



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 22nd April, 2026

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

[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beatrice Wamaitha Munge) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beatrice Wamaitha): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statement.

STATEMENT

School Feeding Program

Hon. Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu(Nominated): Mr.Speaker Sir, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(c), to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Education, Gender and Equality regarding the status and implementation of the ECDE feeding program in our schools.

Mr.Speaker, we are all aware that ECDE feeding programs play a critical role in improving school enrolment, retention, and academic performance, especially among learners from vulnerable and food-insecure households;

Mr. Speaker, several areas within our County continue to face challenges of food insecurity, which have contributed to high absenteeism and school dropout rates, particularly in remote regions such as Lamu East and Boni areas and hence the absence or inconsistency of structured feeding programs in public schools may negatively affect learners' concentration, nutrition, and overall educational outcomes.

This Assembly therefore seeks a statement on the following:

1. The current status of the feeding program across all ECDE and primary schools in Lamu County.
2. Budgetary allocation and funding sources for the program in the current and previous financial years.
3. Measures put in place by the County Executive to ensure sustainability and consistency of the program.
4. Plans to expand the program to cover all vulnerable learners, especially in marginalized and hard-to-reach areas.
5. Any partnerships with the National Government, NGOs, or development partners to support the program.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore urge the strengthening of ECDE feeding program as essential in addressing malnutrition, improving attendance, and enhancing learning outcomes, as evidenced in other counties where such programs have significantly boosted enrolment and participation.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beatrice Wamaita): Vice chair education?

Hon. Hope Wanjiku Mwaura(Nominated): Honourable speaker I seek a period of one week to liase and bring a comprehensive report.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beatrice Wamaitha):

Honourable Amina, are you comfortable with the response?

Hon. Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu(Nominated): I am ok Honourable Speaker.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beatrice Wamaitha): Next statement.

STATEMENT

Construction of Petrol Stations Without Proper Entry and Exit Points

Hon. Mbwana Mohamed Mbwana(Majority leader): Thank you Honourable Speaker.

Honourable Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Orders 41(2) (C) of this Honourable House to seek a statement from the relevant Committee Chairperson on Roads and Transport regarding the increasing construction of petrol stations within Lamu County that lack proper and approved entry and exit points.

Hon. Speaker, It has come to the attention of this Assembly that several petrol stations are being developed along major roads and within urban centres without adequate provision for safe access. These developments appear to contravene established planning, road safety, and petroleum regulatory standards, thereby posing serious risks to motorists, pedestrians, and nearby residents.

Hon. Speaker, The absence of properly designed entry and exit points leads to traffic congestion, increases the likelihood of road accidents, and undermines

orderly urban development. In some instances, these stations obstruct visibility and disrupt the smooth flow of traffic, particularly along busy road corridors.

Honourable Speaker, Aware that the construction and operation of petrol stations are subject to approval by various regulatory bodies, including the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA), the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), and relevant road agencies, it is concerning that such developments are proceeding without full compliance with the required standards.

Honourable Speaker, We also lack an emergency assembly point in petrol station which is a serious safety problem. An Assembly point is designated safe area where workers, customers and visitors gather after evacuating during emergencies such as fire, fuel leaks, explosions or gas exposure, and without an assembly point people may panic and run in different direction during an emergency, and the emergency responders may not know if someone is missing or trapped.

Honourable Speaker,

I therefore request a statement from the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Lands, Infrastructure, and Urban Development on the following:

1. The number of petrol stations approved and currently under construction in Lamu County over the past three years.

2. Whether all approved petrol stations have complied with the required standards for entry and exit design, including traffic impact assessments.

3. Measures in place to ensure that all petrol stations adhere to road safety regulations and approved development plans.
4. Actions being taken against developers who have constructed or are operating petrol stations without proper entry and exit points.
5. Steps the County Government is taking to prevent future non-compliant developments and to safeguard public safety.

Honourable Speaker, I urge the County Executive to treat this matter with the seriousness it deserves and to ensure strict enforcement of all applicable laws and regulations to protect the lives of our citizens and promote orderly development within Lamu County.

Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beatrice Wamaitha): Chairperson, Transport Committee?

Hon. Amina Hassan(Nominated): Mheshimiwa spika naomba muda wa wiki mbili niweze kuleta majibu.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beatrice Wamaitha): Majority leader are you comfortable?

Hon. Mbwana Mohamed(Majority): Honourable speaker the issue of two weeks is becoming a norm in this House. I think one week is enough since it is matter of writing a letter to seek for clarification.

Hon. Amina Hassan(Nominated): That is ok honourable speaker.I will provide in a matter of a week. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beatrice Wamaitha Munge): Honorable Members,
there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until Thursday
afternoon, 23rd April 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 4:30p.m.