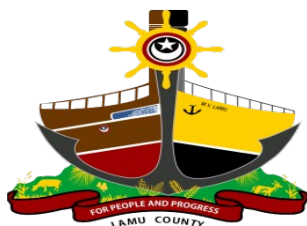


COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 24th September, 2025

*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: Papers.

PAPERS

Papers laid

MCA Barisa Deko Bana (Basuba): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the following Papers:-

1. Submission of Lamu County Receiver of Revenue 4th Quarter Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June 2025.
2. Submission of Lamu County Revenue Fund 4th Quarter Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June 2025.

3. Submission of Lamu County Executive 4th Quarter Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June 2025.

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

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW LIVESTOCK (ANIMAL) MARKET IN LAMU COUNTY

MCA James Njaaga Kariuki (Hindi): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to give a notice of the following motion:-

AWARE THAT, agriculture and livestock development, including animal markets, are fully devolved functions under part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya (2010).

FURTHER AWARE THAT, a large population in Lamu County especially in Wards such as Witu, Mkunumbi, Hindi, Bahari, Basuba and Kiunga depend on livestock keeping as a primary source of income and livelihood.

RECOGNIZING the growing need for formal, regulated and accessible livestock trading spaces that will support the sale and movement of cattle, goats, sheep and camels.

NOTING that existing livestock markets in the County are few, often informal, poorly equipped and located far from major livestock-producing areas, forcing farmers to travel long distances and incur high transportation costs.

CONCERNED that the lack of adequate and accessible animal markets contributes to:-

- Unfair pricing and exploitation of local livestock keepers.
- Spread of livestock diseases due to lack of veterinary inspection points.

- Missed economic opportunities for local traders, youth and women.
- Reduced revenue collection by the County Government.

THIS HONORABLE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES THAT:

- a)** The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) incharge of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in consultation with stakeholders identifies and sets aside land for the establishment of a new modern animal market in a strategic location that serves multiple livestock producing Wards.
- b)** The market should be equipped with appropriate facilities including:-
 - Holding pens and shaded areas.
 - Loading and offloading ramps.
 - Watering points and sanitation facilities.
 - Veterinary inspection units and
 - Revenue collection booths.
- c)** The County Executive ensures that the market is:
 - Zoned and gazetted as a legal trading point.
 - Designed in consultation with local livestock producers, traders, and veterinary professionals and
 - Developed with a clear maintenance and management plan, possibly through co-operatives or public-private partnerships (ppp).
- d)** The Department of Finance and Economic Planning allocates funds in the next financial year for the planning, design and phased construction of the new animal market.
- e)** The CECM provides a progress report to this Assembly within 60days of the adoption of this motion, outlining steps taken toward implementation.

[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: There is a Notice of motion for Honorable Bwana Mohamed Bwana but he is not in the House, so I defer to the next sitting.

Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statements.

STATEMENTS

Shortage of ECDE Teachers in Mugumoini Primary School

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C) I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of Departmental Committee on Education, Culture and Social Welfare on matters pertaining shortage of ECDE Teachers in Mugumoini Primary School.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, ECDE's forms the foundation of every child learning journey and the presence of well trained adequately staffed teachers. It is during this formative years that the children acquired the basis skills of literacy numerously and social development. However, Mugumoini Primary School is currently experiencing a serious shortage of ECDE Teachers.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, this shortage of teachers has relate to over-crowded classes over stretching teachers and compromised quality of learning and care-given to our children.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, in some instances children are forced to spend long hours without sufficient guidance, which negatively affects their early learning outcomes. This shortage has led to parents and guardians being overburdened by the payment of the wages for one teacher.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the situation has also discouraged the enrolment of as many parents feel that the school cannot provide the necessary foundation required for their children.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, its my humble request that this matter be treated with the urgency it deserves so that the children of Mugumoini are not left behind at this critical stage of their education.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I seek to know from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education, Culture and Social Welfare on the following:-

1. What immediate plans does the County Government have to address the shortage of ECDE teachers at Mugumoini Primary School?
2. Are there recruitment processes currently underway to ensure the school receives an adequate number of ECDE teachers?
3. What long term measures has the County put in place to ensure all ECDE centres across Lamu County are well staffed, equipped and able to deliver quality Early Childhood Education?

[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 Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika, ningependa nipewe muda wa wiki mbili ndiposa nilete majibu sahihi.

[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Honorable Beatrice, do you mean there is no even a single teacher in Mugumoini ECDE?

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Mr Deputy Speaker I wish to confirm that there is one employed teacher by the County. And

the other one whom the parents are complaining because they have to dig deep to their pockets to pay for the wages.

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

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion

MOTION

ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN LAMU COUNTY

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion:-

AWARE THAT, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) remains a significant violation of human rights affecting individuals, families and communities across Lamu County and Kenya at large.

CONCERNED THAT, despite existing laws and policies designed to prevent and respond to GBV. Many survivors particularly women and children continue to suffer physical, psychological and economic harm without adequate support or justice.

RECOGNIZING THAT, GBV undermines social cohesion, economic development and the well-being of the people of Lamu County.

NOTING THAT, the Government of Kenya has enacted laws such as the sexual Offences Act (2006), the Protection Against Domestic Violence Act (2015) and established frameworks to combat GBV but enforcement and community awareness remain inadequate in many areas.

APPRECIATING THAT, Community Leaders, civil society organisations and government agencies have made strides towards addressing GBV but much more needs to be done.

THIS ASSEMBLY RESOLVES TO:

- i.** Enhance public education and sensitization campaigns on the causes, effects and prevention of GBV across all Wards in Lamu County.
- ii.** Strengthen the capacity of local law enforcement agencies to effectively investigate and prosecute GBV cases, ensuring survivors have access to justice.
- iii.** Establish and support accessible safe spaces and shelters for GBV survivors within the County providing psychosocial support and legal aid.
- iv.** Mainstream gender-responsive approaches in all County government programs and policies to address underlying causes of GBV.
- v.** Collaborate with health facilities to provide comprehensive medical care, counselling and rehabilitation services for survivors.
- vi.** Allocate adequate resources in the County Budget specifically targeting prevention, response and rehabilitation services for GBV survivors.
- vii.** Engage men and boys as partners in the fight against GBV through community dialogues and awareness initiatives.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir and Honorable Members in the House, I wish to confirm that there are several forms of GBV starting with the physical beatings. This is a situation where mostly it is women and children who are physically beaten by the boys and the men. The other form is sexual harassment where a lady or a child is raped. There is the issue of online or digital violence whereby our children especially girls are the most vulnerable on the issue of online violence or the digital.

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There is another form of GBV which is FGM and I wish to bring it as a motion in the near future and this is an issue or rather a habit that has been done for several years. Its a tradition past down to generations which has no benefit and it is violent the rights of a lady. The other issue is the school related GBV inbalance, you find that just because one is a woman or a girl doesn't have equal opportunity as the boy child.

The other form of GBV is the early marriages in some traditions, some communities forced there children to get marriage very early, which is undermining the rights of these women or girl child.

Another form of GBV Mr Deputy Speaker is the human trafficking which end the girl child enter into force labour which is against human rights. If we can relook at the issues that are affecting GBV in one way or another am very sure that Honorable Members in the House may have encountered this case.

There is also inbalance in the labor, where you find that there is no equal payment with the men and they are doing the same tasks. So I request the gentlemen in the House to kindly put a positive voice on this issue.

Secunder

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (*Nominated*): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuchangia na kuunga mkono mswada ulioletwa na Mheshimiwa Beatrice. Bwana Naibu Spika inasikitisha kuona maonevu ya kindoa yametapakaa katika jamii zetu na sanasana wanaoumia ni kina mama. Kwa hivyo sisi kama Viongozi wa Kaunti hii ya Lamu hatuwezi kulifumbia swala hili macho. Kwa hivyo ningeiomba Idara husika ifanye hamasisho vijijini ili kukomesha uonevu wa wanawake walioko ndani ya ndoa.

Motion Proposed

Members Contributions

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MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono mada hii ambayo ni ya ukatili wa kijinsia. Kwanza ningependa kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Beatrice kwa kuileta mada hii ndani ya Bunge hili, kwa sababu ninaiona ina mapendekezo mazuri kwa jamii.

Bwana Naibu Spika, swala hili la ukatili wa jinsia ni swala ambalo lipo na ni swala ambalo linaendelea. Na ninapenda kueleza ya kuwa matatizo haya yako na wanaoathirika zaidi ni wanawake sambamba na wanaume.

Bwana Naibu Spika matatizo haya hutokea wakati mmoja katika wanandoa anajiona amesoma sana kumshinda mwenzake. Bwana Naibu Spika, Ukatili huu ni wa aina nyingi na ni dhahiri shahiri utapata kuna watoto wadogo wanashiriki matendo ya ngono na wanawake waliowazidi umri.

Pia kuna ukatili wa kimwili ambapo mzazi anamchapa mtoto mmoja huku akimpendelea mtoto mwengine na kwa upande mwengine wanawake wanawachapa waume zao na kinyume chake.

Kuna ukatili wa kingono ambapo yule mume pale nyumbani ananyimwa tendo la ndoa kwa sababu amefika kuchelewa. Kuna na ukatili wa kiakili kwa kuambiwa udhaifu wako mbele za wageni. Bwana Naibu Spika mada hii ina mapendekezo mazuri, mojawapo ikiwa kutoa elimu kwa umma ili waweze kuelewa haki zao.

MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu (Nominated): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika ningependa kuisitiza ya kwamba huu ukatili wa kimwili una madhara mingi sana haswa haswa kina mama. Kwa hivyo namalizia kwa kuunga.

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (Nominated): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuchangia hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Beatrice. Kusema kweli hoja hii inaangazia jinsia zote mbili kwa sababu imeweza

kuwaathiri kwa njia moja au nyengine na tukipepeleza ukatili huu unasababishwa na utumizi mbaya wa uraibu.

Jambo lengine la ukatili wa kijinsia unasababishwa na mila ambapo mwanamke hana haki ya kumkosowa mumewe anapozungumza na iwapo atamkosoa basi anachapwa kichapo cha mbwa na iwapo atakwenda kushtaki kwa wazee wanakaa chini kusuluhisha na kisha anarudi huko huko kwa mumewe. Ama wanaachana na mumewe kisha watoto wanateseka kwa sababu mama yao hana kazi anabaki kufanya vibarua ili aweze kuwakimu wanawe. Kwa hivyo namalizia kwa kuunga.

MCA Fahd Dini Adnan (*Minority Leader*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity to fully support this motion. Mr Deputy Speaker as we can see this issue is not only in the Lamu County but a National and urgent issue. This GBV is not only women who suffer but also boychild. It also lead to broken homes and lost of productivity and long term trauma for survivals. GBV also increase poverty and weakens in the social fabricant of communities. So we should strongly stop this and this Honorable House should come with clear policy to support this issue and to allocate the fund to support those who are suffering from this issue. So I urge Honorable Members to also fully support this motion.

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (*Hongwe*): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ili niweze kuchangia. Pia ningependa kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Beatrice kwa kuuleta mswada huu kwa sababu ukatili kama huu unaumiza jamii haswahaswa wanawake. Bwana Naibu Spika ni wanandoa wengi sana wanaopitia changamoto hizi, kwa hivyo ningewaomba Waheshimiwa wenzangu tulitilie maanani swala hili ili tuweze kuokoa jamii. Kwa hivyo nami namalizia kwa kuunga.

MCA Shekhuna Abbas Shekhuna (*Mkomani*): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuchangia na kuunga mada iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Beatrice. Bwana Naibu Spika hili jambo mara nyingi

linasababishwa na utumizi mbaya wa uraibu. Kwa hivyo ningewaomba Waheshimiwa wenzangu tuungane mkono na kuupitisha mswada huu ili tuweze kukomesha janga hili.

MCA James Njaaga Kariuki (Hindi): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuunga mkono mada iliyoko mbele yetu. Bwana Naibu Spika ningependa kutoa pongezi kwa Mheshimiwa Beatrice kwa kuleta mada hii, kama tujuavyo mtoto wa kike ana hadhi kubwa katika jamii. Bwana Naibu Spika tutakapoipitisha mada hii basi ni lazima tulinde na tuhifadhi heshima ya mtoto wa kike basi tutakuwa na jamii yenye mwelekeo mzuri.

Nikimalizia Bwana Naibu Spika ningependa kunukuu neno alilosema Mheshimiwa Beatrice ya kwamba ni lazima kutolewe mafunzo kwa jinsia zote mbili ili waweze kujua haki zao na waweze kudumisha amani katika familia.

MCA Barisa Deko Bana (Basuba): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuunga mkono mswada huu. Bwana Naibu Spika tunafaa kuzingatia ya kwamba tunapoingia kwenye ndoa ni lazima wanandoa waheshimiane ili waweze kuishi kwa amani. Hata yule Shekhe ama Padri anayewafungisha ndoa anawapa wanandoa wasia na kuwaambia “muowane kwa wema na mukiachana basi muachane kwa wema”, lakini la kustaajabisha wanandoa hao wanafanya kinyume na wasia huo.

Jambo lengine Bwana Naibu Spika ni utumbo wa uzazi ambao unabeba mbegu zetu na kisha kuzaliwe mtoto baada ya miezi tisa. Kwa hivyo tuwaheshimu wanawake kwa sababu wanatufanya tujifaghari na hao watoto wanaotuzalia hata kama baba atakuwa amefariki lakini ameacha ukumbusho huku nyuma. Kwa hivyo ningependa kuwahusia wanaume wenzangu tulioko ndani ya Bunge hili tuwaheshimu wake zetu kwa kiwango kikubwa sana.

MCA Suleiman Mohamed Farah (Witu): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Bwana Naibu Spika, kwanza ningependa kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Beatrice kwa kuleta hoja hii. Hoja hii imekuwa changamoto kubwa sana katika Kaunti hii yetu ya Lamu na ulimwengu mzima kwa jumla. Bwana Naibu Spika, Wadi yangu ya Witu inaongoza sana na dhulma kama hii na najaribu kila njia kuelimisha jamii yangu ili iweze kuishi kwa upendo na amani.

Lakini pia tukizingatia jambo hili sanasana inaletwa na ukosefu wa elimu kwa sababu wanaume wanaona ni kama wale wanawake wamewanunua kwa kuwalipia mahari kwa hivyo wana haki ya kuwafanya vile wanavyojisikia. Kwa hivyo inakuwa ngumu kueleza jamii ya kwamba wanawake hao wameacha wazazi wao na kuolewa na sisi wanaume ili tuweze kushirikiana na kujenga jamii kwa ujumla.

Mover's Response

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you Honorable Members in the House. My special thanks goes to the gentlemen in the House for their contributions and support as we can see this issue has affected Lamu County at large. As we can see it is not a crime to be born in either gender, therefore domestic abuse will never end until we make it socially unacceptable. And I thank God and also thank the Members because they have already support this motion and the only thing that has remain is to adopt it.

(Question put and agreed upon)

ADJOURNMENT

[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until today Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 2:30pm.

The Assembly rose at 12pm