

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 14th October, 2025

*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: Statements.

STATEMENTS

THE PREVENTION OF CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN LAMU COUNTY

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (*Hongwe*): 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 Health Service and Sanitation over the prevention of cholera outbreak in Lamu county.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, recent trends and warnings from our national public health agencies indicate a heightened risk of cholera outbreaks particularly with the ongoing rainy season which often leads to flooding, water contamination, and breakdowns in sanitation infrastructure.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it is therefore imperative that we act pre-emptively and decisively to protect the lives of our residents especially in areas with poor sanitation, inadequate access to clean water and over-crowded living conditions.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I seek to know the following from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health Services, Sanitation, Water and Environment on the following: -

1. What mitigation measure has the county government put in place to prevent the spread of cholera outbreak in Lamu County?
2. Is there a public awareness and community engagement over the sensitization of cholera prevention, symptoms and treatment??
3. Are there allocated emergency funds for cholera prevention in our county?
4. Can the county review and amend existing public health laws to empower authorities to respond swiftly to potential outbreaks?

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Any addition to that statement? If there isn't, can we get a response from the Chair, Vice Chair or any other member from the relevant departmental committee.

MCA Mercy Wangeci Nyambura (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I request for a week so that I can bring the response to the House.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Mburu, are you satisfied with that response?

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MCA John Mburu Gitonga (*Hongwe*): I am satisfied Mr Deputy Speaker.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Mercy kindly contact the Chair because he was to respond to a statement raised by Honorable Hope by tomorrow.

MCA Mercy Wangeci Nyambura (*Nominated*): Noted Mr Deputy Speaker.

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

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion.

MOTION

REGULATION OF MOTORBIKES TO PROTECT CHILDREN IN LAMU COUNTY

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

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

AWARE that motorbikes (boda bodas) are a common mode of transport in Lamu County, providing mobility and economic opportunities, especially in rural and hard-to-reach areas;

FURTHER AWARE that motorbikes have increasingly been associated with safety risks, especially involving children who are vulnerable to accidents, injuries, and misuse of motorbikes as passengers or riders;

CONCERNED by the rising incidents of motorbike-related accidents involving children, including underage riding, reckless driving, and exposure to hazardous situations;

NOTING that there is currently no clear or enforced regulation within Lamu County specifically targeting the protection of children in relation to motorbike use;

RECOGNIZING the need for a comprehensive regulatory framework to ensure

motorbike safety, prevent underage riding, and promote awareness on child safety among riders, parents, and the community;

THIS ASSEMBLY RESOLVES THAT:

1. The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) responsible for Transport and Public Safety develops and implements regulations governing motorbike operations with specific provisions aimed at protecting children, including:

- Prohibition of children under the legal age from riding or being passengers on motorbikes without proper safety measures;
- Enforcement of helmet use for all passengers, including children;
- Licensing and training requirements for motorbike riders to promote responsible driving.

2. The County Government establishes a public awareness campaign targeting parents, guardians, riders, and the general public on the dangers of allowing children to ride or be carried on motorbikes unsafely.

3. Collaboration with relevant agencies such as the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA), local administration, and law enforcement to regulations involving children.

Honorable Deputy Speaker, with your permission, I would like to say a few things.

[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Njuguna Kimani)]: Proceed Honorable Beatrice.

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. We are all aware that most people in the mainland have motorbikes because they are affordable and accessible. It is important to create an awareness to the members of the public and even to the parents because of their safety on roads because some of them are reckless. We appreciate that these people are important as they promote

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our economy but then, we must be very careful. Many have been left incapacitated, some are bedridden and some have died as a result of lack of regulation to protect our children. To end all these, it is important to create awareness on the importance of the regulations and safety.

Thank you.

(Seconded)

MCA James Njaaga Kariuki (*Hindi*): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika, nasimama kuunga mkono mswada huu ambao unaweza kulenga na kulinda usalama katika kaunti yetu. Tangu kuanzishwe bodaboda, kumekuwa na usafiri mwepesi zaidi kwa sababu kuna sehemu ambao zinaweza kuingia ambazo gari haliwezi. Bodaboda zimeokoa maisha ya wengi sana. Kwa upande mwingine, zimekuwa ni kero kwa watoto wetu kwa sababu zinatumiwa vibaya. Ajali nyingi ambazo zinasababishwa na bodaboda hizi ni kutozingatia sheria kwa hivyo, ni vyema kushirikiana na kuhakikisha kuwa sheria zinatekelezwa kwa waendeshaji. Ni vyema idara husika kuwapa mafunzo waendesha bodaboda kuhusiana na sheria hizi kwani hii itakuwa njia ya kuleta usalama katika kaunti yetu. Kama vile Mheshimiwa Beatrice alivyotangulia kusema, tungependa bunge hili lipate ripoti kwa kipindi cha miezi sita ya kwamba haya ambayo tumeweza kujadiliana leo yanatekelezwa au la.

(Motion Proposed)

Member's Contributions

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I stand to support this motion because we sit here as Honorable members to protect the safety of our children. It is true that motorcycles are the most commonly used mode of transport. When you visit the accident wards in most hospitals you will find that most are victims of the motorcycle. There is a resolution that has really touched my heart that all the stakeholders in our community be engaged and be educated on road safety mechanisms.

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MCA John Mburu Gitonga (*Hongwe*): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika, nasimama kuunga mkono mswada huu. Ajali nyinyi zinasababishwa na uendeshaji kiholela wa bodaboda kwa sababu wengi hawana mafunzo. Kwa hivyo itakuwa vyema iwapo idara husika kutapeana mafunzo kuhusiana na usalama wa barabarani.

MCA Fahd Dini Adnan (*Minority Leader*): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika, hata mimi nasimama kuunga mkono mswada huu. Bodaboda inatumika kwa wingi katika usafirishaji katika kaunti yetu. Mara nyingi utakuta bodaboda moja linabeba vijana karibu wanne kuwapeleka shule ambapo hio ni hatari kwa usalama. Ijapokuwa ndio chanzo cha uchumi katika kaunti yetu lakini haimaanishi ndio ilete athari kwa watoto wetu kiasi ya kwamba watoto wetu waishi na ulemavu au kupoteza Maisha. Vijana hawa tunawategemea katika uongozi wa siku zijazo. Kwa hivyo, ni muhimu kuwe na sheria haswa kwa usafirishaji wa bodaboda hizi.

Mover's Response

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (*Nominated*): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika pamoja na Waheshimiwa wenzangu waliochangia mswada huu na kwa hakika, ni vizuri tulinde watoto wetu kwa sababu wao ndio wenye kuendeleza na maendeleo ya kaunti yetu. Asanteni kwa mapendekezo ambayo iwapo yatatekelezwa, yatasaidia sana katika kulinda usalama kwa vijana wetu. Naomba waziri husika atilie maanani na kuzingatia mapendekezo hayo yanayo husiana na mswada huu.

(Question put and Agreed Upon)

ADJOURNMENT

[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Njuguna Kimani)]: Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, Oct 15th, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

The Assembly rose at 4:00 p.m.