

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU**THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU****THE HANSARD****Thursday, 29th February, 2024**

*The Assembly met at the
Main Chambers, at 2:30 p.m.*

[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Communication from the Chair.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable members, I have the following communication to make; Our sitting today is blessed and privileged by a delegation from Kangaja Junior primary School from Mkunumbi ward. The Delegation consists of 55 students, 6 teachers as well as two Board members of the school.

Honorable members, may I now recognize the delegation. I take this opportunity to warmly welcome the delegation to the County Assembly of Lamu and would also like to give my fellow Honorable members an opportunity to welcome them.

Thank you.

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Asante Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi hii kuwakaribisha watoto wetu katika bunge letu. Ningependa kuwapongeza walimu kuweza kuwafikisha wanafunzi hawa mahali kama hapa ili waweze kupata mafunzo.

MCA Zahara Shee Mohamed (Nominated): Asante Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi ili kuweza kuwakaribisha walimu na wanafunzi katika bunge letu. Ningependa kuwashukuru wazazi wenu kuchangia kuwaleta katika mahali kama hapa, kwa hivyo nawahimiza kuwa mumeletwa hapa kupata mafunzo ili muwe na malengo katika maisha yenu. Kwa hivyo yote mtakayoyapata hapa naomba muyatilie manani.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statements.

PNEUMONIA CASES IN MPEKETONI SUB COUNTY HOSPITAL

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Thank You Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker Sir, Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C), I rise to seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health Services and Environment regarding Pneumonia cases in Mpeketoni Sub County Hospital.

Mr Speaker Sir, Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, provide for the right to the high attainable standard of health, which includes the right to health care services, including reproductive health.

Mr Speaker Sir, I am aware of high cases of pneumonia that resulted to death of two kids. Currently the pediatric ward at Mpeketoni Sub County Hospital is full of kids with the same case.

Mr Speaker sir, I seek to know the from the Sectorial Committee on Health Services and Environment on the following:-

1. Is the Department aware of the said outbreak of pneumonia at Mpeketoni Hospital?
2. What mitigations are in place to curb the said situation?
3. Are there enough medicine to overcome the said outbreak?
4. What precautions are in place to prevent more infants' mortality?
5. Has the department conducted awareness to the public on the said matters?

Thank you.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Any Addition to that Statement?

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (Nominated): Asante Bwana Spika, ningependa kuongezea kuwa hili ni jambo la kuskitisha sana na zahanati zetu ziko na wafanyikazi kidogo. Siku ya Jumanne watu huwa wengi sana kwa sababu huwa ni siku ya kliniki na daktari wa kuwahudumia ni mmoja. Kwa hivyo naomba madaktari waweze kuongezwa haswa katika sehemu za zahanati.

MCA Shekhuna Abass Shekhuna (Mkomani): Asante Bwana Spika, ni maskitiko makubwa kuwa juzi tulimpoteza daktari katika maeneo yangu ya wadi ya Mkomani ambaye alkuwa amepolekwa kuhudumu katika zahanati ya Wiyoni na kwa saa hii zahanati imekosa daktarin wa kuhudumia. Jana pia nilikuwa katika maeneo ya hospitali ya rufaa ya King Fahd na nikaskitika kuona haifanyi kazi ambapo sisi hapa tunapitisha pesa kwa huduma ya afya kwa wananchi. Bwana Spika sisi ni viongozi na tumechagiliwa kutumikia wananchi na itakuwa ni makossa hata mbele ya Mungu ikiwa wananchi hawa hawapati huduma wanazostahili.

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe): Asante Bwana Spika, mimi pia ningependa kuongezea kuwa hospitali zetu zimejaa na shida nyingi hususan nikizingatia kwa upande wa dawa. Itakuwa ni vyema dawa zikiweko kwa wakati unaostahili kwa sababu nimepokea malalamishi mengi kuwa wagonjwa wanaumia kwa ajili hio.

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to add that, it is important that the Ministry of Health in conjunction with the

County Government through an official communication in the event that there is danger outbreak so that prevention measures can be done. I urge them to take an immediate effect on such matters where possible.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna): Response from the Chair, Vice Chair or any other Member of the Departmental Committee on Health Services and Environment.

MCA Shekhuna Abass Shekhuna (Mkomani): Asante Bwana Spika, naomba nipewe muda wa wiki moja ili nimlete waziri atujibie juu ya hili swala.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Hope are you satisfied with that response?

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Yes, Mr Speaker.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Statement.

DIABETES AND HYPERTENSION

MCA Zahara Shee Mohamed (Nominated): Thank You Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker Sir, Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C), I rise to seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health Services and Environment on matters relating to Diabetes and Hypertension.

Mr Speaker Sir, most patients in our county are those suffering from diabetes and hypertension. Previously, the patients used to visit the nearest medical facilities for treatments and clinics.

Mr Speaker Sir, a new system has been developed by the medical administrators and practitioners demanding and forcing the said patients to attend their clinics at hospitals putting the said patients into economic constraints and making life hard for them.

Mr Speaker Sir, currently dispensaries cannot handle emergency situations for them when need arises. No medicine or treatment of any kind apart from referrals hence

risking people's lives. These patients contribute a lot towards the said dispensaries. Removing them from such registers is to deny the dispensaries from collecting revenue.

Mr Speaker Sir, I am informed and do believe that efficiently of the said treatment has been scrapped off the system, reasons best known to them.

Mr Speaker Sir, I seek a statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health Services and Environment on the following:-

1. What happened to the previous systems of treatment of diabetes and hypertension?
2. What caused the new system of attending clinics at hospitals instead of dispensaries?
3. Why the dispensaries have no longer such stock of medicines for the said treatments?
4. What will happen during emergency situations?
5. Are there plans for the dispensaries to treat and hold the said clinics?
6. What will be the alternative sources of income to these dispensaries?

Thank you.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Any Addition to that Statement? If there is no addition, can we get the response from the Chair, Vice Chair or any other Member of the Departmental Committee on Health Services and Environment.

MCA Shekhuna Abass Shekhuna (Mkomani): Asante Bwana Spika, naomba nipewe muda wa wiki moja ili niweze kuleta majibu sahihi.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Zahara are you satisfied with that response?

MCA Zahara Shee Mohamed (Nominated): Mr Speaker, I am not comfortable with one week simply because I will not receive the right answer. I have six questions for

that and they are very sensitive because this is happening all over our County. Therefore, I am giving him more time.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Shekhuna, Honorable Zahra is not satisfied with that response.

MCA Shekhuna Abass Shekhuna (Mkomani): Mheshimiwa Spika, nimeskia rai ya Mheshimiwa mwenzangu, ningependa nipewe muda wa wiki mbili ili niweze kumridhsha.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna): Mheshimiwa Zahara ningependa kukujulisha kuwa ndani ya wiki mbili tutakuwa tumeenda likizo fupi.

MCA Zahara Shee Mohamed (Nominated): Bwana Spika, nimeridhika na wiki moja.

MCA Shekhuna Abass Shekhuna (Mkomani): Mheshimiwa Spika, nimekubaliana na yeye.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statements.

UNPAID LAMU COUNTY WATER WORKERS

MCA Zahara Shee Mohamed (Nominated): Thank You Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker Sir, Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C), I rise to seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health Services, Water and Environment on matters relating to the unpaid Lamu County Water Workers.

Mr Speaker Sir, we are all aware that these are family men and women who need basic commodities for their daily routine and family upkeep. However, the department is quiet and communicates nothing to the said poor workers.

Mr Speaker Sir, during the previous supplementary, all members approved 10 million which the department perpetuate for that reason but later used for other reasons.

Mr Speaker Sir, the department is not efficient, resulting to problems of water in Lamu town, Mokowe and many villages in Lamu East.

Mr Speaker Sir, water department is quiet and turned to a deaf ear communicating nothing to the said poor workers nor responding to this Honorable House to the same statement raised on 7th December 2023 on the same matter.

Mr Speaker Sir, I seek a statement from the departmental committee on Health Services, Water and Environment on the following:-

1. What happened to the salaries and wages of the said workers?
2. Why has the department ended to this situation of punishing the county workers?
3. When will they receive their salaries and wages?
4. What strategies are in place to avoid such scenario in future?
5. Why is the department not responding to this Honorable House?
6. When will these problems of water shortages come to an end?
7. What causes the said shortages?

Thank you.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Any Addition to that Statement? If there is no addition, can we get the response from the Chair, Vice Chair or any other Member of the Departmental Committee on Health Services, Water and Environment.

MCA Shekhuna Abass Shekhuna (Mkomani): Asante Bwana Spika, naomba nipewe muda wa wiki mbili ili niweze kuleta majibu sahihi.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Zahara are you satisfied with that response?

MCA Zahara Shee Mohamed (Nominated): Yes, Mr Speaker.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Statement.

MATONDONI NG-CDF ROAD

MCA Zahara Shee Mohamed (Nominated): Thank You Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker Sir, Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C), I rise to seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Intergovernmental, Labour and Public Services on matters relating to Matondoni NG-CDF road.

Mr Speaker Sir, I appreciate the construction of Matondoni-Lamu road by the Lamu West NG-CDF , which was intended to complete a ring road as approved by the public.

Mr Speaker Sir, the public was expecting a murrām road. However, changed to cabro-lane.

Mr Speaker Sir, the construction started long time ago, or few years ago but no hope to be completed.

Mr Speaker Sir, I seek to know the following from the Lamu West CDF:-

1. What happened to the murrām road?
2. Why has road taken too long to be completed?
3. When will the said road be completed?

Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna): Any Addition to that Statement?

MCA Suleiman Mohamed Farah (Witu) : Asante Bwana Spika, ningependa kuongezea kuwa, niko na barabara katika wadi yangu ambayo ina hali mbaya na inalimwa ikisemekana inawekwa *murrām*.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna): Response from the Chair, Vice Chair or any other Member of the Departmental Committee on Intergovernmental, Labour and Public Services.

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe): Asante Mheshimiwa Spika, , naomba nipewe muda wa wiki tatu ili niweze kuleta majibu sahihi.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Zahara are you satisfied with that response?

MCA Zahara Shee Mohamed (Nominated): Mheshimiwa Spika, sijakubaliana na jibu lake kwa sababu hii barabara ilifaa ijengwe tangu 2016 kwa nini tupeane wiki tatu.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna): Mheshimiwa Mburu.

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe): Naomba anipatie wiki mbili ili nilete majibu.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna): Mheshimiwa Zahara umeridhika?

MCA Zahara Shee Mohamed (Nominated): Ndio, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion.

MOTION

MCA Rebecca Wambui Wanaina (Nominated): Thank you Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:-

SIGN LANGUAGE IN THE GOVERNANCE

That, aware that Article 7 of the Constitution of Kenya states that the official languages of the Republic are Kiswahili and English.

Further aware that, Article 7(3)(b) states that the state shall promote the development and use of indigenous languages, Kenyan sign language, Braille and other communication formats and technologies accessible to persons with disabilities.

Aknowledging that, Article 10(2)(b) promote human dignity, equity, social justice, inclusiveness, human rights, non discrimination and protection of the marginalized.

Recognizing that, sign language is of a paramount means of communicating to differently disabled persons in our county and this will induce inclusivity in our county matters.

Concerned that, National and County Government meetings, gathering and public participation in governance, leaving out the persons with disabilities.

Therefore, I urge this Assembly to compel the County Executive Department of Information to cause the translation of our county gatherings, meeting and public participation in sign language.

Thank you.

(seconded)

(Motion proposed)

(Members contributions)

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated) : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, it is too bad because disability can happen to anyone at any given time. The Kenyan Constitution says that every citizen has the right to information. During the public participation meetings or gatherings, these people have so many difficulties and most of them end up not attending the meetings and if they do, they never contribute. Therefore, it is important that the County Government facilitates the tutors who can translate to sign language.

MCA Zahara Shee Mohamed (Nominated) : Bwana Spika mimi nasimama kuchangia juu ya mswada huu uloletwa na Mheshimiwa mwenzangu. Naskitika kusema kuwa katika kaunti yetu ya Lamu, Watu wanaoishi na ulemavu hawana bahati kwa sababu mahitaji yao hayatekelezwi kwa mfano, sisi tumeongea kuhusu ujenzi wa mteremko ambao utasaidia anayetumia kigari cha miguu kupita na ishafika mwaka, hilo halijafanyika. Vile vile, kuna umuhimu sana kuangazia upande wa kuhusisha mkalimani katika mihadhara au pia shule kwa sababu hakuna mahali utaenda utakosa watu wanaoishi na ulemavu. Naunga mkono mswada huu na nimefurahi Mheshimiwa kuleta mswada huu nikitara kuwa itapita.

MCA John mburu Gitonga (Hongwe): Asante Mheshimiwa Spika, ni kweli tukiangalia katika kauti yetu, wanaoishi na ulemavu wa macho na masikio wanapata taabu sana katika ihadhara mbalimbali. Wanaweza kuwa hapo na wasipate taarifa yoyote. Watu hawa wametengwa sana naunga mkono mswada huu na pia napendekeza hata hili bunge letu aletwe mtu wa lugha ya ishara ili apate saidia wageni wanaohudhuria.

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated) : Mheshimiwa Spika naunga mkono mswada hii na naona kuwa kua haja ya kuweko kwa mtu wa lugha ya ishara katika mikutano ya kaunti na maeneo mengine. Huu ni wakati mwafaka wa kuwazingatia watu hawa. Asante.

MCA Suleiman Mohamed Farah (Witu) : Bwana Spika naunga mkono juu ya mswada huu kwa sababu nimeona kuwa kaunti yetu imetenga sana watu wanaoishi na ulemavu. Hali hii imefanya hata baadhi ya wazazi kuwaficha watoto wao wanaoishi na ulemavu. Kwa hivyo, naomba mahitaji yote ya wanaoishi na walemavu yatekelezwe.

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (Nominated) : Mheshimiwa Spika, mambo kama haya yanaskitisha sana ni kama maoni yao yametengwa kwa hivyo naunga mkono mswada huu na naomba serikali ya kaunti ijitokeze kuwafwatilia watu wanaoishi na ulemavu.

MCA Ahmed Omar Hamid (Nominated): Bwana Spika hata mimi nasimama kuunga mkono mswada huu ulioletwa na Kwa upande wangu, nazingatia walemavu wa akili. Bwana Spika naomba hilo licchukuliwe maanani na mikakati kabambe ichkuliwe ili wasaidiwe vipi wataweza kuendeleza maisha yao.

MCA Shekhuna Abass Shekhuna (Mkomani) : Bwana Spika nasimama kuunga mkono na nasikitika kusema kuwa, wakati wa kura, watu kama hawa wanapewa kipaumbele katika zoezi la kupiga kura lakini ikija katika kuhusishwa a mambo ya kuchangia katika kaunti, hawapati usaidizi. Watu hawa tunafaa tuwasaidie kama wenzetu. Asante.

Mover's Response

MCA Rebecca Wambui Wanaina (Nominated): Asante sana Bwana Spika, pia ningependa kuwapongeza Viongozi wenzangu kwa kuunga mkono mswada kama huu ambao utaweza kuwasaidia watu wanaoishi na ulemavu. Nimesikia kila upande na hoja zilizochangiwa na waheshimiwa wenzangu ambazo zinafaa zizingatiwe. Kwa hivyo nasisitiza kupitia wewe Bwana Spika, shida za wanaoishi na ulemavu ziweze kufuatiliwa.

(Question put and agreed upon)

ADJOURNMENT

[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until next week Tuesday, 5th March 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 4:15 p.m.