,718.30 | 4,394,028.10 |

The 840 farmers delivered 627,718.30 kilograms mangoes with the County Government facilitating the Cooperative Society in quality assurance, transport and marketing. Delivery of mangoes to Sunny Processors and Kevian Limited where the County Government had sourced the market for the farmers provided the market linkage supporting the trading function.

THAT, Farmers received payment at a rate of Kshs. 16 for every Kilogram of mango delivered. The 840 registered farmers received Kshs. 10,043,492.80 from the respective processors.

The Murang'a County Agricultural Farm Input and Incentives Subsidy Committee approved payment of Ksh. 7 per every kilogram of mango sold to the processors by farmers. This translated to Ksh. 4,394,028.10.

Dairy Subsidy;

On the application process, under the approved guidelines, the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Planning called for an Expression of Interest (EoI) from:

- i. Dairy cooperative societies duly registered, and operational within Murang'a County for purposes of aggregation marketing and processing of dairy milk from dairy farmers in Murang'a County to submit their Expression of Interest.
- ii. Milk aggregators operating within Murang'a County and linking farmers to markets as milk off-takers.

On the criteria for the evaluation of eligible producer organizations;

THAT, The County Government issued the following guidelines for Expression of Interest (EOI) to all the applicants. In this case, the interested bidders were to adhere to the requirements as they also forwarded the following as attachments as critically necessary documents of relevance;

- i. Applying dairy cooperative societies, milk aggregators acting as marketing agents of smallholder farmers were to be duly registered as a cooperative society under the Cooperatives Act. Cap 490 to operate within Murang'a County as a dairy cooperative and have all current operating licenses from the County Government of Murang'a.
- ii. Have made and filed audited accounts in the last three (3) financial years.
- iii. Licensed by the Dairy Board of Kenya and the Department of Public Health and possess all other operational licenses required to be legally operational.
- iv. Valid Tax Compliance/or returns to the registrar of Cooperatives.
- v. Pin Certificate.
- vi. Provide proof of holding regular AGMs and conducting democratic and regular elections under the Cooperative Act 490 and societies by-laws.
- vii. Proof of payment of competitive market prices to members.
- viii. Possess sound financial records that meet all financial obligations and be up-to-date in servicing any debts held.
- ix. Category of the organization applying whether cooperatives, marketing group, processor, aggregator, agents, etc. (Explain & attach registration document).
- x. Location and activities carried out in the organization (were to attach sketch map)

THAT, Instructions to interested bidders indicated a statement of those willing/not willing to sign an agreement of data and information disclosure with the Murang'a County Government that was to facilitate their members to benefit from the subsidy in written form.

THAT, the Selection of candidates followed a shortlisting process, on which basis the expression of interest was submitted and invited to prepare a Request for Proposal.

THAT, interested bidders submitted their bids in two copies.

THAT, The bidders, as indicated in the bids, returned the filled bid documents to the Murang'a County Government which was indicated as on and before 10th January 2023.

On evaluation for expression of interest: that Evaluation for EOI for Murang'a County Agricultural Farm Input Subsidy was held on 28th February 2023, The submitted tenders were as follows:

1. Bidder 1. Abyssinia Limited
2. Bidder 2. Kamahuha Dairy Cooperative.
3. Bidder 3. Loyalty Dairy Enterprises
4. Bidder 4: Makomboki Dairy FCS Ltd
5. Bidder 5: Gatanga Mwangaza Dairy Fcs Ltd
6. Bidder 6: Kakaki Dairy FCS Ltd
7. Bidder 7: Mbugiti Dairy FCS Ltd
8. Bidder 8: Kagunduini Dairy FCS Ltd
9. Bidder 9: Kigoro Dairy FCS Ltd
10. Bidder 10: Sabasaba Agribusiness Cooperative Society Ltd
11. Bidder 11: Kikama Dairy Multi-Purpose Cooperative Ltd.
12. Bidder 12: Ruchu Dairy FCS Ltd
13. Bidder 13: Kahumbu Dairy Fcs Ltd
14. Bidder14: Murang'a County Creameries Cooperative Union Ltd.
15. Bidder 15; Gaichanjiru Dairy Cooperative Society Ltd
16. Bidder 16: Gemija Agencies Limited
17. Bidder 17: Kiarutara Dairy Cooperative Society Ltd
18. Bidder 18: New Nginda Dairy Cooperative Society Ltd
19. Bidder 19: Central Aberdares Dairy Cooperative Society Ltd
20. Bidder 21: Aspendos Dairy Ltd.
21. Bidder 22: New Murarandia Dairy Cooperative Society Ltd
22. Bidder 23: Ithiru Dairy Cooperative Society Ltd.
23. Bidder 24: Mbiri Dairy FCS Ltd.
24. Bidder 25: Demka Dairy

25. Bidder 26 Kangunu FCS Ltd.
26. Bidder 27: Kangari United Dairy Cooperative Society Ltd
27. Bidder 28: Kahuro Livestock Breeders Cooperative Society Ltd.

THAT, The evaluation process indicated the following dairy cooperatives/aggregators as the winners of the EOI bids:

1. Aspendos Dairy Limited.
2. Murang'a County Creameries Cooperative Union Ltd.
3. New Nginda Dairy FCS Ltd.
4. Kangari United Dairy FCS Ltd
5. Kiarutara Dairy FCS Ltd.
6. Kigoro Dairy FCS Ltd
7. Kahuro Livestock Breeders Cooperative Society Limited
8. Loyalty Dairy
9. Geminja Agencies
10. Demka Dairy Enterprises

On the payment of the subsidy, the total approved budget for the fund amounted to Ksh. 200,000,000. The fund operates an account with Cooperative Bank, Murang'a branch. A total of Ksh. 196,000,000.00 received in the fund from the County Government, the County further facilitated the disbursement of Ksh. 8,624,514.70 paid to farmers.

On the milk subsidy data, that the milk subsidy committee approved a subsidy amount of Ksh 3.50 per kilogram of milk to farmers. This translates to Ksh 14,304,216.50 for 4,086,919 kilograms of milk paid to 19,439 dairy farmers. However, the committee experienced challenges during payments due to the submission of incomplete and erroneous data by the cooperatives/aggregators leading to delays to pay subsidies to eligible farmers; The milk payment to 15433 dairy farmers was, made in March as indicated:

| BANK NAME | NO. OF FARMERS | KGS | AMOUNT (KSH) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Post Bank Ltd | 4 | 304.60 | 1,066.10 |
| Standard Chartered Bank | 2 | 1,542.80 | 5,399.80 |
| New Forties SACCO | 2 | 187.20 | 655.20 |
| Rubet SACCO | 2 | 1,730.00 | 6,055.00 |
| Wananchi SACCO | 51 | 11,758.60 | 41,155.10 |
| NCBA | 1 | 626.30 | 2,192.05 |
| Taifa SACCO | 72 | 11,018.90 | 38,566.15 |
| Unitus SACCO | 2770 | 624,078.85 | 2,184,275.98 |

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|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Muungano Bank | 435 | 164,372.60 | 575,304.10 |
| Kenya Women Finance Trust | 1 | 207.5 | 726.25 |
| Murang'a Farmers Co-Op Union | 109 | 12,868.19 | 45,038.67 |
| Mpesa | 642 | 96,868.84 | 339,040.93 |
| Mentor SACCO Society Ltd | 133 | 34,378.60 | 120,325.10 |
| Kenya Commercial Bank | 172 | 45,383.46 | 158,842.11 |
| Co-Operative Bank | 142 | 29,517.25 | 103,310.38 |
| Consolidated Bank Of Kenya | 3 | 716.50 | 2,507.75 |
| Ammar SACCO | 2 | 347.60 | 1,216.60 |
| Faulu Bank Ltd | 3 | 624.10 | 2,184.35 |
| Family Bank | 579 | 119,345.35 | 417,708.73 |
| Absa Bank Kenya | 5 | 803.90 | 2,813.65 |
| Amica SACCO | 5831 | 1,356,675.70 | 4,748,364.95 |
| Equity Bank | 4472 | 896,646.33 | 3,138,262.15 |
| Total | 15,433.00 | 3,410,003.16 | 11,935,011.08 |

THAT, the Subsidy Secretariat received data from the dairy cooperatives and milk aggregators for milk subsidy processing. The secretariat verified the data through the banks that process dairy farmers' payrolls for the dairy cooperatives and milk aggregators.

The summary of verification report is in the table below.

| | NAME | Received No. of farmers | Verification via bank | Difference | Final Data | Total Milk |
|---|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | Aspendos | 6561 | 6561 | - | 6561 | 1,237,948 |
| 2 | Kakaki | 234 | 233 | 1 | 233 | 7,024 |
| 3 | Kikama | 137 | 137 | - | 137 | 19,921 |
| 4 | Loyalty | 1387 | 1265 | 122 | 1299 | 255,554 |
| 5 | Mccu | 4408 | 4408 | - | 4408 | 962,115 |
| 6 | New nginda | 1649 | 1649 | - | 1649 | 318,096 |
| 7 | Kangari united | 950 | 950 | - | 950 | 398,805 |
| 8 | Kiarutara | 135 | 135 | - | 135 | 49,795,30 |

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|----|--------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------------|
| 9 | KigorO | 665 | 665 | - | 665 | 222,368 |
| 10 | Kahuro Breeders | 1088 | 1088 | - | 1088 | 218,961 |
| 11 | Demka | 1357 | 1357 | - | 1357 | 259,868 |
| 12 | Abyssinnia | 246 | 246 | - | 246 | 73,722 |
| 13 | Gemija | 711 | 711 | - | 711 | 112,537 |
| | | 19,525 | 19,405 | 123 | 19,439 | 4,086,919 |

On the Criteria used to establish committee for monitoring and evaluation, he submitted the following;

THAT, the Farm Input Subsidy and Incentive Fund currently manages the subsidy program. The Fund is, established in accordance with the regulation 6(1) and (2) of the Public Finance Management Act (Murang'a County Agriculture Farm Inputs Subsidy and Incentive Fund) Regulation 2022. The regulation provides as follows:

THAT, there established a committee to be, known as the Agriculture Farm Input Subsidy and Incentive Fund Committee, which shall consist of:

1. The county executive committee member in charge of Agriculture.
2. The county executive committee member in charge of Finance.
3. The chief officer in charge of Agriculture.
4. The Director of the agriculture department,

The constitution of the committee is currently as follows:

1. Dr. Kiringai Kamau –Chairperson- C.E.M-Agriculture.
2. Prof Kiarie Mwaura-member- C.E.M-Finance
3. Dr. Apollo Kamau Maina –member- Chief Officer in charge of Agriculture.
4. Mr. Daniel Muchiri-member - Director in the Agriculture Department.
5. Mr. Julius Maina Kamau – member- Rep. of Producer Organization (Dairy) - Chairman New Nginda Dairy.
6. Mr. David Kimani Njane –Member- Rep. of Producer Organization (Mango)- official Lower Murang'a Farmers' Co-operative Society.
7. Mr. Anthony Waithaka –Secretary – Fund Manager

THAT, the Committee ensures that the farmer details are accurate and that all funds paid hit the beneficiary accounts without the cooperative's intervention. The funds classify farmers as per their respective Banks/SACCOs and Cheques are drawn in favor of the bank that then transmits the funds to the specific account holder as per the farmer details provided by the bank to the Fund Manager.

On the mechanism for facilitating the transfer of farm input subsidy to farmers he submitted the following before the Committee:

THAT, While the County Government has facilitated the delivery of the joint programme Minimum Guaranteed Return Subsidy as espoused by HE the Governor, and supported by the County Assembly, the Ministry of Agriculture has also explored ways of delivering the National Government's Ministry of Agriculture, and Livestock Development Programme on subsidized fertilizer to the farmers. To this end, the ministry initiated a farmer-subsidy support program jointly with the Murang'a Farmers Cooperative Union (MFCU), linking directly with the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB). The Board agreed to work with MFCU, who agreed to waive all warehouse charges to allow the County to establish an inputs distribution center at their Union Mugama Stores.

THAT, the initiative is still ongoing. It has since attracted private sector interest and has been distributed with the support of the Deputy Governor Linkages with some fertilizer manufacturers.

THAT, the County Government intends to promote this collaboration so that the Union can link farmer cooperatives with the STABEX Programme of the Cooperative Bank and the National Government as well as any other input programs that the county continue establishing and negotiate better prices than the Subsidy programs than governments - national and county can support. This will, going forward, remove the burden of subsidies on the County Government.

THAT, In the meantime, the program is supported with the funds appropriated by the County Assembly of Murang'a and will continue to the transmission of subsidy payment to the farmer's bank and mobile accounts as evidenced above. This will continue based on the established scoring system in the digital platform that uses the payment on the farmer's productivity per kilogram of milk, or mango, delivered by the dairy and mango farmers at an amount determined by the Subsidy Fund Committee.

8.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

The Committee observed the following:

1. **THAT**, the County Government, in partnership with other stakeholders such as cooperatives and external marketers, had not established strong extension networks to support farmers in accessing the latest information and technology for managing pests and diseases in mango farming. These extension networks provide training on best practices for mango farming, access to credit and financial services, and assistance with market development and marketing.
2. **THAT**, Dairy farming farmers are faced with technological challenges as most of them are still using old technologies which are not sufficient enough to meet the market demands.
3. **THAT**, The exclusion of the private sector in the retailing of subsidized fertilizers has exacerbated accessibility to markets. The long distances combined with stocks out increased the transaction cost to farmers.

4. **THAT**, missing beneficiary names and incorrectly written beneficiary names, may result to poor quality information on the number of beneficiaries targeted in the villages.
5. **THAT**, the requirements for identification documents made some of the most vulnerable groups to be excluded from access to the subsidy.

9.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

Hon.Speaker,on the foregoing, the Committee recommends as follows:

1. **THAT**, there is a need for improved roads and transportation networks to benefit mango and milk farmers economically.
2. **THAT**, the County Government to put more efforts towards ensuring that farmers are equipped with the necessary skills and resources to succeed in their farming activities, particularly in mango production.
3. **THAT**, the County Government and other stakeholders should invest in extension services and research programs that help Mango farmers to identify and control pests and diseases effectively and sustainably.
4. **THAT**, The Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in consultation with the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture to develop a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation framework that tracks the progress and implementation of Murang'a County Subsidy Program.
5. **THAT**, the County Government to put into consideration other various areas in agribusiness.
6. **THAT**, the County Government put in place structures that will create a level playing field for the industry players in order to improve the performance of the dairy farmers in the County.
7. **THAT**, the County Government to establish structure and policies to promote Dairy farmers so that they have a ready market for their dairy products so that they can achieve significant returns in production and therefore increase their financial position that ultimately will improve their productivity.
8. **THAT**, the County Executive submits to the Assembly its annual report on the implementation status of the County policies and plans as provided for in section 30 (2) (j) of the County Government Act,2012.
9. **THAT**, Pursuant to the legal provisions under which the County Assembly operates, the County Executive Committee Member incharge of Agriculture,Livestock,Veterinary Services and Fisheries to consider inclusion of one technical Staff from the County Assembly in the Murang'a County Subsidy Committee.







10.0 CONCLUSION

Hon.Speaker, the Committee expects that the various County departments to regularly update it without fail and within the time stipulated by Standing Order 195, and be able to render reports on the implementation status of all resolutions passed by the Assembly.

Further, the Committee, therefore, believes that the County Executive Committee Member Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary Services and fisheries should ensure that the recommendations in this report are implemented in their entirety. Additionally, the Sectoral Committees should also remain proactive in the discharge of their mandate particularly that of oversight so as to ensure that the programs that fall within the province of their corresponding County departments are carried out in a manner that resonates with the purpose for which they were approved, even as the Committee on Implementation addresses itself on the same, since they have the primary mandate of day to day to oversight their respective departments as provided for under Standing Order 204(5).

THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION

REPORT ADOPTION SCHEDULE.

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