

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



## THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

### THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 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:** Communication from the Chair

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

*VISITING STUDENTS FROM UMOJA PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SCHOOL*

**[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]:** Honorable Members, our Sitting this morning is graced by a delegation of forty-four students and five teachers from Umoja Primary and Junior School. The delegation is made up of Grade 8 and 9 students, Deputy Head teacher and other four teachers.

Honorable Members, may I now recognize the delegation as follows: -

Grade 7

1. Cynthia Wawira
2. Samuel Karisa
3. Caleb Nzioka

Grade 8

1. Victor Murimi
2. Francis Kihia
3. Ismail Rashid
4. Apiya Agape
5. Angelica Wambui
6. Mary Nzambi
7. Meshack Mukinya
8. Joseph Nyoike
9. Hillary Mburia
10. Emmanuel Difa
11. Francis Baraka
12. Ann Nungari

Grade 9

1. Joseph Murungi
2. Sofia Njoki
3. Dorcas Muthiani
4. Josphine Waithera
5. David Kiama
6. Shadrack Baya
7. Jecinta Mutinda
8. Isack Mwangangi
9. Abigael Kanze
10. Purity Kariuki
11. Denis Mumo

12. Lenus Wanjohi
13. Joseph Githuka
14. Geoffrey Mungai
15. John Muriuki
16. Francis Njane
17. Samson Muasya
18. John Kamau
19. Jecinta Wangari
20. Faith Kaloki
21. Elaine Nyawira
22. Naomi Kadzo
23. Ruth Wambui
24. Monica Wairimu
25. Abdalla Rashid
26. Jane Wambui
27. Dido bashir
28. Julick Nduki
29. Enid Guyo

Teachers

1. Gracelda Wakesho
2. Ann.N. Mburu
3. Judy Francis
4. Emily Kyende

Deputy Head teacher

1. Eliud.M. Mwangi

Honorable Members, may I take this opportunity to warmly welcome the delegation to the County Assembly of Lamu.

Honorable Members, on behalf of County Assembly of Lamu, I wish to give a warm welcome to the students, teachers and head teacher from Umoja Primary and Junior School. Once again feel welcomed and enjoy your stay here. Honorable Gakonga, please welcome the delegation.

**MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari):** Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuwakaribisha wanafunzi na walimu wa Shule Jumuishi ya Umoja ambao wamekuja kuona Bunge letu linavyoendesha biashara. Ningependa kuwashukuru haswa haswa Msimamizi wa Shule hiyo kwa mpangilio mzuri walioufanya. Pia ningependa kuwafahamisha wanafunzi ya kwamba biashara inayoendelezwa katika Bunge hili letu la Lamu ndio biashara hiyo inayoendeshwa katika Bunge la Kitaifa na la Seneti. Kwa hivyo nina Imani ya kwamba mutanufaika vya kutosha.

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

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

### NOTICES OF MOTION

#### *SUPPORT TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS AFFECTED BY THE AL-SHABAAB ATTACKS IN BAHARI, HINDI, WITU AND MKUNUMBI*

**MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated):** Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to give a notice of the following motion:-

**THAT AWARE** that, Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees every person the right to social security and to be free from hunger and to enjoy the highest attainable standard of living.

**FURTHER AWARE** that, the County Government of Lamu has a constitutional mandate under the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution to promote social welfare, community development and disaster management.

**CONCERNED** that, a number of families in Mpeketoni, Hindi and parts of Mkunumbi areas lost their loved ones during the heinous Al-Shabaab attacks, leaving behind widows and orphaned children who continue to live in deplorable conditions, with limited access to education, healthcare and sustainable livelihoods.

**NOTING** that, many of these widows and orphans have not received adequate psychosocial or economic support to rebuild their lives despite repeated appeals to government and humanitarian organizations.

**APPRECIATING** that, empowering widows and supporting orphans is key to restoring community resilience, healing trauma and promoting peace and cohesion in the affected areas.

**THIS ASSEMBLY RESOLVES THAT:**

- The County Government of Lamu through the Department of Gender, Social Services and Community Development establish a targeted social support program for widows and orphans affected by the Al-Shabaab attacks including:
  - Monthly cash transfers or stipends to enable access to basic needs.
  - Educational bursaries and scholarship programs for orphaned children.
  - Psychosocial counselling and trauma healing sessions and
  - Economic empowerment initiatives such as training and access to County revolving funds for widows.
- The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Gender, Social Services and Community Development liaises with national government agencies, non-governmental organizations and faith-based institutions to mobilize additional support for the affected families.

- The County Government sets aside a special budget allocation in the next fiscal year for the implementation of this program.
- The County Assembly establishes a select committee or task force to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and report progress to the House within three months.

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

**Clerk-at-the-Table:** Statements

### STATEMENTS

#### *UNCOLLECTED WASTE GARBAGE ALL OVER MKOMANI WARD*

**MCA Shekhuna Abbas Shekhuna (Mkomani):** Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I rise to seek a Statement pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C) from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health Services, Environment and Sanitation over the uncollected waste garbage all over Mkomani Ward which has also not only posed serious risks to public health but also tarnishes the image of Lamu County for investment purposes.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, as you are very much aware that, this issue of uncollected garbage has not only become a thorn in the flesh in our County due to negligence from Lamu Municipality but it has also eroded the confidence of many Lamu inhabitants including businessmen, foreigners and local entrepreneurs.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, inspite of several grievances and complains from the public, the Lamu County Government has still not yet responded swiftly and decisively to address the issue.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I seek to know the following from the relevant Departmental Committee Chair for Health Services and Sanitation:

- I. When will the never ending uncollected garbage menace be fully addressed by the County Government?
- II. What caused this problem to persist every time and again.
- III. Why the County Government is always silent over this critical issue?

**[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]:** Can we get response from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health Services and Sanitation.

**MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari):** Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesikia kauli ya Mjumbe wa Wadi ya Mkomani na ninaomba nipewe muda wa wiki moja ili niweze kuleta ripoti kamili kuhusiana na kauli yake.

**[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]:** Honorable Gakonga, lets me give you two weeks. Before we proceed to the next order, I think last week Honorable Hope Wanjiku and Honorable John Mburu raised a Statement, so Honorable Chair can you respond.

**MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari):** Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I rise to respond to a Statement raised by MCA John Mburu Gitonga who sought a Statement from the Departmental Committee on health services, sanitation and environment regarding the launching of Jericho water project.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the Jericho water project includes a power lining installation component to supply electricity to the borehole and pumping system. Although payment was made to the Kenya Power and Lighting Company (KPLC) for this work, the installation could not be undertaken due to a land conflict between Lake Kenyatta water users Association and the Local Community. The dispute delayed the power connection and consequently the operationalization of the project.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the main challenge was Administrative arising from the unsolved land dispute at the site where the power line was to be installed. There was no financial conflict as all required payment to KPLC were made in full.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the issue has since been addressed and the County Government is planning to conduct the official handing over of the pipeline component of the project within this week. Once the power connection is finalized, the system will be fully commissioned and made operational to benefit the residents of Jericho.

**[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]:** Honorable Mburu, are you satisfied with the response?

**MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe):** Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Bwana Naibu Spika bado sijaridhika na majibu hayo kwa sababu mkataba ulikuwa umetolewa wa miaka miwili na umeisha. Lakini bado wananchi hawajapata maji ukizingatia ya kuwa kila kitu kilikuwa kishatengenezwa ni kufunguliwa tu mifereji ili wananchi wapate maji. Kwa hivyo ningemuomba Mwenyekiti afuatane na Waziri waje wawafungulie wananchi wangu mifereji ili wapate maji kwa sababu KPLC haihusiki kabisa na swala hilo. Na iwapo hawatafanya hivyo basi itabidi tumuite Waziri hapa Bungeni na atuelezee ni kwa nini wananchi hawapati maji.

**[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]:** Lakini kulingana na maregeleleo ambayo Mwenyekiti ameweza kuyatowa anasema kulikuwa kuwekwe vigingi vya stima, lakini kukawa na mzozo wa ardhi kati ya mahali pa nyaya za stima na vigingi vinapopitia pamoja na wale wahusika ambao wanatoa huduma ya maji. Na ninaona hilo jambo limesuluhishwa na Kampuni ya kutoa huduma ya umeme ishalipwa pesa na nimemsikia Mwenyekiti akisema maswala ya ardhi, mahali nyaya na

vigingi zitapitia imesuluhishwa. Kwa hivyo nikuenda kufuatilia Kampuni husika iweze kuweka moto.

**MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe):** Bwana Naibu Spika ndiposa nimesema swala la stima halihusiki kabisa na mambo hayo, ilikuwa ni pipe ya maji ipatikane ili wananchi wapate maji. Hata swala la ardhi haliingiliani kabisa kwa sababu hakuna mzozo wowote wa ardhi unaoendelea sehemu hiyo. Ni Waziri akubaliane na watu wa LAKWA waje watufungulie maji ndiposa nikasema Waziri aletwe hapa atueleze kwa kina.

**[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]:** Mwenyekiti ningependa uzungumze na Waziri ili aweze kukutafautia. Unaweza kujibu ya Mheshimiwa Hope Wanjiku.

**MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari):** Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I rise to respond to a Statement raised by MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura who sought a Statement from Departmental Committee on health services, sanitation and environment on matters pertaining to the TB outbreak at Mpeketoni Boys Secondary School. I respond as follows: -

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, screening of students in Mpeketoni Boys Secondary School was done between 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025, a total of 465 students were screened where 286 samples were tested with 10 sputum samples turning positive for TB.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, all positive cases immediately put on their proved TB Medication with close follow up by Health Officers and teachers. Patients on TB medication no longer transmit TB, hence control the further spread of the disease. A TB Clinic day has been set weekly which is done in every Monday at Mpeketoni Boys Secondary School.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the Department has schedule to visit additional Schools Countywide to sensitize students and the teachers on TB control and hygiene promotion.

**[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]:** Honorable Wanjiku, are you satisfied with the response?

**MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated):** Yes, I am satisfied Mr Deputy Speaker Sir.

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

**Clerk-at-the-Table:** Motion

### MOTION

#### *PROTECTION AGAINST CYBER-BULLYING IN LAMU COUNTY*

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

**AWARE** that cyber-bullying using digital platforms such as social media, messaging apps and online forums to harass, intimidate or harm individuals poses serious threats to the mental health and well-being of residents particularly children and youth.

**FURTHER AWARE** that the increased access to internet and mobile technology in Lamu County has led to a rise in cyber bullying cases, negatively impacting victims' education, self-esteem and social interactions.

**CONCERNED** that currently there are inadequate measures within the County to prevent, monitor and address cyber bullying leaving victims vulnerable and perpetrators unaccountable.

**NOTING** that the Kenyan Constitution guarantees the right to human dignity privacy and freedom from harassment and that national laws such

as the computer misuse and cybercrimes Act, 2018 provide legal frameworks to combat cybercrimes including cyber bullying.

**RECOGNIZING** the need for a County-driven policy and awareness programs to complement national efforts in protecting residents from cyber bullying.

**THIS HOUSE RESOLVES THAT:**

- i.** The County Executive Committee Member responsible for Education, ICT and Youth Affairs develops a comprehensive County Policy on cyber bullying prevention and response within 90 days from the adoption of this motion.
- ii.** The policy shall include:
  - Awareness and sensitization campaigns targeting schools, youth groups, parents and the general public.
  - Establishment of support systems including counselling services for victims of cyber bullying.
  - Collaboration with law enforcement and national agencies to enhance reporting, investigation and prosecution of cyber bullying cases.
  - Guidelines for schools and community institutions on how to identify and manage incidents of cyber bullying.
- iii.** The County Government partners with educational institutions, civil society organizations and ICT stakeholders to implement cyber safety programs targeting children and youth.
- iv.** The County Assembly Education Committee monitors the progress of policy development and implementation and receives quarterly reports on cyber bullying trends and interventions in the County.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, having said that with your permission I wish to say one or two words to make my motion stronger. Before I continue I wish to confirm that every homestead has phones and that's a quite positive development. But there is this issue of cyber-bullying in our Lamu County, one way or another we as Honorable Members have affected. These people who are practicing this vice they go unpunished.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when talk of cyber-bullying one may ask him/herself what is cyber-bullying? And just like I said on my motion the first paragraph we talked that its harassment using digital technologies in social media there is app messaging, platforms which includes Facebook, WhatsApp messenger and sometimes they tarnish our names.

Mr Deputy Speaker in our Honorable House we've been graced to have some young Leaders who are teens and the cyber-bullying also affects them and the impact is so big/wide that it may lead to death.

Mr Deputy Speaker the cyber-bullying also leads to low self-esteem whereby affects the youths who are in school. It also brings about depression and social isolation on withdrawal, you find that having gone such intimidation/harassment one feels that doesn't want to associate with the community this may lead to drop in their academic.

*(Seconded)*

*Motion proposed*

### **Members Contributions**

**MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari):** Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Beatrice Wamaita Munge. Bwana Naibu Spika hoja hii ni nzuri na ninaamini kwa njia moja ama nyengine Waheshimiwa huenda wakawa ni waathiriwa wa maonevu katika mitandao kwa kudunishwa na baadhi ya wanablogi. Hoja hii ina mapendekezo mojawapo ikiwa ni kwa Wizara

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husika ya mambo ya teknolojia na habari wakae chini na waunde sera mwafaka za kuweza kupigana na maswala haya ya uonevu wa mitandao.

**MCA Fahd Dini Adnan** (*Nominated*): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika kulingana na taarifa ambazo tumeweza kuzipokea kwa kupoteza Kiongozi ambaye hii leo ametufanya tuwe katika Mabunge haya ningomba tusitisho hoja hii, na uweze kumuita Mwasilishaji wa hoja hii ili aweze kujibu.

### **Mover's Response**

**MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge** (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you Members for supporting this motion. I know this conversation is not going to end now and we shall go on about this conversation of cyber-bullying.

Mr Deputy Speaker I now ask Honorable Members as we adopt, we adopt wholeheartedly and knowing that actions are going to be taken and all the issues that we have requested to be addressed and the report that we had requested the Ministry of Education to give or to varnish the Assembly with in order to get that information.

(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 15th October, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

***The Assembly rose at 12 p.m.***