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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
SECOND ASSEMBLY-SECOND SESSION

REPORT
OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS
ON

**THE COMMITTEE'S SITE INSPECTION VISIT TO KWA REUBEN,
MIHANG'O, KOMAROCK AND UMOJA 1 WARDS**

Clerk's Chambers
City Hall Buildings
NAIROBI

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works is one of the Sectoral Committees established under Standing Order 203. The Committee is mandated under the 3rd Schedule of the Standing Orders to investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to County transport, including county roads, street lighting, traffic and parking, public road transport, county public works and services including storm water management systems in built-up areas.

On 14th June 2018 the Committee on conducted an inspection visit to Kwa Reuben, Mihang'o, Komarock and Umoja 1 Wards to inspect the status of selected public transport facilities especially after the rainy season.

The said visits was conducted out of Committee's resolve to get firsthand information regarding the sites as identified by the respective MCAs and subsequently report to the House upon adoption of report of the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

The Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works comprises the following members:

- 1) Hon. James Mwangi Wambui, MCA **Chairman**
- 2) Hon. Mark Mugambi, MCA **Vice- Chairman**
- 3) Hon. Fredrick Njogu, MCA
- 4) Hon. Osman Adow, MCA
- 5) Hon. Patricia Musyimi, MCA
- 6) Hon. Anthony Ngaruiya, MCA
- 7) Hon. Joyce Muthoni, MCA
- 8) Hon. Abdi Ibrahim Hassan, MCA
- 9) Hon. Paul Kados, MCA
- 10) Hon. Habiba Hassan, MCA
- 11) Hon. Evans Otiso, MCA
- 12) Hon. Kennedy Obuya, MCA
- 13) Hon. Stazo Elijah Omungala Angila, MCA
- 14) Hon. David Ayo, MCA
- 15) Hon. Mary Mwami, MCA
- 16) Hon. Geoffrey Majiwa, MCA
- 17) Hon. Hafsa Khalif, MCA
- 18) Hon. Wilson Ochola, MCA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works wishes to thank the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Nairobi City County Assembly for the support extended to it in the conduct of this site inspection visit.

Further, the Committee is thankful to the Secretariat for their contributions during and after the visit and compilation of this report.

Finally, I wish to convey my gratitude to the Members of the Committee. Your commitment during the site inspection visit contributed immensely to the compilation of this report.

Hon. Members,

On behalf of the Members of Sectoral committee on Transport and Public Works, it is my pleasant duty and privilege, to present the Committee's Report on the inspection visit to Kwa Reuben, Mihang'o, Komarock and Umoja 1 Wards.

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CHAIRMAN

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1.0 PREAMBLE

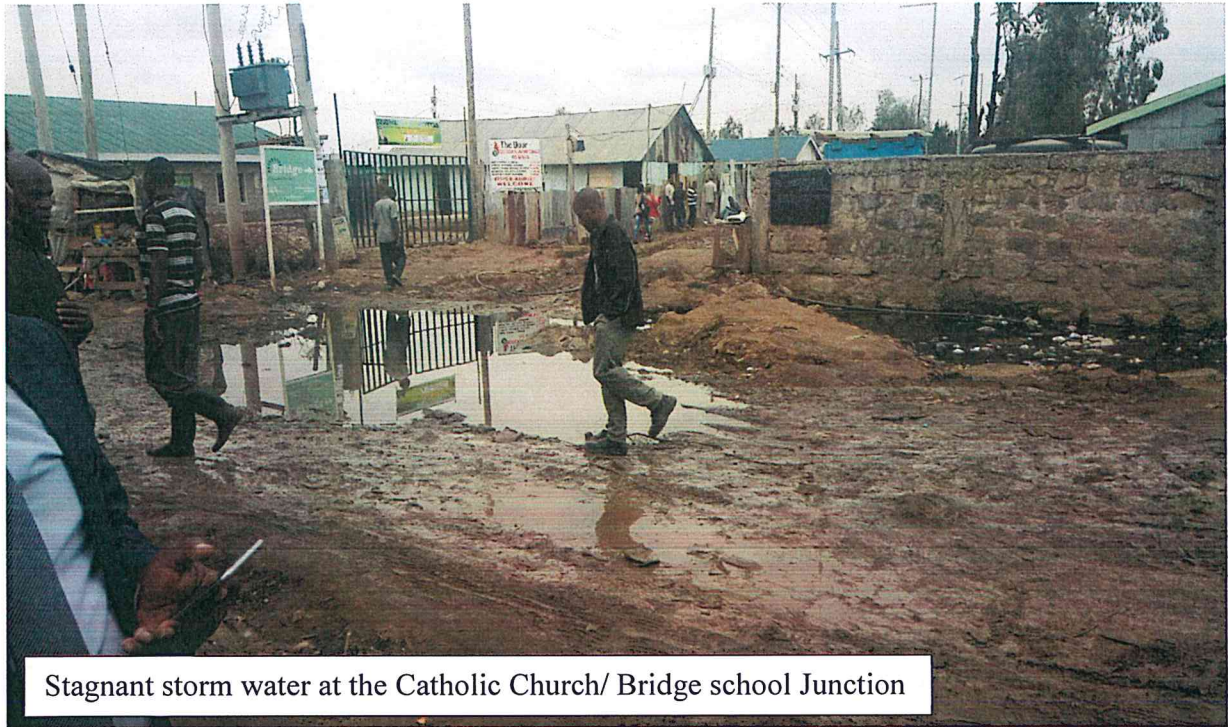
The prolonged long rains that just ended resulted into damage of public transport facilities including roads and drainage systems in numerous areas in the County. Having received numerous reports of the damage from the Members of the County Assembly and reports in the media, the Committee felt that the situation required urgent action. In view of this, they resolved to conduct visits to the worst hit areas, make observations and compile report for adoption by the Assembly and for the County Executive to take action.

1.1 FINDINGS

1.2 KWA REUBEN WARD

During the visit to Kwa Reuben Ward, the Committee met the area MCA who led the Committee to the areas in the Ward that were worst affected by the rains. The Committee observed that:

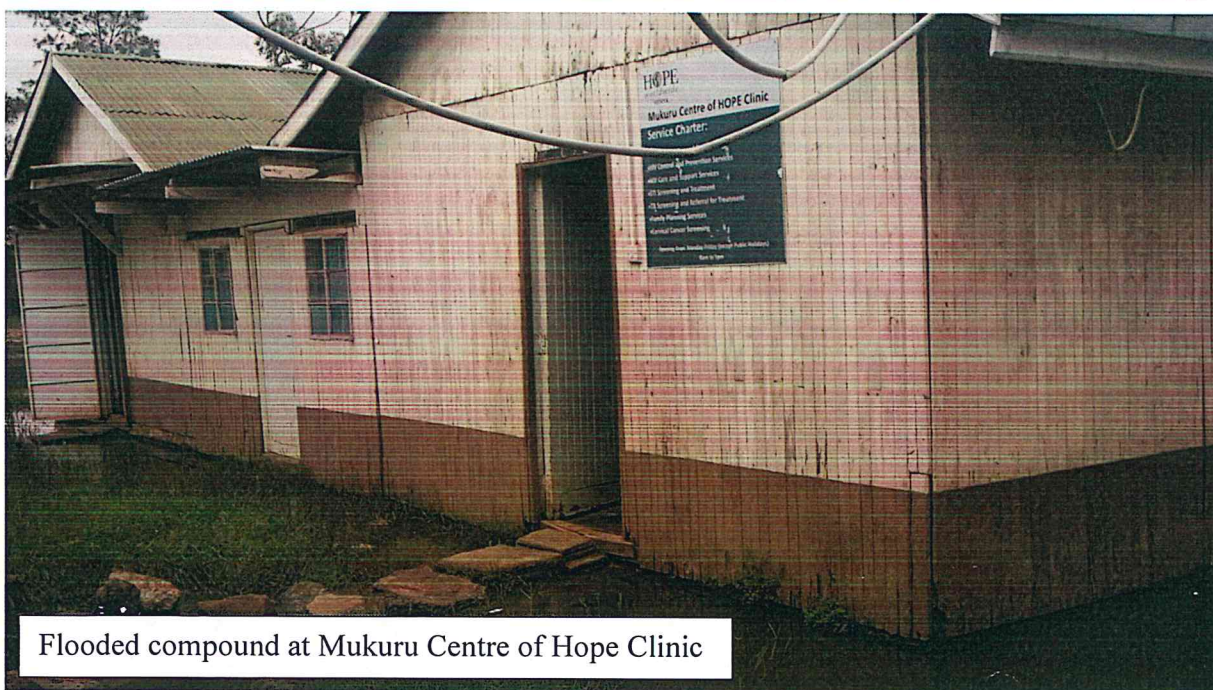
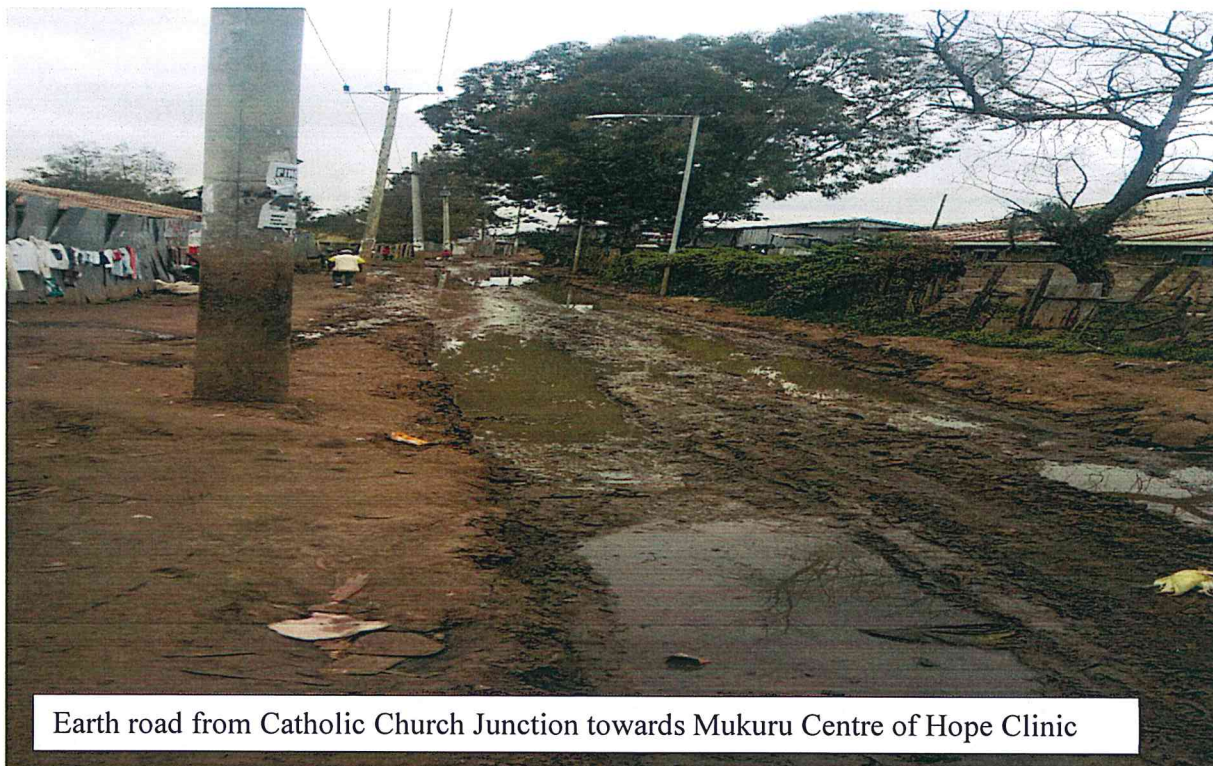
- i. At St. Jude Thaddeus Reuben Catholic Church Junction, the drainage system was unable to channel storm water to the river due to blockage by loose soil and garbage. As a result, storm water was unable to flow downstream;
- ii. The earth feeder road leading to Mukuru Centre of Hope and Amua Family Planning Clinics from the Catholic Church Junction had been rendered impassible by stagnant storm water that drains onto the road due to the blocked drainage system at the Junction;
- iii. Mukuru Centre of Hope and Amua Family Planning Clinics were flooded by the overflowing storm water from the feeder road named above and that the stagnant water in the facility was partly submerged most of the buildings in the compound leaving them unutilized;
- iv. The overall drainage in the settlement was poor hence most houses are surrounded by stagnant water mixed with poorly disposed garbage; and
- v. The Mukuru Community Health Centre had been closed down owing to storm water that partly submerged the buildings allegedly because the storm water channel was blocked by construction of residential housing on public land adjacent to the facility;

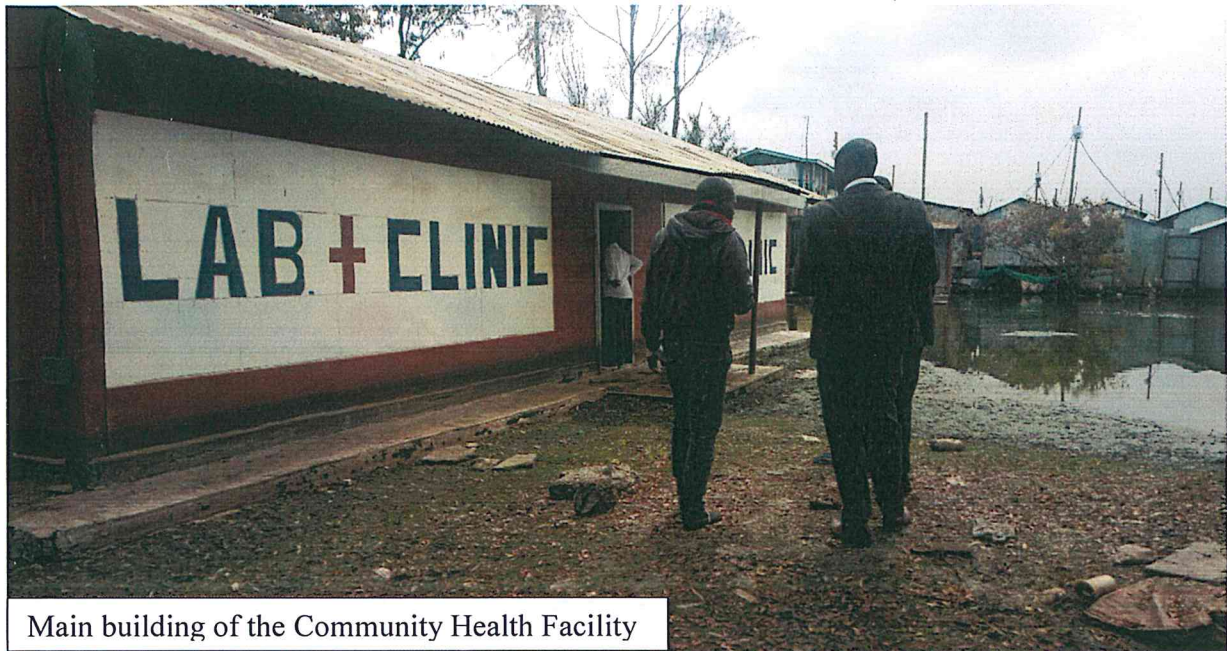


Stagnant storm water at the Catholic Church/ Bridge school Junction

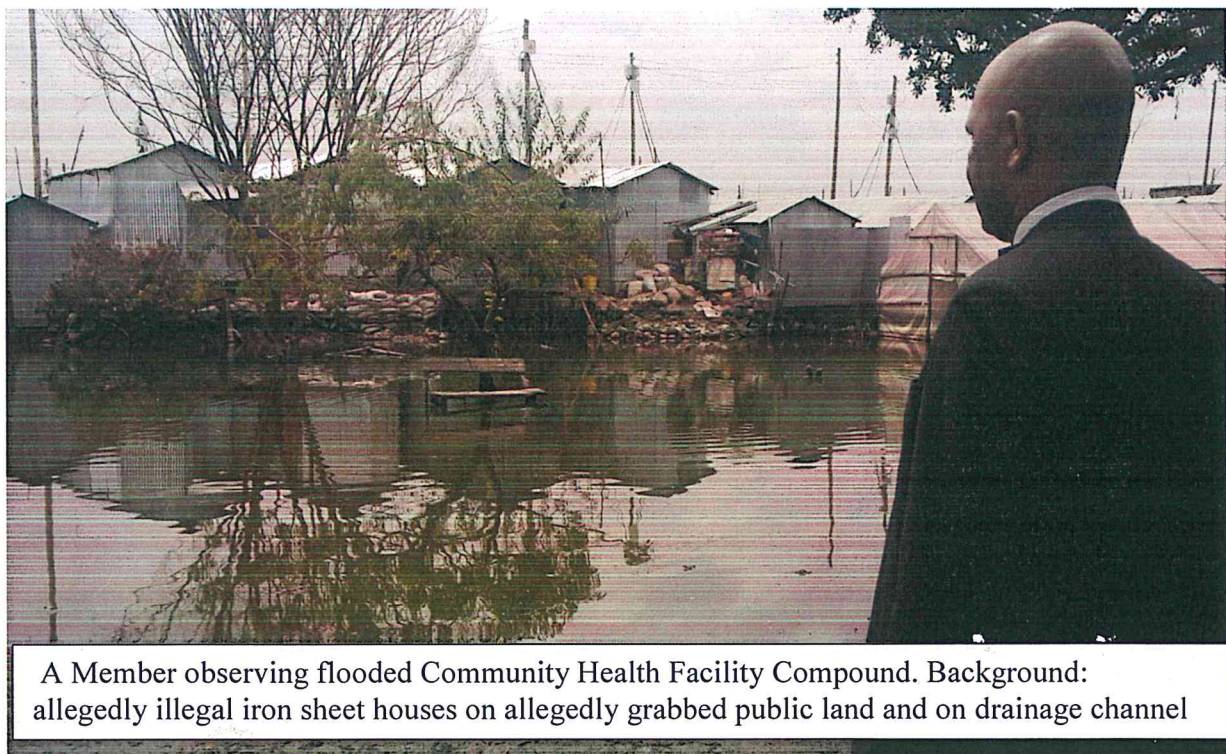


Encroachment and dumping on the main drainage channel

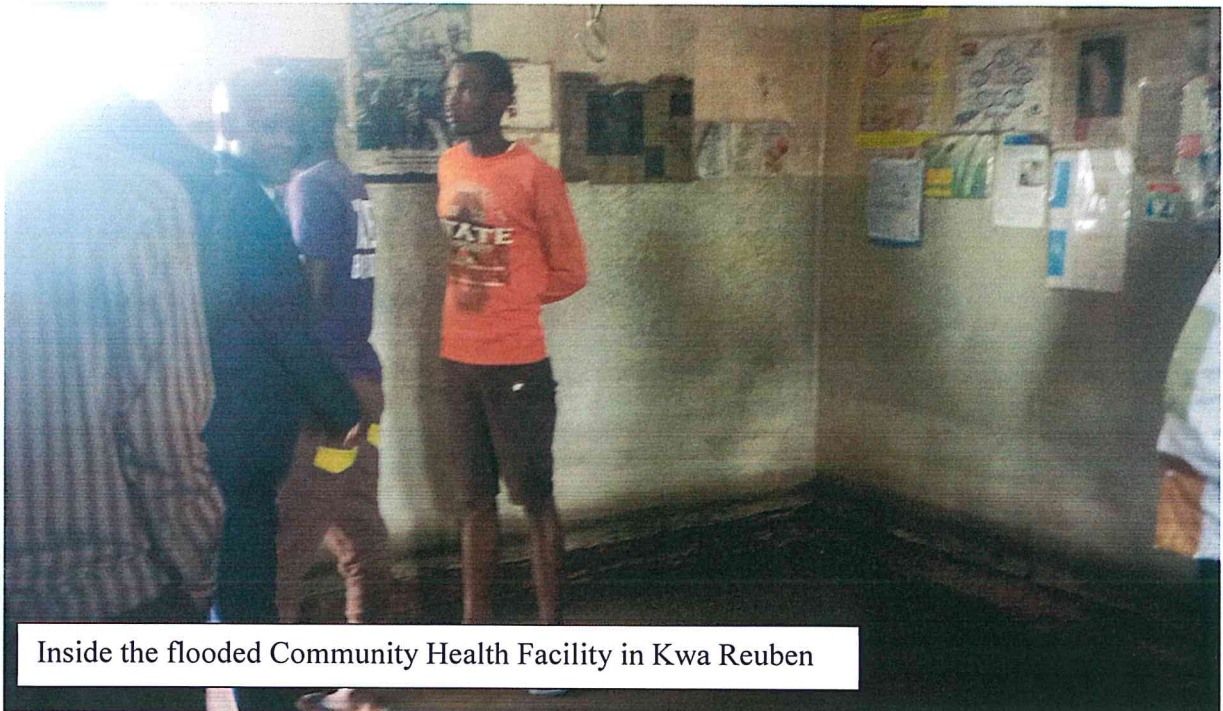




Main building of the Community Health Facility



A Member observing flooded Community Health Facility Compound. Background: allegedly illegal iron sheet houses on allegedly grabbed public land and on drainage channel



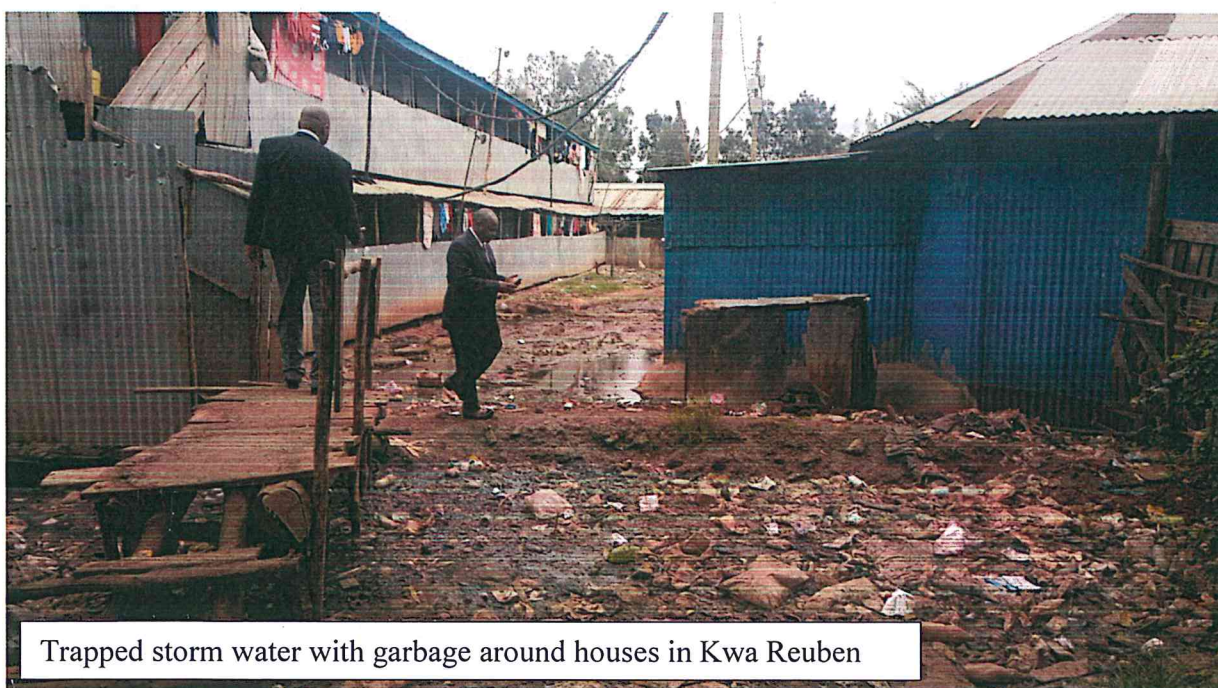
Inside the flooded Community Health Facility in Kwa Reuben



Director of Community Health Centre takes Committee to a tour of facility



Development on allegedly grabbed public land in Kwa Reuben



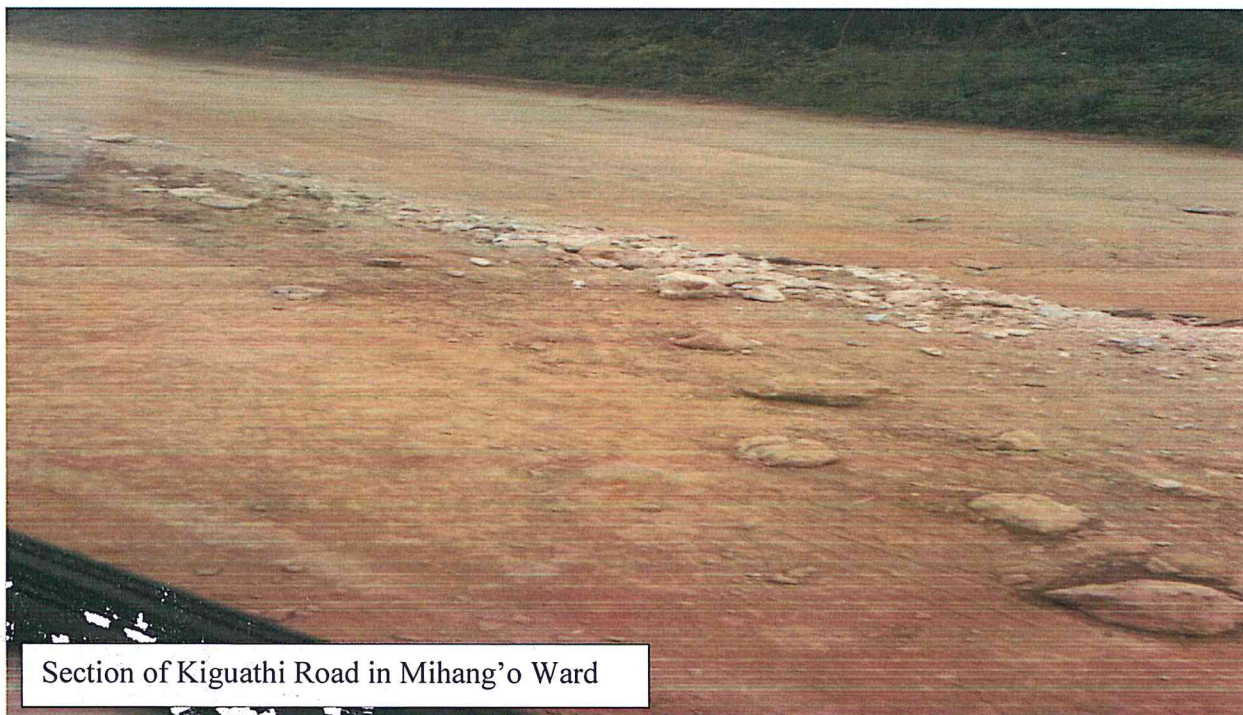
Trapped storm water with garbage around houses in Kwa Reuben

1.3 MIHANG'O WARD

The Committee was met at the Ward Offices by a designated officer who led the Committee to Kiguathi Road which is a six kilometer earth road that links the Eastern By pass to Kayole Estate. The road runs through Mihang'o Ward before joining Kayole Estate at the river.

While at Mihang'o, the Committee made the following findings:

- i. That the project for tarmacking of the road was awarded to a contractor who had tarmacked a section of it but pulled out due to delayed release of funds by the County Government. As a result, the untarmacked section had been damaged by the rains; and
- ii. That completion of the project had however, been allocated Ksh. 60,300,525 in the FY 2018/2019 budget.



1.4 KOMAROCK WARD

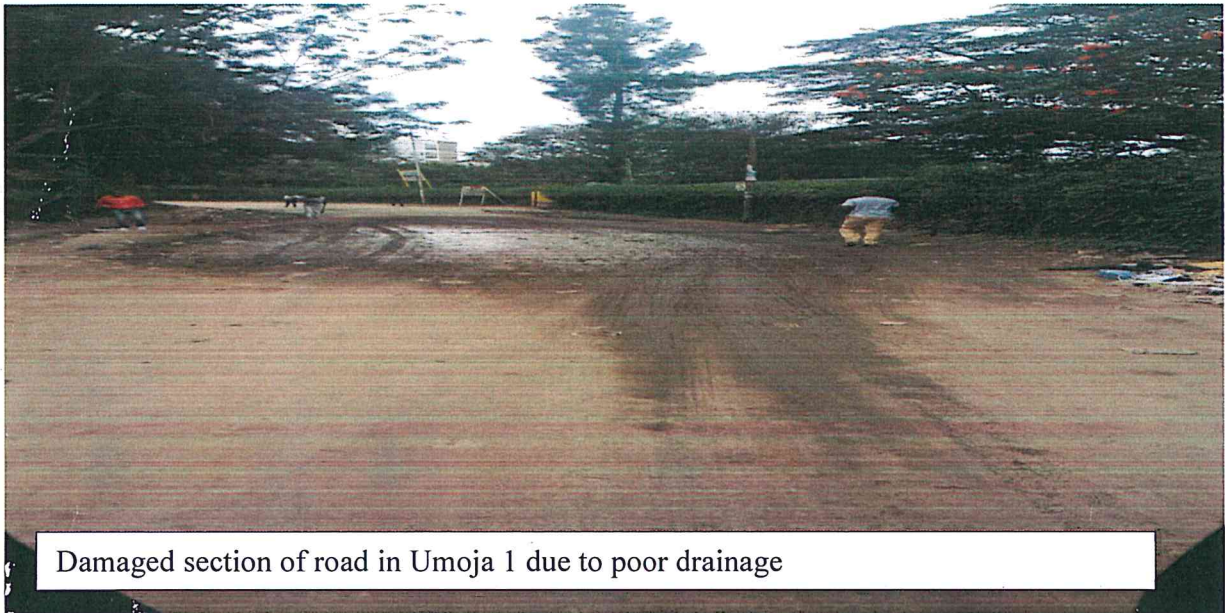
During the visit, the Committee was accompanied by the Komarock Ward MCA who took the Members to Nasra Estate area.

At Nasra, the Committee observed poor drainage system. The Estate was especially affected during the long rain season where storm water remained stagnant in the estate for lack of drainage channels to drain it away.

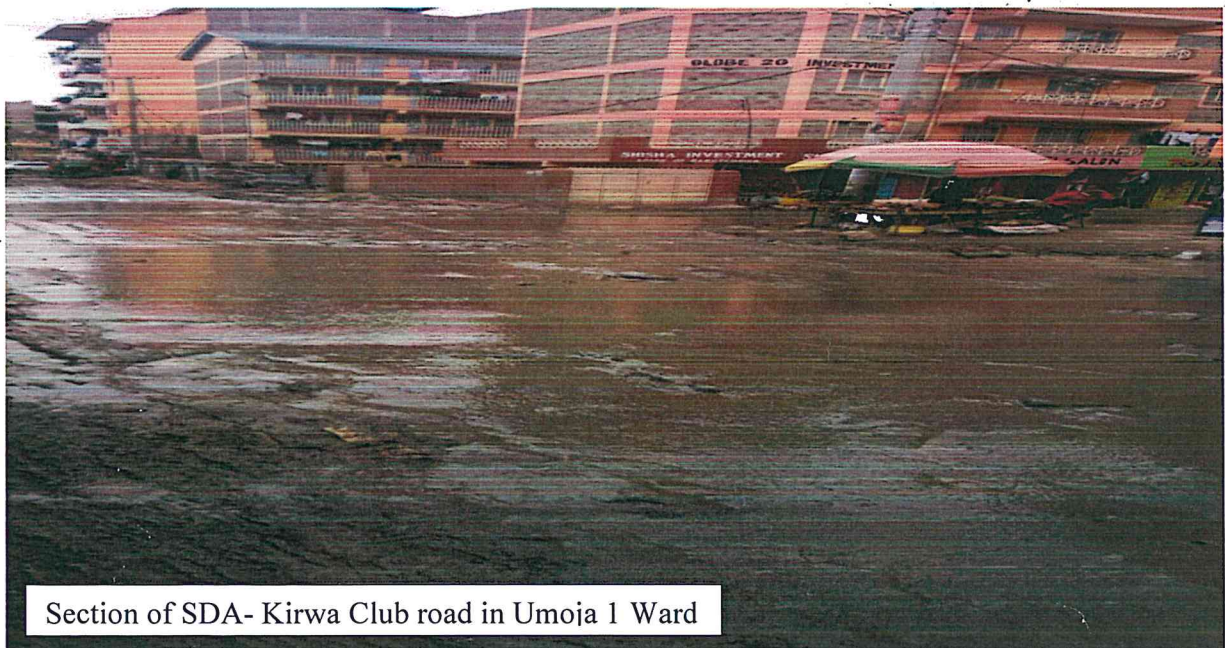
1.5 UMOJA 1 WARD

While on visit to Umoja 1 Ward, the Committee was met by Umoja 1 MCA who led the Members to the areas of concern to the residents. The Committee made the following observations:

1. That drainage along the road leading to Umoja 1 Primary School and the adjacent residences was poor. This led to development of potholes in the road due to stagnant water the road;
2. That the Seventh Adventist Church (SDA)- Kirua Club road and Pewa Street- African Inland Church(AIC) Link earth roads were rendered muddy and impassible to pedestrians. While motorists found it difficult to navigate due to the muddy conditions.



Damaged section of road in Umoja 1 due to poor drainage



Section of SDA- Kirwa Club road in Umoja 1 Ward

1.6 CONCLUSION

Access to proper roads by the residents in the County is a responsibility of the County Government and the role of the Assembly is to ensure that projects in relations to roads are done as plans and budget through its oversight role. Having visited various roads in the selected wards, the Committee established that poor roads and drainage systems make it difficult for the residents to go about their daily business. In view of this, the Committee recommends that the County Government expedite construction and rehabilitation of roads and drainage systems in the Wards visited and County wide.

1.7 RECOMMENDATIONS

Hon. Speaker, following the site inspection visit and observation and in view of the above observations and findings, the Committee recommends that this Assembly adopts this report of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works on its site inspections visit to Kwa Reuben, Mihang'o, Komarock and Umoja 1 Wards and resolved that:

- i. The County Government to move with speed to construct proper drainage in the affected sections of Kwa Reuben, Umoja 1 and Komarock Wards;
- ii. The County Government to urgently clear all blocked drainage systems in Kwa Reuben Ward and ensure that stagnant storm water in social amenities is drained accordingly;
- iii. The County Government to urgently rehabilitate earth roads damaged by storm water resulting from the recent long rains in Kwa Reuben Ward;
- iv. The County to clear all encroachments on drainage including solid waste systems on County roads especially in Kwa Reuben Ward to ensure continuous flow of storm water into major drainage channels;
- v. The County to expedite release of funds to the contractor working on Kiguathi road in Mihang'o Ward so that works resume on the road; and
- vi. The County to tarmac the SDA-Kirwa Club and Pewa Street- AIC roads in Umoja 1 Ward. Further, damaged roads in Umoja estate to be factored in the 2018/2019 Annual Maintenance Plan in view of rehabilitating them to ease mobility of both humans and motor vehicles; and

- vii. The County Assembly Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing to investigate the circumstances under which the land adjacent to Kwa Reuben Community Health Centre was allegedly grabbed and unprocedurally developed and subsequently interfering with flow of storm water in sections of the Ward with a view of reverting it to the County.

