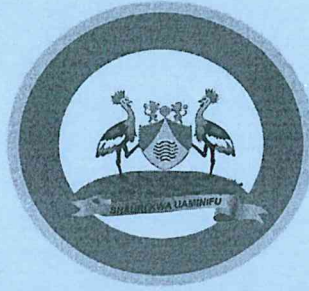


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Pursuant to Standing Order 196, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today Thursday 28th September 2023:

- THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES ON THE WORKSHOP HELD FROM 24TH TO 27TH MAY 2023 AT MAXLAND HOTEL, KIAMBU COUNTY.

(Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)

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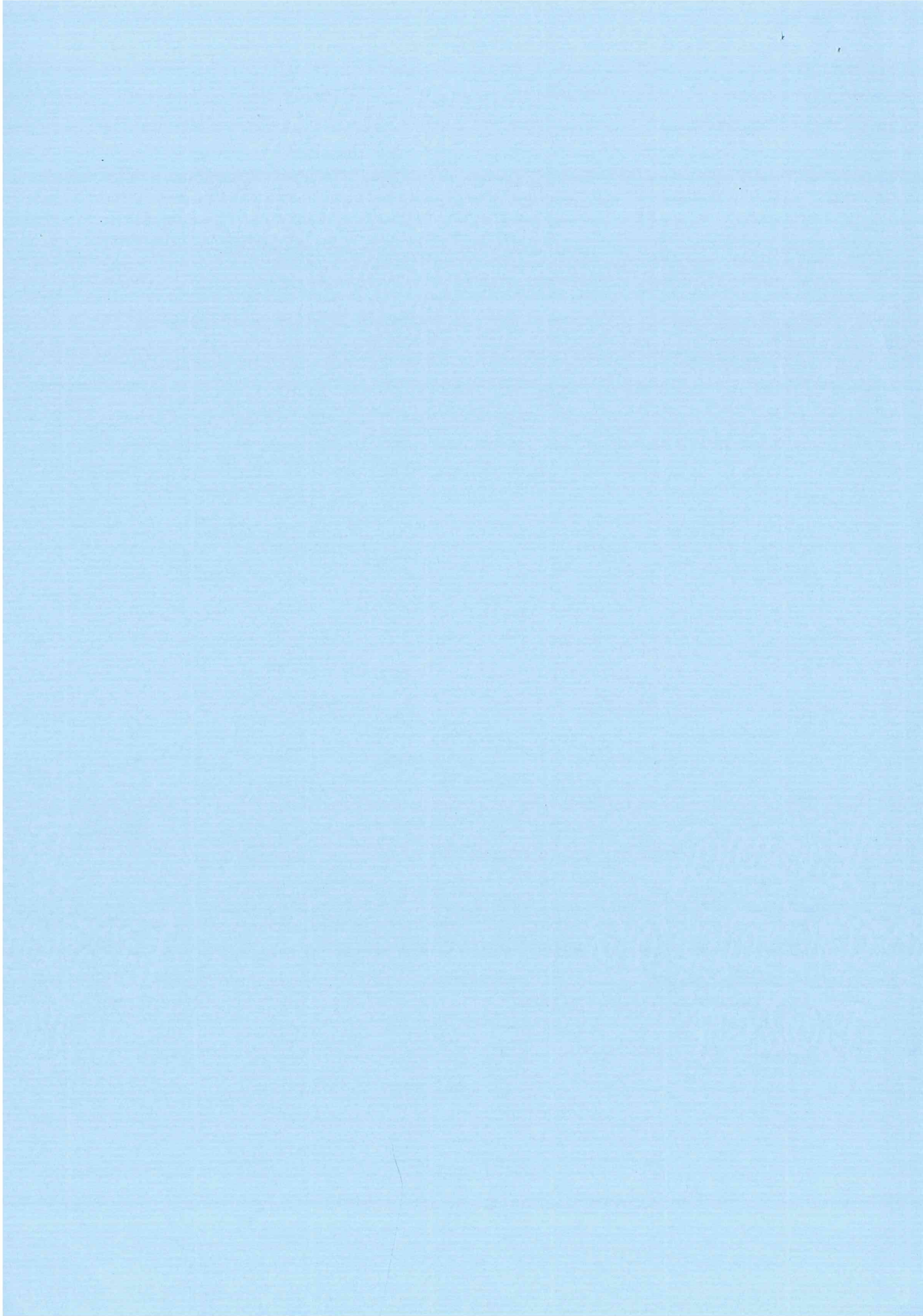
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PREFACE

1.1 Committee Mandate and Establishment

Hon. Speaker,

Standing Order 209 which sets up the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries and the Third Schedule empower it to consider matters related to “*agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry, livestock sale yards, county abattoirs, plant and animal disease control and welfare, including licensing of dogs and facilities for the accommodation, care and burial of animals*”

The Committee oversees the Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources sub-sector.

1.2 Committee Membership

Hon. Speaker,

The Committee on Agriculture, Livestock Development & Fisheries is composed of the following Members: -

1. Hon. Anthony Ngaruiya Jasho, MCA - Chairperson
2. Hon. Emmy Khatemeshi, MCA – Vice-Chairperson
3. Hon. Malyun Abdi, MCA
4. Hon. Scolastica Muthoni, MCA
5. Hon. Peter Imwatok, MCA
6. Hon. Joel Munuve, MCA
7. Hon. Samson Ochieng Jera, MCA
8. Hon. Joyce Lugonzo, MCA
9. Hon. Eutyclus Mukiri, MCA
10. Hon. Robert Alai, MCA
11. Hon. Naomi Kerubo, MCA
12. Hon. Emily Oduor, MCA
13. Hon. John Rex Omolleh, MCA
14. Hon. Martin Mbugua Mwangi, MCA
15. Hon. Chris Mtumishiss, MCA
16. Hon. Martin Wairobi, MCA
17. Hon. Mark Mugambi, MCA
18. Hon. Anthony Kiragu, MCA
19. Hon. Mark Thiga, MCA
20. Hon. Beatrice Wandani, MCA
21. Hon. Hashim Kamau, MCA
22. Hon. Chege Mwaura, MCA

The Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries held a two-day workshop from 24th to 27th May, 2023 in Kiambu County. The main objective of the workshop was to;

- i. Enable the Committee understand its mandate pursuant to Standing Order 209 and Fourth Schedule Part II of the CoK, 2010
- ii. Enable Committee to appreciate its role in the budget making and law making process
- iii. Enable Committee understand existing Legislations, Regulations and Policies within the Agriculture sub sector and its milestones ;and
- iv. Apprise the Committee on pending business.

Acknowledgement

Hon. Speaker,

The Committee takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical support accorded to it in the execution of its mandate. Further, the Committee extends its appreciation to the Secretariat for their contributions during and after the workshop and compilation of this report.

Finally, on behalf of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, it is my honor to present to the Assembly, the report of the Committee pursuant to the Standing Orders of the County Assembly.

Thank you.

Signed..........Dated this...27th.....day of...SEPT.....2023

Hon. Anthony Ngaruiya, MCA

(Chairperson) Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

2.0 OFFICIAL OPENING AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The Workshop was officially opened by Hon. Anthony Ngaruiya Jasho, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. He welcomed and thanked the participants for availing themselves for the workshop and gave opportunity for introductions. In his remarks, the Chairperson stated that it was imperative, at the end of the workshop, for the Committee to appreciate and understand its mandate and core functions in order to be able to effectively oversight the Food, Agriculture and Forestry Sub sector.

3.0 PROCEEDINGS OF THE WORKSHOP

3.1 MANAGEMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE COMMITTEE

3.1.1 INTRODUCTION

The Senior Clerk, Mr. Wilfred Manyi began with opening remarks stating the need for a Chairperson and Secretariat/Committee Clerk(s) to work harmoniously in order to make a Committee more effective and on track to discharge its mandate.

He submitted as follows: -

- Chairperson of a Committee shall preside over meetings of the Committee, perform the functions and exercise the powers assigned to the office of the Chairperson by the Committee, resolutions of the Assembly or legislation; and is the spokesperson of the Committee in accordance with the (S.O 176)
- It is the duty of the Chairperson to ensure that Committee's reports is arrived at by consensus.
- In spite of party demands and personal preferences, the Chair has the responsibility to guide in decision making and is expected to play the role of impartial arbiter. It is advisable for a Chairman to avoid taking decisions on controversial matter without contribution of Members of the Committee.
- The Chairperson represents the interests of the Committee in the Liaison Committee. A Chairman should be cognizant of the necessity for cooperative working relationship with other Committees.
- The Chairperson signs reports of the Committee, on behalf of the Committee. (SO 196-2)
- The Chairperson of a select Committee guides the Committee and upon consultations with the members, convenes the meetings.

- Sittings of Select Committees shall be determined by the Chairperson or on a petition made by at-least a third of Members of that Committee but no meeting of Committee shall be held outside the precincts of Assembly without the approval of the Speaker (S.O. 178).
- The Chairperson signs minutes of the sittings of the Committee after they have been confirmed by the Members.

On the attributes of an effective Chairperson, it was stated as follows:-

- The Chairman's ability to manage Committee meetings depends on sound planning/advance preparations (Chairperson brief by the Secretariat), control over deliberations and effective use of the Standing Orders. Members' participation should be encouraged but the Chair has the responsibility to guide the deliberations in terms of focus and relevancy
- A successful Chairman draws upon the talents and expertise of other Members while retaining the management control of the committee activities. Under these conditions, personal persuasions and management skills may be a critical asset for a Chairman to earn respect and support of the Committee Members;
- On Committee Members, they should be committed and devoted to take their Committee assignments seriously so as to improve the level and quality of Executive accountability to the public.

Some related aspects were discussed as follows:-

- ✓ Punctuality - Adjournment due to lack of quorum – (30 minutes of the appointed time) SO 181
- ✓ Avoid technical appearance
- ✓ Members should respect the office of the Chairperson.
- ✓ Members should avoid discussing about the subject of their inquiry in public until their report is laid on the Table of the House so as not to pre-empt the debate.
- ✓ Prior to a meeting, it is important that the Committee meets at least thirty (30) minutes to prepare Members and strategize for the meeting – housekeeping.
- On role of Secretariat, the facilitator stated that most of the work of a Committee is done by the Committee secretariat who is responsible for the proper and efficient transaction of the business of the Committee.

The duties of Committee clerk include the following:-

- The Clerk prepares the Notice of meetings after consulting the Chairperson and sends this to all Members;
- Logistical support on scheduling of Committee meetings/venue/notices. The Committee clerk in charge must always liaise with the Committee Chairperson to plan for Committee meetings as agreed by the Committee and must issue notices on time;
- Clerk prepares a programme of sittings in consultation with the Chair and with concurrence of Members;
- Marshalling correspondence on committee activities
- Taking of minutes– It is the duty of the clerk of the Committee to keep minutes of the proceedings of a Committee;
- Quorum– A select Committee cannot proceed to business unless a quorum is present. It is the duty of the clerk of a Committee to draw the attention of the Chair to lack of quorum.(s.0 174);
- Procedural advisor– The Clerk of a Committee is the chief procedural and technical adviser to the Committee;
- Planning and coordination of Committee's activities both local and international;
- Committee documents/papers– Maintaining and safe record keeping/custody of committee's Reports/documents. The Committee clerk has custody of all records of the Committee, preparation and Circulation of Papers to Members of the Committee all such papers as is directed by the Committee or the Chairperson, copies of written evidence submitted by witnesses on which they are to be examined orally are circulated by the Committee clerk to Members of the Committee;
- Preparation of Draft Report– towards the end of an inquiry or workshop the Clerk should prepare a draft report for the Members to consider for adoption and subsequently tabling in the County Assembly;
- A Committee clerk prepares a Committee's Work plan, costing and manages the budget as apportioned by the Liaison Committee;

- Summoning of witnesses – the Committee Clerk is normally the link between witnesses appearing before a Committee and the Committee Members, arranges for the attendance of witnesses;
- The Committee clerk prepares Chairperson's brief whenever the Committee sits and this contains relevant background material and suggested lines of questioning; and
- Administration of oath or affirmation to witnesses– witnesses is not normally examined on oath. When witnesses are examined on oath, the oath is usually administered by the clerk.

3.1.2 Existing Legislations, regulations and policies within the Agriculture sub sector

The Committee was informed of the existing Sector legislations as follows:-

1. NCC Dog Control & Welfare Act, 2015
 - The Act provides for control and welfare of dogs within the County
 - It provides for Licensing, Dog welfare, disposal and enforcement by Veterinary Surgeons to ensure compliance
2. The Nairobi City County Urban Agriculture. Promotion and Regulation Act, 2015. No.4 of 2015.
 - Was assented to on 12th August, 2015
 - To promote & regulate urban agriculture
3. Nairobi City County Food System Strategy
 - Completed and implementation ongoing
 - Basically focuses on; food production, food distribution, food processing and food consumption
4. Nairobi City County Urban and Peri – Urban Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Policy
 - Promotes and regulates sustainable Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (*UPALF*)
 - Focuses to improve incomes, food security, create employment and reduce poverty to enhance living standards
5. Regulations for Nairobi City County Dog control and welfare Act, 2015
 - Awaiting publishing upon payment
6. Animal Control and Welfare Bill Status
7. Nairobi City County Abattoirs Act, 2016

- To regulate operations of an abattoirs
- 8. Regulations for the Nairobi City County Abattoirs Act Status
- 9. County Agriculture Sector Steering Committee Bill (CASSCOM)
- Focus at ensuring efficiency and accountability of all projects and programs in the agriculture sector at the county level
- CASSCOM is anchored on Legal Notice (No. 2 of 2012) on Establishment of Joint Committees in Agriculture Sector under (Intergovernmental Relations Act) 2012 and is mandated is to:
 - ✓ Establish multidisciplinary structures for coordination of agricultural sector in counties
 - ✓ Develop instruments for operation and accountability of the coordination structures
 - ✓ Foster collaborations and linkages with public and private institutions in the management and delivery of agricultural programs and services
 - ✓ Support implementation or development of Policies/ strategies/ regulations/ plans/ legislations of relevance to sector

3.2 Implementation status of projects/ programmes in the previous years (2018 – 2022)

3.2.1 Introduction

The Senior Clerk Assistant informed the Committee of the following achievements of the Sub Sector that needed verification by members through site inspection visits.

- Reached 15,400 farmers/ clients annually with agriculture extension messages
- In collaboration with FAO, constructed 400 multi storey gardens for families in 3 informal settlements of Korogocho, Mukuru and Kibra
- Installed 7 drip irrigation kits in learning institutions
- Installed 7 fish tanks for youths and women groups (pending bill)
- Excavated 10 fish ponds in learning institutions (pending bill)
- Reduced prevalence of animal diseases by 60% through vaccination of 21,690 animals annually
- Reached 110,000 clients from baseline of 10,000 on awareness of food safety requirements through campaigns and use of social media
- Conducted daily inspections of meat and fish

- Certification of meat and fish traders
- Acquired an on-line disease surveillance system (Kenya Animal Bio Surveillance System with assistance of the National Government
- Installed an incinerator at Pangani dog pound for safe disposal of animal carcasses
- Regulated livestock movement in and out of the city
- Licensed about 2,000 dogs annually
- Managed to plant 1,044,250 tree seedlings all over the Sub – Counties
- Established a tree nursery at City Park to increase supply of seedlings in the city
- Completed underground water tank at Wangu primary school for rain water harvesting to enhance urban farming in the school
- Regulated tree cutting and pruning
- Completed the Nairobi Food System Strategy and implementation is ongoing
- Conducted 6 food security surveillance missions in Korogocho, Kibra and Mukuru; reports shared with County administration for guidance and planning purposes
- Won an international award under Milan Urban Food Policy Pact
- Produced 2nd best farmer Nationally under the category of Women in agriculture
- Participation at Nairobi International Trade Fair (NITF)/ Show

3.2.2 Committee Site Inspection visits

3.2.2.1 Introduction

- The Committee was apprised of the schedule of inspection visits geared to assess and evaluate programmes undertaken by the Sub sector in previous Financial Years.
- The Committee was expected to plan and agree on dates and time for the visits that were to be accompanied by relevant technical officers from the Sub Sector

The schedule was as follows:-

S/NO	PROPOSED VISIT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
1.		Animal clinic	Pangani dog pound. (Ksh. 5,000,000)
2.		Procured 3 specialized vehicles (For impounding of stray animals)	UNKNOWN
3.	Installation of 9 Green houses and water harvesting Tanks namely:		
		i. Langata West Primary School	Mugumoini Ward
		ii. Dagoretti High School	Ruthimitu Ward
		iii. Mahiga Primary	Kahawa West Ward
		iv. Kariobangi North Primary School	Kariobangi North Ward
		v. Makadara Children Rehabilitation Center	Maringo/Hamza Ward
		vi. Muthurwa Primary School	Pumwani Ward
		vii. Daniel Comboni Primary School	Korogocho Ward
		viii. Nairobi Primary School	Kilimani Ward
		ix. Imara Primary School	Kayole Central Ward
4.		Construction and stocking of 17 Unit factory broilers (500 broilers per unit)	To be verified
5.		Multi storey / Micro gardens Establishment in institutions with central kitchens for school feeding programme	To be verified
6.		Installation of 7 fish tanks for youth and women groups namely:-	
		i. Made in the streets Children's	Ruai Ward

			Home (boys section)	
		ii.	Moi Forces 4 K club	Eastleigh Ward
		iii.	Aqualand Youth Group	Waithaka Ward
		iv.	Njiru Farmers Self Help Group	Njiru Ward
		v.	Mwengenyie Self Help Youth Group	Njiru Ward
		vi.	FADC Youth Group	Ruthimitu Ward
		vii.	Kreative Generations	Kabiro Ward

7. Construction of 10 Fish Ponds in Learning Institutions namely;

		i.	Cardinal Otunga Children's Home	Karen Ward
		ii.	St. George's Primary School	Kilimani Ward
		iii.	Umoja 1 Primary School	Umoja 1 Ward
		iv.	Moi Forces Primary School	Eastleigh North Ward
		v.	Consolata Convent	Karen Ward
		vi.	Moi Girls High School	Woodley Ward
		vii.	Made in the Streets Children's Home	Ruai Ward
		viii.	Olympic High School	Makina Ward
		ix.	Kenya High School	Lavington
		x.	Lenana High School	Kabiria
8.	County Abattoirs			
			Kiamaiko	Kiamaiko
			Neema	Lucky Summer
			Kayole	Njiru

4.0 CLOSING OF THE WORKSHOP AND WAY FORWARD

At the end of the workshop the Committee resolved as follows:

- i) Regular engagements with the Sector County Executive Committee Member & Chief Officers to enable Members understand challenges of the Sector, extent of implementation of existing Acts, Capital projects and programmes. As such,

Committee to insist to be furnished with quarterly reports as part of oversight and monitoring performance of the Sector;

- ii) The Committee to map out all relevant stakeholders and plan for official meetings with them for purposes of understanding their roles in promoting urban agriculture in the City; and
- iii) The Committee to map out the Sector projects and commence with site inspection visit to Pangani Dog Pound and Animal Clinic.

