
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 5th March, 2024

*The Assembly met at the
Main Chambers, at 10:30 a.m.*

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

PRAYERS

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

Clerk-at-the-Table: Notices of Motion.

NOTICES OF MOTION

*PROMOTING ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND INCLUSION FOR PEOPLE
LIVING WITH DISABILITIES*

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to give the following Notice of Motion.

Aware that, Disability affects over a billion people worldwide, with many facing barriers to equal economic participation, limiting their access to education, employment, and entrepreneurial opportunities.

Further aware that, the inclusion of people living with disabilities in the work force and entrepreneurial sectors enhances societal and economic growth by tapping into a pool of skilled and untapped talents.

Noting that, economic independence for individuals living with disabilities reduces poverty, boosts self-esteem, and promotes social inclusion which benefits individuals and society as a whole.

Cognizant of that, global frameworks such as the United Nation Convention and the Rights of persons living with Disabilities (CRPD), emphasize the rights to work, equal access to opportunities, and non-discrimination based on disability.

Concerned that, despite existing laws and policies, people living with Disabilities still face significant barriers to employment, Education and access to assistive technologies which impedes their economic participation.

Therefore, I urge this House resolves to that:

1. The County Government committed to the National Strategy on Economic Empowerment for people living with Disabilities.
2. The Expansion of Vocational and Education Opportunities.
3. Support for Disabled Entrepreneurs'.
4. Introduction of Disability- friendly Social Protection Programs
5. Promoting Digital Inclusion
6. Raising public awareness and advocacy

Further, the House urges the Department concerned to:

1. Establish a monitoring and Evaluation framework to ensure the successful implementation of these measures and track progress in the employment and economic inclusion of people living with disabilities.
2. Report to the Assembly annually on the progress made in achieving the goals set out in this Motion.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): I can see that there is another notice of motion.

NOTICES OF MOTION

ADDRESSING HEALTH ISSUES IN OUR COUNTY

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to give the following Notice of Motion.

Aware that, we acknowledge the growing health Challenges faced by the County and call for an urgent multi-level intervention to improve public health outcomes. These challenges, including but not limited to chronic diseases, mental health issues, poor access to health care and lack of adequate health infrastructure, require collaborative efforts between the County Government, National Government (Health Ministry), and non-governmental organizations to ensure equitable healthcare delivery.

Further aware that, our County is witnessing a rise in lifestyle-related diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and obesity, due to unhealthy diets and lack of exercise. These diseases have long-term health impacts and place an overwhelming burden on the healthcare system.

Noting that, Mental Health Issues, including depression and anxiety, have been underreported and neglected in many rural areas. There is an urgent need to establish mental health programs, raise awareness and improve the availability of professional support.

Further noting that, in our County, healthcare infrastructure is insufficient, especially in rural or underserved areas. Residents often have to travel long distances to access basic healthcare, which delays diagnosis and treatment leading to worsened health outcomes.

Concerned that, there is a critical need for public Health Education to reduce the burden of preventable diseases. This includes Promoting healthier lifestyles, hygiene practices and awareness of available health care services.

I now therefore urge this assembly to compel the Health Department within Lamu County to: -

1. Increase funding for health care Infrastructure in the County.
2. Promote mobile health services to reach remote areas.
3. Promote training and resources to local health workers.
4. Launch awareness campaigns on chronic diseases and Mental Health prevention measures.
5. Ensure equitable distribution of health care resources, particularly to disadvantaged areas.

Thank you.

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

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statements.

STATEMENTS

NON COMPLETION OF PUBLIC AMENITY

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I seek a statement pursuant to Standing Order 41 (2) (C) from the Chairperson of the departmental committee on Transport and Public Works on matters relating to non completion of public amenity.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I appreciate the County Government's effort towards improving the infrastructure in our County. However some public utilities are adjacent to schools, markets and other public places.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, As you are aware that public amenities such as toilets are very sensitive and useful in any civilized Country for purposes of answering calls of nature as well as to maintain cleanliness in our County.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, In the 2023/2024 Annual Budget, a total of Kshs 680,000/- was earmarked for the construction of a toilet at Widho in Mkunumbi ward but regrettably the project is stalled over the past one year to the chagrins of many area residents who felt betrayed and disappointed for the non completion of such public utility despite being budgeted in the last financial year.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I seek to know the following from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Public Works on the following:-

1. When will the County Government complete the toilet at Widho in Mkunumbi Ward?
2. What happened to the funds which were initially budgeted for the construction of a toilet at Widho in Mkunumbi ward?

3. Why the toilet is stalled?

4. What surety will the concerned department give to Widho residents in regard to their stalled toilet?

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Honourable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Any addition to that statement? If there isn't, can we get a response from the chair, vice chair or any member of the committee?

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Witu): Naomba tupewe muda wa wiki mbili ili niweze kuleta majibu sahihi.

Deputy Speaker (Honourable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honourable Beatrice are you comfortable with the response?

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Yes Mr. Deputy Speaker. I am comfortable with the response.

ADJOURNMENT

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until today in the afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 11:15 a.m.