
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 6th March, 2025

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

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

PRAYERS

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

Clerk-at-the-Table: statements.

STATEMENT RESPONSE

Chairperson's Statement Brief

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I rise to respond to a statement raised by the nominated member, MCA Fahad Dini Adnan, who sought information from the departmental committee on Health Services, Water, and Environment regarding the temporary employees of the water department.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the Department of Water and Energy currently has fifty (50) casual workers deployed across various locations within the County. These workers provide essential support in key areas, including:

1. Lamu East - Water Desalination Plants and water stations in Faza and Kiunga Wards
2. LAWASCO Headquarters - Amu Island
3. LAWASCO Office - Mokowe
4. County Headquarters - Mokowe

As of the date of this response, Mr. Deputy Speaker sir, the department has not received any formal complaints from employees regarding salary-related issues. However, if this concern pertains specifically to LAWASCO, the Managing Director would be best positioned to provide further clarification.

All county water employees' salary payments are up to date; the department has confirmed this. It is worth noting that salary delays at LAWASCO have been persistent due to insufficient collection revenues to break even on their operations and payroll. To address this, the County Water Department has provided a grant of five million shillings to LAWASCO in this financial year.

Additionally, the County Water Department has been supporting LAWASCO in their operational expenditures. This includes rehabilitation of new wells, installation of pipes, and solarization of water stations to reduce energy costs.

Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Deputy Speaker (Honourable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Next Statement.

STATEMENT RESPONSE

Chairperson's Statement Brief

MCA Fahd Dini Adnan(Minority): Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I rise to respond to a statement made by the Member of the County Assembly for Hongwe Ward, John Mburu. He sought a statement from the Departmental Committee on Transport and Public Works regarding the installation of streetlights in Hongwe, Bomani, and Sinambio.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I would like to inform you that the installation of solar streetlights in Lamu County has been included in the 2024/2025 budget. The tender for this project has already been awarded, and the contractor is expected to begin mobilizing equipment in the first week of March 2025.

Furthermore, the rehabilitation of existing solar streetlights across Hongwe, Bahari, and Hindi wards is also planned for the 2024/2025 budget. In the meantime, the County's Energy team has been actively engaged in repairing, replacing, and maintaining both solar and grid streetlights in various wards.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, the delay in installing solar streetlights in Hongwe, as well as in other ward such as Mkomani, Kiunga, and Witu, was primarily due to the following factors:

1. **Comprehensive Site Reconnaissance and Evaluation**:** A thorough assessment of the current condition of existing solar streetlights across the County was necessary. Additionally, a detailed evaluation of the proposed installation sites had to be conducted before preparing the Bill of Quantities (BoQ).
2. **Procurement System Delays**:** The tendering process for the installation of new solar streetlights is subject to procurement procedures, which require significant time to ensure accuracy and effectiveness.

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Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

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

Clerks At-the-Table: Motion.

MOTION

ADDRESSING HEALTH ISSUES IN OUR COUNTY

MCA Francis Gakure Gakong (Bahari): Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion:-

Awarec That, growing health challenges faced by our County and call for urgent multi-level intervention to improve public health outcomes. These challenges, which include chronic diseases, mental health issues, poor access to healthcare, and inadequate health infrastructure, require collaborative efforts between the County Government, the National Government (Health Ministry), and non-governmental organizations to ensure equitable healthcare delivery.

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

It is important to note 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 for these issues.

Additionally, our County suffers from insufficient healthcare infrastructure, especially in rural or underserved areas. Residents often have to travel long distances to access basic healthcare, leading to delays in diagnosis and treatment, which ultimately worsens health outcomes.

We are also 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 healthcare services.

Therefore, I urge this Assembly to compel the Health Department within Lamu County to:

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

(Motion Seconded)

(Motion Proposed)

(Members Contribution)

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker, we are indeed facing numerous challenges concerning health.

It is essential to acknowledge that good health is a constitutional right, and it is important for this department to receive increased funding to address infrastructure problems in the county. Furthermore, health promoters must be provided with

adequate training to ensure efficient service delivery. We should also prioritize raising awareness about mental health issues and chronic diseases, and develop a campaign to inform the public about the benefits of maintaining good health.

MCA James Njaaga Kariuki (Hindi): Asante mheshimiwa spika kwa kunipa nafasi nichangie mswada huu ulioletwa na mheshimiwa Gakonga. Mheshimiwa spika wakati tunaongea kuhusu maswali ya afya ni maswala ambayo inaguza mwananchi wa kawaida. Mswada huu ni mswada nzuri sana maana tukizingatia kaunti hii yetu ya Lamu, kuna baadhi ya sehemu amabao ziko ndani na kupata huduma za afya ni changamoto kwao. Mswada huu naona unaleta uhiano au usawa kwani naona zile sehemu za ndani pia zitaweza kufikia. Nimesikiza mheshimiwa akisoma na kweli kuna wazee wengi ambao wanapata shida kwa sababu ya ugonjwa wa unyogovu. Mswada huu ni nzuri na tukipata mbinu mwafaka ya kufikia kila kitongoji itakuwa vizuri na huduma ya counselling inaweza kufanyika. Tunaweza pia kuhimiza serikali ya Gatuzi iweze kutengeneza vifaa nyingi katika maeneo kadhaa ili tuhakikishe kila mtu aneweza kufikiwa na kupata ile huduma ambao inafaa. Naunga mkono mswada mheshimiwa spika.

MCA Shekhuna Abbass Shekhuna(Mkomani): Asante mheshimiwa spika kwa fursa ili niweze kuchangia mswada huu. Ni jambo la kusikitisha mheshimiwa spika ikiwa hospitali za mashinani hazitapata huduma ya kutosha. Ni vyema sisi wabunge kusimama imara na kupanga mipango thabiti. Ikiwa leo kidole chako kitagonjeka basi mwili mzima haikuwa sawa. Ikiwa hatutapata huduma uko mashininani basi tutazika watu wengi sana. Ni jukumu letu kusimama na watu wa mashinani na tukikosa kesho tutaaulizwa. Ukija kama wodi yangu kuna zahanati nyingi lakini hakuna madawa. Mji unmepanuka, watu wameongezeka na ni jambo la aibu zahanati zimejengwa lakini ni chache haikidhi mahitaji ya watu wengi. Hata zile zahanati zimekuea zikisaidia saihizi hazifanyikazi ipasavyo. Huduma ni kitu muhimu ili jamii ipate kusaidizika haswa haswa wale wa mashinani. Naunga mkono mswada huu na naomba kwa upesi swala hili lishughulikiwe.

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (Majority Leader): Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the excellent work done by the departmental chairperson of education. I also want to recognize the efforts of the County Executive Committee Member for Health Services for the outstanding job he has accomplished. To be sincere, if there is a department within the County Executive that is performing exceptionally well, it is the Department of Health.

However, much more needs to be done, and due to financial constraints, our County is still struggling. As the leader of the majority, I fully support this motion, and I believe it is necessary to increase funding for health services. As Honourable Shekhuna pointed out, we have a countywide problem regarding the equipping of our dispensaries. The County is even seeking resources from alternative sources.

We can collectively agree to allocate more funds to this crucial department to improve the health sector's services and facilities, starting from the dispensary level. One of the biggest challenges we face in the County is accessibility, particularly in areas like Kichakani and Boni, where reaching these locations is difficult. We also contend with issues of insecurity, which compound these accessibility problems.

If we secure additional funds for the Department of Health, it will enable the relevant authorities to work tirelessly and provide essential services to the community. Thank you, and I fully support the motion..

(Mover's Response)

MCA Francis Gakure Gakonga (Bahari): Asante sana mheshimiwa spika. Mheshimiwa spika naanza na kushukuru waheshimiwa wote waliochukua muda kuchangia mswada huu na hata hao ambao hawakuchangia si ati hawakuwa na la kuchangia bali yale walikuwa nao imezungumwa na wenzao au kuwa na hoja ya karibu na zile zilitangulizwa. Mheshimiwa spika, swala la afya ni swala la kutiliwa mkazo sana. Afya ni kitu muhimu na ndio utajiri kwetu sote. Katika kusonga mbele

kwa gatuji letu lazima swala la afya ipewe kipaombele. Kuna haja ya kuongezwa kwa fedha ya idara hii kama vile mheshimiwa wa walio wengi bungeni alivyosema.

Mheshimiwa spika bado hata sasa wizara hii ndio inattumia pesa mingi katika serikali yetu lakini kuna haja ya kuongezwa ili kuboresha hali zaidi ya ilivyo kwa sasa.

Mheshimiwa spika nakumbuka iko siku Gavana wetu alisema hakuna haja ya kujenga zahanati sehemu amabao kuna zahanati tayari ususan ile mahali ambao umbali wake haizidi kilomita tano. Kuna baadhi ya sehemu ziko ndani kabisa kama vile mheshimiwa Njaaga alivyosema na hawawezi pata huduma ipasavyo. Hata kama zahanati haitajengwa kwa sababui ya fedha, kupatikani kwa wahudumu katika sehemu kama zile ni muhumi sana. Mada hii inaongelelea mambo ya miundo mbinu ambao lengo letu katika jambo la mjengo wa zahanati. Kupatikane zahanati katika zile sehemu ziko mbali nyingine na kuboreshwa kwa kuleta vifaa maana hakuna haja ya kujenga zahanati zaidi wakati zile ziko bado hazina vifaa au kuboreshwa vile inastahili. Tunahitaji kuwa na mawasiliano ya uhakika na makini. Swala la usafiri pia ni muhimu maana lazima tukuwe na gari la wagonjwa zaidi ili kusaidia wakati wa dharura. Mheshimiwa spika tukiongelelea mambo na miundo mbinu tunaongelelea swali kama maji, stima na kando na hayo mambo yote bado tunahitaji wafanyikazi wakiwemo wahudumu wa afya. Wanahitaji vifaa vya kazi ili kuweza kuhudumia watu. Kuna magaonjwa ya kudumu kama vile ugonjwa wa sukari, kuumwa na viungo bvywa mwili, saratani na msukumo wa damu. Wanahitaji kuelimishwa zaidi kwa sababu watu hawa wanapokuwa mbali na zahanati wanaweza athirika zaidi. Siku hizi kuna pia na afya ya ki akili ambao inaleta msogo wa mawazo.

Mheshimiwa spika, kwa miaka miwili nimeketi hapa nimeona sisi tukiandaliwa michezo na naona vile vile hata walemavu pia wanaweza kujumuishwa katika ratiba kama hii. Ni vyema wapate kuhushishwa katika mipango kama hii ili wajihisi pia na wao ni muhimu kama wengine. Mara nyingi huwa tunawasahau na ni vyema

wapatikane hata wale wanawawakilisha ili wazungumze maswala yao yale inawaadhiri. Kwa hivyo mheshimiwa spika kuna haja ya kuongeza pesa kwa wizara hii ili maeneo yote yenye inapata changamoto kuhusiana na afya wapate suluhu. Tukipitisha mada hii naami itatusaidia kupata suluhu katika mambo mengi au changamoto ambao inatukabidhi kwa sasa. Asante sana mheshimiwa spika.

(Question put and Agreed upon)

Deputy Speaker (Honourable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Deputy Speaker (Honourable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Majority lead

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (Majority Leader): Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion;

"**THAT** Pursuant to Standing Order 25(3)(4) and 49(b), This Assembly stands adjourned today; Thursday, 6th March 2025 until Tuesday, April 2, 2025.

(Motion Seconded)

(Motion Proposed)

(Members Contribution)

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I would also like to thank the Majority Leader for bringing this important motion to the House. Honourable members, you will agree that we are currently in the holy month of Ramadan, during which some of our Muslim brothers are observing fasting, as well as some Christians who are also participating in fasting. It is crucial that we take the time to reconnect with our electorate. In the short time we've been

here, we have been working tirelessly, and the clerks can attest to the remarkable statements and motions they have recorded thus far. Thank you once again, and I fully support the motion.

MCA Suleiman Mohamed Farah (Witu): Asante mheshimiwa spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono hoja amaboa imeletwa na kiongozi wa wengi bungeni. Kwa hakika sote tunafahamu tuko katika mwezi mtukufu wa ramadhan na pia wakatholiki pia wako katika mfungo wao wa *Qaudragesima*. Ni vizuri tupate muda wa kupumzika ili tupate wakati mwafaka na familia zetu na wapiga kura. Napenda kukomea hapo na kuunga mswada mkono.

MCA John Mburu Gitonga(Hongwe): Asante mheshimiwa spika. Pia mimi nasimama kuunga mkono mswada huu ambao imeletwa na kiongozi wa wengi bungeni. Ni vizuri watu wakiwa kwa mfungo waweze kupumzika ili wapate nafasi ya kufanya ibada kwa makini. Ni vyema tutoe hiyo heshima kwa kupeana fursa ya kumpunzika ili waweze kuomba mola wao kwa umakini kwani hawatakuwa wanasumbuka sana. Pia sisi ambao tumefunga tutashirikiana na ndugu zetu na pia tutapata nafasi nzuri ya kuomba vizuri. Naunga mkono mswada huu.

MCA Jamaes Njaaga Kariuki (Hindi): Asante sana mheshimiwa spika kwa kunipa fursa tena kuchangia mswada huu wa kiongozi wa wengi hapa bungeni. Pia mimi naunga mkono hoja hii kwa kusema ukweli tuko katika mfungo wa ramadhan na pia na sisi wakatholiki tumeanza mfungo jana. Lakini tukiangalia katika hii kenya yetu kuna serikali *broadbased*. Nashangaa kwa nini mheshimiwa hakutuongeza katika ratiba hii kwani sisi tunatakiwa kufunga kwa siku arobaini. Naona ni kama ametusahau lakini naomba taraehe ya kurudi iweze kuongezwa kwanzia tarehe moja mpka tarehe kumi na nane. Ili tuonyeshe umoja wetu katika hili swala muhimu ya dini na sisi tujione kama waheshimiwa wa bunge hili.

MCA Francis Gakure Gakonga(Bahari): asante sana mheshimiwa spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono mada iliyoletwa na kiongozi wa wengi hapa bungeni. Mheshimiwa spika nimefurahi mheshimiwa Farah alipotaja jina la fungo letu

Kuresma.Amenifurahisha sana kwa sababu mimi ni baadhi wakatholiki ambao wameanza mfungo jana. Naona pia mheshimiwa Shekhuna ananicheka kwa sababu ameniona nikitoka kuenda kupata chakula cha mchana kwani ni kama kidogo mfungo wetu na yao kidogo inatofautiana. Wakati mwingi mtu akiwa katika ibada ya mfungo na anajihusisha na vitu vingi basi huenda hata akasahau kuomba Mola zaidi. Ni vizuri kipindi ambacho kimependekezwa ya mapunziko iwe ni fursa adimu kwetu sote ili tukirudi tuwe na nguvu za kutosha ya kueneleza biashara ya jumba hili. Asante na naunga mkono mswada.

MCA Atwaa Salim Mohamed(Shela): Asante sana mheshimiwa spika. Nachukua nafasi hii kuunga mkono na kusema kwamba yote ambao yamezungumwa katika kuchangia mswada pia mimi naungana na nao katika kufikiria mambo ya dini. Roho inataka chakula na chakula chake ni wakati mwafaka na Mola wake. Kipindi hichi ni kipindi cha kujituma katika ibadah ili Mungu awezekukubali ibadah zetu ili tuweze kuvuna vilivyo.

MCA Shekhuna Abbas Shekhuna(Mkomani): Asante mheshimiwa spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuchangia mswada huu.mheshimiwa spika nataka kuunga msawada huu na kusema kweli leo nimefurahi kusikia akina mheshimiwa Beatrice pia wamefunga mfungo. Sisi kama waislamu tunasema huu ni mwezi mtukufu na mwezi kama huu ni mwezi amabo unakuja mara moja mwakani. Naungana na wenzangu kusema ni vyema tupate muda wa mapumziko tukishirikiana na ndugu zetu ambao wao pia wameanza mfungo wao. Mheshimiwa spika sina mengi ila naunga mkono mswada na kuwakumbusha kuwa tarehe ya kurudi ni siku ya sikukuu kwa hivyo kama inaweza kurekebishwa itakuwa vyema.

Mover's Response

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (Majority Leader): Ningeomba kuchukua fursa hii kushukuru kama kiongozi wa wengi bungeni kwa kukubaliana na mapendekezo katrika mswada ambao nimeuleta. Naomba ikumbukwe kuwa sisi tuko katika mfungo wa ramadhan na bila kujua kumbe tuko na ndugu zetu wakatholiki pia.

Kusema ukweli sikuwa nimefahamu kuwa wao pia tuko pamoja nao nikifanya haya mapendekezo. Ramadhan ni mwezi unaojulikani duniani kote na nimefurahi kumbe kuna na wengine ambao pia wanafunga.

Nimeheshimu na nimefurahia sote ni waamini na ni waja wa mwenyezi Mungu na huu ni mwezi wa kutoa shukrani kwetu sisi na wenzetu pia. Tunajipeleka mbele yake kwani ni mwezi ambao ni wa ibada na ni vyeme tupate muda Mumba wetu ndio maana nmeleta mswada huu ili anagalau viomgozi wapate nafasi ya kuenda kujuika na jamii na kukaa pamoja na waliotuchagua. Ni Wakati tunafaa kuwa karibu na wao ili tusaaidiane na wao ili wahisi tuko pamoja na wao katika kuabudu. Kando na hiyo ikumbukwe kwamba tuko na kongamano la ugatuzi ambao haiko mbali na lazima tutahitajika kusafiri na inachukua muda mrefu. Ndio maana tukasema angalau watu wapate mapumziko ndio tukirudi tujiandae kwani kuna mambo mengi yanahitajika katika maandalizi. Napeana shukrani zangu za dhati kwa viongozi wote walioko hapa na nikiangazia yale yalisemwa na mheshimiwa Njaaga na napenda kusema mheshimiwa spika yuko hapa na atatupa muongozo maana maamuzi iko mikononi mwake.

(Question put and Agreed upon)

Deputy Speaker (Honourable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Pia mimi ningependa kuwatakia kila la heri ndugu zetu waislamu na pia wakiristo ususan wakatholiki amabao walianza jana.

ADJOURNMENT

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until April 2nd, Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

The Assembly rose at 4:15 p.m.