

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU
THE HANSARD

Thursday 30th April, 2026

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

[The Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

[The Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge)]: Next Order.

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

NOTICE OF MOTION

COCONUT VALUE ADDITION IN LAMU COUNTY

MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu (Nominated): Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I would like to give a notice of the following motion: -

THAT AWARE THAT, agriculture remains a key pillar of Lamu County's economy, with coconut farming being one of the major agricultural activities practiced by residents across various wards in Lamu County.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, Lamu County has long been known for its rich coconut heritage, yet this resource has not translated into substantial economic empowerment for our people. Most farmers sell raw coconuts at low prices to middlemen, denying them the benefits that accrue from processed products;

COGNIZANT THAT, despite Lamu County being richly endowed with coconut plantations and favorable climatic conditions for coconut production, the full economic potential of the coconut sector remains largely underutilized due to limited processing facilities, inadequate value addition mechanisms, poor market linkages, and lack of modern production technologies:

NOTING THAT, value addition through processing of coconuts into products such as coconut oil, virgin oil, coconut flour, coconut milk, desiccated coconut, activated charcoal briquettes, mats, ropes, handicrafts, cosmetics and animal feed would significantly increase farmers' incomes, create employment opportunities for youth and women, enhance local industrialization and expand revenue generation for the County;

FURTHER NOTING THAT, investment in coconut value chains aligns with the County Integrated Development Plan and the national agenda on agricultural transformation and food security.

THIS ASSEMBLY THEREFORE RESOLVES THAT, the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Agriculture, Irrigation and Food Security:

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive Coconut Value Addition and Commercialization Policy for Lamu County;
2. Establish coconut processing and value addition centers strategically across coconut-producing wards in the County;
3. Facilitate training and capacity building for coconut farmers, cooperatives, youth groups and women groups on modern coconut farming, processing and entrepreneurship;
4. Promote formation and strengthening of coconut farmers' cooperatives for collective marketing and access to financing;
5. Partner with relevant national government agencies, private investors and development partners to attract investment in coconut processing industries within Lamu County; and If properly harnessed, coconut value addition can

transform livelihoods, reduce unemployment, empower local communities and position Lamu as a leading coconut processing hub in Kenya.

Thank you.

[The Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge)]: I can see that there is another notice of motion but the mover, Honorable Aisha is not in the House therefore, I differ this notice of motion in the next sitting. Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Questions and Statements.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS AND RESPONSE

PROVISION OF BURSARIES TO MARGINALIZED STUDENTS FOR PREVIOUS YEARS BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

MCA Atwaa Salim Mohamed (Shella): Madam Speaker, I rise to seek a statement on your behalf from the County Executive Committee Member responsible for financial years. for education regarding the provision of bursaries to marginalized students for previous

Honorable Speaker, The County Government of Lamu has a constitutional and statutory duty under Article 43(1)(f) of the Constitution and the Lamu County Education Bursary and Scholarship Act to support access to education for needy and marginalized students. Concerns have been raised by parents, students, and community leaders that eligible students from marginalized areas and vulnerable backgrounds have not received bursary allocations for the past financial years, affecting school retention and transition rates.

I'm now requesting the County Executive Committee Member for Education is requested to provide a comprehensive statement to this Assembly within 14 days addressing:

1. Total bursary allocations, approved for marginalized students in FY 2022/2023, 2023/2024, and 2024/2025, broken down by ward and sub-county.

2. Actual amounts disbursed* to students/institutions for each of those years, and any outstanding balances not yet released.
3. Criteria used to identify and vet marginalized students, and the list of beneficiaries per ward for the said years.
4. Reasons for delays or non-disbursement of bursaries to marginalized students, if any.
5. Measures being taken, to clear all pending bursary payments for previous years and prevent recurrence.
6. Budgetary provisions, made in FY2025/2026 to settle arrears and support current applicants from marginalized communities.

Honorable Speaker, as we are all aware that education should be equalizer, Failure to release bursaries to marginalized students denies them their right to education and entrenches inequality. This Assembly must ensure accountability.

Thank You.

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Chair, I request for two weeks so that we can bring the response to the House.

[The Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge): Honorable Atwaa are you satisfied with two weeks?

MCA Atwaa Salim Mohamed (Shellla): Yes, Madam Speaker.

[The Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge): Honorable Hope I can see that you have a statement. Kindly proceed.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS AND RESPONSE

CURRENT STATUS OF MIKINDUNI DISPENSARY IN MKUNUMBI WARD

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Madam Speaker, I seek a statement pursuant to Standing Order 41 (2) (C) from the Chairperson of the departmental committee on Health Services and Environment on matters relating to the current status of Mikinduni Dispensary in Mkunumbi ward.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate the County Government effort towards improving the infrastructure in our County. However, some public utilities are very essential for quality in general. service delivery for residents of Mkunumbi ward in particular and for the entire county.

Madam Speaker, as you are aware that public amenities such as dispensaries are very sensitive and useful in any civilized country for purposes of seeking quality medication services.

Madam Speaker, In the 2025/2026 Financial Year, a total of Kshs, 1,000,000/- was has not commenced its operation. budgeted for the construction of Mikinduni dispensary which has been completed but it has not commenced its operation.

Madam Speaker, I seek to know the following from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health Services, Sanitation and Environment on the following: -

1. What is the current status of the Mikinduni dispensary?
2. Why is the facility not functioning despite being completed a long time ago?
3. When will the Mikinduni dispensary commence its operation for the betterment of Mkunumbi residents?

Thank you.

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe): Asante Bi Spika, naomba tupewe muda wa wiki mbili kuleta majibu.

[The Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge)]: Honorable Hope, are you satisfied with two weeks?

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (*Nominated*): Yes, Madam Speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

[The Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge)]: Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until next week Tuesday, 5th May, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 3:15 p.m.

