



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 2nd April, 2026

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

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

PRAYERS

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

Clerk-at-the-Table: Communication.

Communication from the Chair

Visiting Students from St. John's Mission School

Honorable Members, I have the following communication to make.

Hon. Members, our sitting this Afternoon is privileged by a delegation from St. John's Mission School- Hindi Ward. This is the first school visits in the Fifth Session in our Third Assembly at the Assembly building in Mokowe. The delegation consists of fifty-three (53) students, nine teachers as well as three parents accompanying them.

Hon. Members, may I now recognize the nine teacher delegates

1. Miss Julia Mugure

2. Gladys Wambui

3. Monicah Wachuka

4. Julius Otieno

5. Simon Gitau

6. Mercy Murimi

7. Mosses Kahiu

8. Ann Muchir

9. Gabriel Oseno

Hon. Members, let me also recognize the three parents accompanying the team;

1. Teresia Musili

2. James Mwangang

3. Simon Muriuki

Lastly and not least, let me recognize the (53) fifty three learners as follows:

1. Grade 3-15 students

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna): Hon. Riziki?

Hon. Mathi Riziki Nzai(Nominated): Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwa niaba ya Mhe. James Njaaga, ningependa kuwakaribisha shule ya St. John's, walimu pamoja na wanafunzi. Karibuni sana katika Bunge letu la Kaunti. Mjihisi huru.

Kwa wanafunzi, nawasihi msome kwa bidii kwa sababu siku moja nanyi mtaweza kufika hapa tulipo leo. Kiti ambacho Mhe. Riziki anakikalia leo, kesho kinaweza kuwa chako. Hivyo basi, msome kwa bidii na karibuni sana.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna): Minority Leader?

Hon. Fahd Dini Adnan(Minority Leader): Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ningependa kuchukua fursa hii kuwashukuru walimu kwa kupanga ziara kama hii, ya kuwaleta wanafunzi kushuhudia jinsi Bunge linavyoendesha shughuli zake moja kwa moja. Hii haina utofauti mkubwa na mijadala mnayofanya mkiwa shuleni — ni mfano halisi wa yale mnayojifunza darasani.

Kwa hiyo, ninawahimiza mnapotazama mijadala inavyoendelea hapa, muweze kuyatumia yale mnayoyaona mkiwa shuleni kwenu. Kwa kufanya hivyo, mtakuwa mnajenga uelewa mpana wa masuala ya uongozi na mijadala.

Kwa mara nyingine tena, karibuni katika Bunge letu la Lamu. Mjihisi kama mko nyumbani, na mfurahie ziara yenu.

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

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statement

STATEMENT

Statement By The Chairperson, Trade Committee on The Oversight Visit To Mpeketoni Market

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Hon. Beatrice Wamaitha Munge(Nominated): Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

Honorable Speaker, I stand to present a brief report of the Trade Committee on its oversight visit to Mpeketoni Market.

Before I proceed, Honorable Speaker, I wish to inform this Honorable House that a statement was raised by Honorable Hope Wajiko Mwaura regarding Mpeketoni Market on 11th March. The response was expected within two weeks, which lapsed on Tuesday this week. I am still following up on the same. However, with your permission and guidance, the Committee undertook a site visit, and I hereby present our findings.

Introduction

Honorable Speaker, the Trade Committee conducted an inspection visit to Mpeketoni Market to evaluate operational conditions, service delivery, infrastructure status, and revenue collection systems within the facility.

The visit was informed by concerns raised regarding the lack of water and electricity supply at the market. The Committee engaged traders, market officials, and relevant stakeholders, and carried out a physical assessment of the market environment.

Objectives of the Visit

The oversight visit aimed to:

- a) Assess the adequacy of basic infrastructure within the market;
- b) Evaluate sanitation and waste management systems;
- c) Review revenue collection mechanisms and compliance levels;

- d) Identify operational challenges affecting traders and county revenue performance; and
- e) Propose actionable recommendations for improvement.

Key Findings

Honorable Speaker, the Committee noted the following critical issues:

- a) Lack of reliable water supply

The market does not have a functional or consistent water supply, negatively impacting hygiene standards, food handling, and overall sanitation. Traders are forced to source water from external vendors at an additional cost, increasing the cost of doing business.

- b) Absence of a structured electricity token system

There is no clear or formalized electricity token system, forcing traders, particularly small-scale traders (mama mbogas), to incur additional personal costs.

- c) Inadequate waste management facilities

The market lacks sufficient dustbins and designated waste collection points, leading to indiscriminate waste disposal, unclean conditions, and increased health risks.

- d) Poor drainage infrastructure

The entrance to the market is characterized by poor drainage, resulting in water stagnation, especially during rainy periods. This hampers accessibility, discourages customers, and poses health and safety risks.

Observations

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The Committee further observed that:

- a) The overall sanitation status of the market is below acceptable public health standards;
- b) There is weak enforcement of market regulations and limited presence of county enforcement personnel;
- c) Revenue collection systems are informal and prone to inefficiencies; and
- d) Traders are operating under difficult conditions, which may negatively affect economic activity in the area.

Committee Recommendations

In light of the above findings, the Committee recommends the following:

- a) Immediate restoration of water supply

The relevant department should prioritize installation or rehabilitation of a reliable water supply system.

- b) Introduction of a formal electricity token system

The County Government should establish a structured and transparent electricity token system.

- c) Provision of adequate waste management facilities

Install sufficient dustbins at strategic locations and establish a regular waste collection schedule, alongside awareness programs for traders.

- d) Improvement of drainage systems

Urgent works should be undertaken to construct or repair drainage at the market entrance.

e) Deployment of enforcement officers

The County should deploy adequate enforcement personnel to:

- i) Ensure compliance with market regulations;
- ii) Support structured revenue collection; and
- iii) Maintain order within the market.

Additionally, security officers should be provided with identification cards and uniforms to prevent harassment, particularly during night shifts.

f) Deployment of revenue officers

Revenue officers should be permanently stationed at the market to enhance revenue collection.

g) Regulation of vehicle access

A structured system should be introduced to regulate vehicle entry into the market and enable collection of entry fees.

h) Provision of equipment and protective gear

Market cleaning staff should be equipped with appropriate tools and protective gear, including gloves, boots, uniforms, and waste-handling equipment.

Conclusion

Honorable Speaker, the Committee notes that Mpeketoni Market plays a vital role in supporting local trade and livelihoods. However, the current state of infrastructure and service delivery is inadequate and requires urgent intervention.

Addressing these challenges will improve the working environment for traders, enhance public health, boost economic activity, and increase county revenue.

The Committee therefore urges the relevant County departments to take immediate and coordinated action to implement these recommendations.

Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

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

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion

MOTION

MOTION OUTBREAK OF ANTHRAX IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE COUNTY

Hon. Aisha Ali Abdulrahman(Nominated): Thank you Honourable Speaker.

Hon. Speaker I beg to move the following motion:

AWARE THAT the provisions of Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, which vests legislative and oversight authority in the County Assembly:

FURTHER AWARE that County Governments are responsible for agriculture, including livestock disease control, under Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution;

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NOTING THAT there has been a reported outbreak of anthrax in certain parts of the County, posing a serious threat to public health, livestock, and the local economy:

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CONCERNED THAT anthrax is a highly infectious zoonotic disease that can be transmitted from animals to humans and may result in severe illness or death if not promptly contained:

FURTHER CONCERNED that the outbreak may lead to loss of livelihoods, especially among pastoralist and farming communities, and could escalate if urgent interventions are not undertaken;

COGNIZANT THAT the need for timely surveillance, vaccination of livestock, public awareness, and coordinated response mechanisms by relevant County departments:

NOW THEREFORE, this Assembly resolves that:

1. The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) responsible for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, in collaboration with the CECM for Health Services, urgently:

a) Conducts a comprehensive assessment of the extent of the anthrax outbreak within the County:

b) Implements immediate containment measures, including quarantine of affected areas and safe disposal of infected carcasses:

c) Undertakes mass vaccination of livestock in affected and high-risk areas:

2. The County Department of Health:

a) Enhances surveillance and early detection systems for human cases of anthrax:

b) Provides necessary medical supplies and preparedness in health facilities within affected areas:

c) Carries out public sensitization on prevention, symptoms, and reporting of anthrax cases; 3. The County Government, through relevant departments, rolls out an intensive public awareness campaign to educate residents on:

a) The dangers of handling or consuming meat from infected animals:

b) Reporting mechanisms for suspected cases in both humans and livestock:

4. The County Executive submits a detailed report to this Assembly within fourteen (14)

days outlining:

a) The status of the outbreak;

b) Measures taken to contain the situation;

c) Long-term strategies to prevent future occurrences;

Second

Hon. Beatrice Wamaitha Munge(Nominated): Thank you Honourable Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, I rise to support and second the Motion moved by Honourable Aisha Ali Abdulrahman.

Honourable Speaker, thank you for according me this opportunity to contribute to this very important Motion before this Honourable House. Indeed, this is a timely Motion, especially as we approach the rainy season—a period during which livestock movement increases as herders search for pasture and water.

Honourable Speaker, it is important to note that anthrax is a disease caused by bacteria found naturally in the soil. It primarily affects livestock, including cattle, but it can also be transmitted to human beings. Infection in humans may occur through the skin, inhalation, or ingestion of contaminated animal products.

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Honourable Speaker, in Lamu County, a significant number of our residents depend on livestock keeping. In fact, it is rare to find several homesteads without at least one keeping cattle. This makes the County particularly vulnerable to outbreaks of such zoonotic diseases, thereby posing a serious public health risk.

However, Honourable Speaker, anthrax is preventable and treatable. It can be controlled through timely vaccination of livestock and proper use of antibiotics where necessary. This underscores the urgent need for our veterinary and health departments to enhance surveillance, vaccination campaigns, and public awareness.

Honourable Speaker, it is also important to highlight that some members of our community, particularly those in marginalized areas, may consume meat from animals that have not been properly inspected by veterinary officers. This practice significantly increases the risk of disease transmission.

Therefore, Honourable Speaker, I urge the relevant departments to act with urgency. They must intensify efforts, deploy adequate resources, and ensure that livestock vaccination and public sensitization are carried out effectively. Protecting the health of our people must remain a top priority.

Honourable Speaker, if we are to build a healthy and productive society, then we must take such threats seriously and respond decisively.

Having said that, I fully support and second this noble Motion and urge all Honourable Members to adopt it for the benefit of our citizens.

Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Members' Contributions

Hon. Francis Gakure Gakonga(Bahari): Asante sana kwa kunipa nafasi hii ili niweze kuunga mkono hoja hii iliyowasilishwa na Mheshimiwa Aisha Ali Abdurrahman kuhusu mlipuko wa ugonjwa wa kimeta katika maeneo mbalimbali ya Kata ya Laba.

Mheshimiwa Spika, bila kusita na bila masharti yoyote, nasimama kuunga mkono hoja hii. Napenda kumshukuru Mheshimiwa Aisha kwa kuchukua muda wake kusikiliza wananchi na kuelewa changamoto wanazokumbana nazo, kisha kuleta hoja hii muhimu mbele ya Bunge hili tukufu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, kama ilivyoelezwa na waheshimiwa waliotangulia, ugonjwa wa kimeta unasababishwa na bakteria na huathiri mifugo kama vile mbuzi, kondoo na ng'ombe. Aidha, ugonjwa huu unaweza pia kuambukizwa kwa binadamu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, katika Kata ya Laba, tuna jamii nyingi ambazo hutegemea ufugaji kama chanzo kikuu cha mapato. Hivyo basi, uchumi wa wananchi wetu unategemea kwa kiwango kikubwa mifugo wanayofuga. Endapo ugonjwa huu utaenea, athari zake zitakuwa kubwa kiuchumi kwa wananchi wetu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ni ukweli usiopingika kwamba katika maeneo mengi ya kaunti yetu, karibu kila kaya ina mifugo. Hivyo basi, mlipuko wa ugonjwa kama huu unaweza kusababisha hasara kubwa, kwani baadhi ya mifugo hufa na wale wanaobaki huathirika kiafya.

Mheshimiwa Spika, hoja hii inasisitiza umuhimu wa idara husika, hususan Wizara ya Afya na ile ya Mifugo, kuchukua hatua za haraka kwa kufanya ufuatiliaji wa karibu ili kubaini maeneo yaliyoathirika na kiwango cha maambukizi, pamoja na kuchukua hatua stahiki kudhibiti ugonjwa huu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ni muhimu pia kusesitiza chanjo kwa mifugo kama njia ya kuzuia maambukizi. Chanjo hizi hutoa kinga kwa muda maalum, hivyo ni lazima kuwe na mpango endelevu wa kuwachanja wanyama ili kuhakikisha wanabaki salama.

Vilevile, Mheshimiwa Spika, ni muhimu kutenga mifugo iliyoathirika na ile iliyo salama ili kuzuia kuenea kwa ugonjwa huu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ugonjwa huu unaweza pia kuwaambukiza binadamu, hasa kupitia kugusa au kula nyama ya wanyama walioathirika au waliokufa. Dalili kwa wanyama zinaweza kujumuisha homa kali, kutokwa damu kupitia sehemu mbalimbali za mwili kama mdomo, masikio na pua, hali ambayo ni hatari sana.

Kwa hivyo, Mheshimiwa Spika, ni muhimu kufuata taratibu sahihi za kushughulikia mizoga ya wanyama waliofariki kutokana na ugonjwa huu, ikiwa ni pamoja na kuichoma au kuizika kwenye mashimo marefu ili kuzuia kuenea kwa maambukizi.

Mheshimiwa Spika, hii ni hoja muhimu sana na ninaomba Waheshimiwa Wabunge wote waunge mkono ili ipitishwe. Aidha, ni wajibu wa serikali kuhakikisha kuwa kuna rasilimali za kutosha, ikiwemo fedha katika bajeti, ili kusaidia ununuzi wa chanjo na kudhibiti magonjwa ya mifugo.

Kwa kuhitimisha, Mheshimiwa Spika, ninaunga mkono hoja hii kikamilifu na naomba ipitishwe kwa manufaa ya wananchi wetu.

Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Atwaa Salim(Shela): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity. I rise to second this very important Motion before this Honourable House.

Honourable Speaker, having carefully considered the contents of this Motion—from the “aware that” clauses to the “cognizant that” provisions—I wish to emphasize that this is a matter of great urgency. It calls for immediate execution and utilization of emergency funds to address the situation without delay.

Honourable Speaker, this is a serious issue that may expose our people to grave danger if not addressed promptly. From the point of intervention, this Motion requires urgent action. In my view, the timelines suggested are too long—this is a matter that demands action within the shortest time possible, ideally within 24 to 48 hours.

Honourable Speaker, this issue not only affects human lives but also has significant economic implications. Many families depend on livestock for their livelihood. If this matter is not addressed urgently, it will negatively affect households, disrupt livelihoods, and even impact the education and well-being of children in those families.

Honourable Speaker, as the legislative arm, failure to act decisively would mean that we bear responsibility for any adverse consequences arising from this outbreak.

I therefore call upon the relevant Sectoral Committee to act immediately and ensure that the Executive responds within 24 to 48 hours at most. We already have provisions such as emergency funds, and the Department of Finance must take a central role in ensuring that resources are made available.

Honourable Speaker, this is a moment that calls upon us to act beyond the ordinary call of duty.

With those few remarks, I beg to support this Motion and urge for urgent intervention. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Hon Mathi Riziki(Nominated): Mheshimiwa Spika, asante sana kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja hii iliyowasilishwa na Mheshimiwa Aisha.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ukweli ni kwamba ugonjwa huu wa kimeta ni hatari sana. Ningependekeza kwamba madaktari wa mifugo waende mashinani kuhamasisha wafugaji kuhusu madhara ya ugonjwa huu na namna ya kujikinga nao.

Mheshimiwa Spika, wananchi wengi wameathirika bila kufahamu, hasa kwa kula nyama ya mifugo iliyoambukizwa. Hivyo basi, elimu kwa umma ni jambo la muhimu sana.

Kwa hayo machache, naunga mkono hoja hii.Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon Fahd Dini Adnan(MinorityLeader): Mheshimiwa Spika, asante kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja hii muhimu iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Aisha. Napenda kumpa pongezi kwa kuleta hoja hii kwa wakati muafaka.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ni ukweli kwamba wafugaji wengi hawana uelewa wa kutosha kuhusu ugonjwa wa kimeta, na hatari kubwa zaidi ni kwamba ugonjwa huu pia unaweza kumuathiri binadamu.

Kwa mujibu wa Katiba, hususan Ibara ya 185, Bunge hili lina jukumu la kutunga sheria na kufanya uangalizi (oversight) kwa upande wa utekelezaji. Aidha, Ibara ya 43(1)(a) inatoa haki kwa kila Mkenya kupata huduma bora za afya. Hii inamaanisha kuwa hata mifugo tunayokula lazima iwe na afya bora.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ugonjwa huu unasababishwa na bakteria anayejulikana kama *Bacillus anthracis*, ambaye hupatikana ardhini na huathiri mifugo. Hivyo basi, ni wajibu wa serikali ya kaunti kulichukulia jambo hili kama dharura na kuhakikisha mifugo inapatiwa chanjo ili kuzuia maambukizi.

Mheshimiwa Spika, napenda pia kusesitiza kuwa viongozi wa sekta husika wanapaswa kuzingatia majukumu yao ya msingi na kuepuka kujihusisha kupita kiasi na siasa, kwani hilo linaweza kuathiri utoaji wa huduma kwa wananchi.

Aidha, mifugo iliyoathirika inapaswa kuwekwa karantini ili kuzuia kusambaa kwa ugonjwa huu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, hili ni jambo la dharura kubwa na linahitaji hatua za haraka.

Kwa hayo machache, naunga mkono hoja hii. Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Movers' Response

Hon. Aisha Ali Abdulrahman(Nominated): Mheshimiwa Spika, napenda kuwashukuru Waheshimiwa Wajumbe wote waliochangia hoja hii muhimu iliyowasilishwa mbele ya Bunge hili.

Mheshimiwa Spika, kutokana na mchango wa Waheshimiwa na uzito wa hoja yenyewe, nina imani kwamba hatua za haraka zitachukuliwa ili kukabiliana na changamoto hii, kwa lengo la kuboresha maisha ya wananchi wa Kaunti ya Lamu na kulinda mazingira yetu, hususan mifugo ambayo ni tegemeo kubwa kwa jamii yetu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ni vyema pia kutambua kwamba Kaunti ya Lamu ni miongoni mwa kaunti zenye idadi ndogo ya watu nchini Kenya. Hivyo basi, hali

hii inatoa fursa nzuri kwa serikali ya kaunti kushughulikia suala hili kwa haraka na ufanisi mkubwa.

Kwa kuzingatia michango ya Waheshimiwa Wajumbe, nina imani kwamba hatua za dharura zitachukuliwa bila kuchelewa. Sioni sababu yoyote itakayozuia Serikali ya Kaunti kushughulikia suala hili ipasavyo.

Kwa hayo machache, napenda kusema asante.

Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika.

(Questions put and Agreed Upon)

Speaker (Hon. Paul Njuguna Kimani): Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 4:30p.m.