

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



## THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

### THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

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

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

### PRAYERS

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

**Clerk-at-the-Table:** Papers.

### PAPERS

*Tabling of the report*

**MCA Barisa Deko Bana** (*Basuba*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to table the following report of the Select Committee and County finance, budget and appropriations on the Supplementary Budget estimate: -

1. For financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 for the Lamu County Government and the County Assembly.

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

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

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**MCA Barisa Deko Bana** (*Basuba*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to give the following Notice of Motion: -

*Approval of the report of the Departmental Committee on finance, budget and appropriations on consideration of Lamu County Supplementary budget estimate 2025/26*

**THAT,** Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya, County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012; the public finance and management Act 2012 and the County Assembly's Standing Orders, this House has approved the report of the finance, budget and appropriation Committee on consideration of the Lamu Annual Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025/26 with amendments.

**[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna):** Next notice of motion.

**MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge** (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to give the following Notice of Motion: -

*Allocation of funds in support of HIV/AIDS patients in Lamu County*

**AWARE THAT**, HIV/AIDS remains a significant public health concern with many affected individuals facing challenges in accessing consistent medical care, antiretroviral therapy (ART), nutritional support and psychosocial services.

**FURTHER AWARE THAT**, stigma, poverty and limited resources continue to impede the well-being and treatment adherence of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

**NOTING THAT**, access to comprehensive HIV/AIDS support services is essential for reducing morbidity and mortality, preventing further transmission and fulfilling national and international health commitments.

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**CONCERNED THAT**, inadequate funding for HIV/AIDS programs limits the capacity of health facilities and community-based organizations to provide critical support to affected persons.

**THIS HOUSE THEREFORE RESOLVES THAT:**

1. A designated portion of the health budget be allocated specifically for programs supporting HIV/AIDS patients in Lamu County including but not limited to:
  - Provision of antiretroviral drugs (ART) and related medical care.
  - Nutritional support for vulnerable patients.
  - Counselling and psychosocial services.
  - Community outreach and stigma-reduction initiatives.
  - Support for community health workers involved in HIV/AIDS care.
2. The Health Department develops and submits an implementation plan outlining how the allocated funds will be utilized to ensure transparency, accountability and effectiveness.

3. Periodic monitoring and reporting on the progress, impact and challenges of the funded programs be presented to this House/Board/Committee for review and further action.

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

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

## STATEMENTS

### *Delayed launch of Jericho water project*

**MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe):** Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C) I rise for the second time to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of Departmental Committee on Health Services, Water and Environment regarding to the delayed launch of Jericho Water Project.

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Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, this House will recall that I previously raised this matter on the Floor, seeking clarity on the reasons behind the stalled implementation of the project, despite its critical importance to the residents of Jericho and the surrounding areas. In his response, the CEC Member informed this Assembly that the delay had been occasioned by a dispute between LAKWA and the local community hence delaying the power connection to the facility.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the CEC further assured this House that the dispute had been resolved and that all necessary arrangements were in place to have the project launched within one week. However, it is now five weeks since that assurance was given, yet the project remains unlaunched and residents continue to suffer due to lack of reliable access to clean and safe water.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, this continued delay raises concerns about the accuracy of information previously provided to this House and the commitment of the Executive to the timely execution of essential public service projects.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I therefore seek to know from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health Services, Water and Environment on the following:-

- What is the current and actual status of the Jericho water project?
- What specific activities or requirements are still pending before the project can be launched and made operational?
- Why has the project not been launched five weeks after the Executive assured this House that all disputes had been resolved and that the launch would take place within one week?
- Is there any new dispute or technical challenge that has emerged, and if so what is its nature and how it is being addressed?

**[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna):** Response from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health Services, Water and Environment.

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**MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari):** Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika kila nikijaribu kulifuatilia jambo hili kwa Waziri husika anasema ya kwamba mradi huo uliisha na jambo lililosalia ni kufanyiwa makubaliano. Kwa hivyo ningepomba nipewe muda wa wiki moja ili nilite majibu sahihi, lakini pia ningemuomba Mheshimiwa Mburu aandamane nami tukamuone Waziri husika aweze kumsukuma Mhandisi na kuumaliza mradi huo.

**[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna):** Honorable Mburu are you comfortable with the response?

**MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe):** Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika, nakumbuka hili swali nilipoliuliza hapo awali na nikajibiwa niliambiwa mambo yote yako tayari na imebaki kufunguliwa. Lakini hata tukichukua jukumu la

kumfuata huyo Mhandisi itakuwa tunajikosea sisi wenyewe. Kwa hivyo ningependa kumhimiza Mwenyekiti amuite Waziri husika kwa kamati husika ili atuelezee kwa nini hajayafunguwa hayo maji na tayari mradi umekamilika.

**[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna):** Nafikiri Mwenyekiti ameweza kuelezea atafuatilia kwa mara ya pili, ikishindikana ndio Waziri Mhusika atajibu maswali katika kamati husika.

Next Statement.

### ***PERSISTENT ELECTRICITY BREAKDOWN AT BIRTH OFFICE***

**MCA Barisa Deko Bana (Basuba):** Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I rise Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C) to seek a Statement from the Departmental Committee on Inter-governmental, Labour and Public Service on matters pertaining to persistent electricity breakdown at Birth Office.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the Birth Office serves the entire County and almost congested every day as a result of the crucial services they rendered to Lamu people from issuing of birth to death certificates along with the issuance of Identification Cards.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, it is really regrettable and very unpleasant to see such a prestigious Institution lacks electricity and a public toilet for consumers due to persistent power failure at the Birth Office which has contributed significantly to the hindrance of quality service in the County.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I seek a Statement from the Chairperson of Departmental Committee on Intergovernmental, Labour and Public Service on the following:-

1. Why there is always an electricity breakdown at the facility?
2. What has caused the problem of persistent power failure?
3. When will this problem be solved once and for all?
4. Why such a big Office has no decent toilet for its customers?

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**[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna):** Response from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Inter-governmental, Labour and Public Service.

**MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe):** Asante Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika ningemba nipewe muda wa wiki mbili ili nije na majibu sahihi, kwa sababu hili swala linahusu Serikali Kuu na mpaka tufuatilie kwa makini sana.

**[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna):** Honorable Deko are you comfortable with the response?

**MCA Barisa Deko Bana (Basuba):** Ndio nimeridhika Bwana Naibu Spika.

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

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

***ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESCUE CENTRE TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION AND RAPE CASES IN LAMU EAST AND WEST***

**MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated):** Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I rise to move this motion with a deep sense of urgency and compassion, aimed at addressing the rising cases of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and rape within Lamu East and Lamu West Constituencies. These human rights violations have left many victims traumatized, vulnerable and without adequate support.

**Aware that:**

1. Female Genital Mutilation (**FGM**) and sexual violence are serious violations of human rights, health and dignity of women and girls in our community.
2. Lamu East and Lamu West have recorded increasing reports of FGM and rape, leaving survivors in urgent need of medical, psychological and legal support.
3. Currently, there is no specialized rescue center within the County to provide immediate and comprehensive care to victims.
4. Establishing a dedicated rescue center will ensure coordinated rescue rehabilitation and reintegration services as well as create awareness and prevention programs.

**This Assembly therefore resolves to:**

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- ❖ Urgently advocate for and support the establishment of a well-equipped rescue center in Lamu East and Lamu West.
- ❖ Partner with relevant government agencies, NGOs and community leaders to facilitate the operation and management of the rescue center.
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- ❖ Allocate necessary funds in the County budget to support the rescue centers infrastructure, staffing and operational needs.
- ❖ Initiate community sensitization programs to combat the cultural practices of FGM and educate the public on the legal consequences of sexual violence.
- ❖ Monitor and report progress on the implementation of this motion to ensure accountability and transparency.

Mr Deputy Speaker, kindly allow me to elaborate further on my motion. Let me begin by saying of all the pleasures gifts that God has blessed us with in this world, there is nothing that compares the value of a child. And it is our duty as parents and at the same time as Honorable Members to ensure that our children grow in safe places and are well protected. Mr Deputy Speaker, it is very sad that in our County

defilement cases are on the rise. In these rescue centres, when the County Government will establish them, they will be given counselling, awareness by the concerned Department and treatment for AIDS such as prep medicines.

When you visit many villages in our County you will see girl's children are suffering a lot with this FGM practice. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, it's my prayer plea that Honorable Members will support this motion.

### **Secunder**

**MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated):** Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you Honorable Hope for bringing this noble motion in this Honorable House. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the motion that we have is so much important because it talks about life savings Institutions. Whenever we have rape cases and we have people who have practice FGM they normally don't have a shoulder to cry on. And whenever we introduce rape cases FGM, rescue centers for the survivors we will find that this young men and women others are even affected with infectious diseases.

The perpetrators go unquestioned why because we don't need to feel a shame to say No to FGM. These people are affected psychologically, emotionally and they need medical support from trained colleagues who will give them adequate counselling on how to face the life after the incident. We also need to break the violence cycle by having a rescue center for those children to be taken good care because it is there right to live good life.

The other issue is that these rescue centers provide hope, dignity and empowerment. With those few remarks I request Honorable Members in the House to support and adopt this noble motion.

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### **Members Contributions**

**MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu** (*Nominated*): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono mswada ulioletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope. Kusema kweli wakati wa sherehe za utamaduni hivi majuzi kulitokea kesi ya ubakaji katika hoteli moja hapo Lamu kisiwani ambapo mfanyikazi Mmoja alitaka kumbaka mtoto mdogo aliyekuwa amewachwa na wenzake hotelini ili wazazi waende kutafuta chajio, lakini kwa bahati nzuri mtoto huyo alifanikiwa kukimbia.

**MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman** (*Nominated*): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuunga hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope. Bwana Naibu Spika ningependa kuiomba kamati ya bajeti iweze kutenga pesa za kujenga wa vituo vya waokoaji wa wale waathiriwa wa majanga ya kubakwa (Rescue Centres) ili tuweze

kuwaokoa vijana wetu kutokana na janga la ukeketaji kwa wasichana. Kwa hivyo namalizia kwa kuunga.

**MCA John Mburu Gitonga** (*Hongwe*): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope. Kwa hivyo itakuwa vizuri iwapo Serikali yetu ya Kaunti itatilia jambo hili maanani hii ni kwa sababu ni wasichana wadogo wadogo wanapitia dhulma kama hii. Na nina Imani hoja kama hii itaweza kuwasaidia wasichana na wale walioathirika

na janga hili waweze kupewa ushauri na mwongozo ili wasikate tamaa ya kuishi.

**MCA Mercy Riziki Nzai (Nominated):** Asante Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope. Kusema kweli kuna shida kwa jinsia zote haswahaswa shuleni watoto wanadhulumiwa nab ado wananyamaza kwa sababu ya vitisho wanavyopewa na wahusika. Kwa hivyo kukiwa na hivyo vituo vya waokoaji wa wale waathiriwa wa majanga ya kubakwa (Rescue Centers) nina Imani watoto hao wataweza kusaidika vizuri sana.

**MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari):** Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope. Kama tujuavyo kuna matatizo mingi ndani ya gatuzi letu la Lamu mojawapo ni ukosefu wa vituo vya waokoaji wa wale waathiriwa wa majanga ya kubakwa (Rescue center). Kama Mheshimiwa Riziki alivyofafanua kuwa kama ni mtoto wa shule amelawitiwa anaingiwa na hofu ya kumueleza mzazi wake ama hata Mwalimu Mkuu. Kwa hivyo vituo hivi vitawasaidia watoto hao kupata matibabu na hata ushauri.

Tukiangalia sharia ya watoto sura ya 141 inazungumzia kwamba Serikali Kuu peke yake ndio inaruhusiwa kujenga vituo vya uokoaji wa watoto hao, lakini pia sharia

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hiyo hiyo imeruhusu kwamba Serikali ya Kaunti pamoja na Serikali Kuu wanaweza kushirikiana na kujenga vituo hivyo.

### **Mover's Response**

**MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated):** Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all Honorable Members for their useful and important insights that they have deliberated on in this motion. This motion is meant to save generations to come and it will also change the history of Lamu. As we all know we love our County and we are saving the generation which will come ahead of us. Finally, I would like to thank your Office for allowing my motion to be scheduled today also I wish to thank the Office of the Clerk for drafting such a powerful motion.

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(Question put and agreed upon)

**[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna):** Next Motion.

***URGENT NEED TO ADDRESS PERSISTENT WATER SHORTAGE IN LAMU COUNTY***

**MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu (Nominated):** Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion:-

**AWARE THAT,** Article 43(1)(d) of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees every person the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities.

**FURTHER AWARE THAT,** the provision of water services is a devolved function under part 2 of the fourth schedule of the Constitution, making it the responsibility of County Governments.

**RECOGNIZING THAT,** many Wards in Lamu County including Mkomani, Bahari, Witu, Hindi, Basuba, Faza, Mkunumbi, Hongwe, Kiunga and Shella are currently facing acute and persistent water shortages due to recurrent droughts, poor infrastructure, low groundwater yields and salinity in existing sources.

**DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT,** the water scarcity is negatively impacting:

- The health and hygiene of residents.
- Agricultural and livestock productivity.
- School attendance and gender equity (especially for girls and women).
- Local economic activities and tourism.
- The dignity and quality of life of the people of Lamu.

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**NOTING THAT,** despite past interventions, many areas still rely on unsafe water sources, long-distance water collection or expensive private water vendors.

**THIS HONORABLE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES THAT:**

1. The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for water, environment and natural resources urgently conducts a County-wide assessment of water needs and gaps across all Wards.
2. The County Government prioritizes the development and rehabilitation of sustainable water infrastructure including:-
  - Boreholes and solar-powered pumps.

- Rainwater harvesting systems (especially for schools and dispensaries).
- Piped water distribution systems.
- Desalination plants in coastal and island areas.

The CECM for finance and economic planning set aside lecatod water emergency fund in the coming Supplementary budget to address immediate need and support vulnerable communities.

3. The County Government work corruptively with National Government Agencies and Development Partner to mobilize additional resource and technical support.
4. The County Water Department develop a long-term water masterplan including climate adaptation measures and accomodate local community input from all affected Wards.
5. A progress report on these actions be tabled before this Assembly within 90days for the adoption of this motion.

### Secunder

**MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari):** Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika, nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Amina. Miezi iliyopita tulikuwa tukipata kauli nyingi hapa Bungeni kuhusiana na uhaba wa maji katika Wadi zetu za Lamu, kwa hivyo nina imani hoja kama hii itaweza kutatua tatizo hilo. Bwana Naibu Spika kifungu ibara 43(1)(d) katiba ya Kenya ya mwaka wa 2010 inazungumzia ya kwamba kila mtu ana haki ya kupata maji safi na salama na pia ya kutosha. Uhaba wa maji ni tatizo ambalo liko katika Wadi zote za Kaunti hii yetu ya Lamu na ni tatizo ambalo lina madhara makubwa. Kwa hivyo itakuwa bora Wizara husika pamoja na Waziri wazunguke Wadi zote ili wajuwe matatizo ya maji yanaanzia wapi ili hatimaye waje na mikakati muafaka ya kutatua tatizo hili sugu la maji.

### Motion Proposed

### Members Contributions

**MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated):** Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuchangia na pia kuunga mkono hoja

iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Amina. Bwana Naibu Spika kusema kweli maji ni uhai na tukichukulia Bunge hili letu kama mfano sisi Waheshimiwa tunasumbuka sana tunaposhikwa na haja kubwa na ndogo iwapo hakuna maji. Na maeneo ambayo yanaathirika pakubwa na uhaba wa maji ni Mokowe, kwa hivyo ningependelea hili swala litiliwe maanani ili wananchi wapate haki zao za kimsingi.

### **Mover's Response**

**MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu (Nominated):** Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika ningependa kuwashukuru Waheshimiwa waliounga mkono hoja hii kwa sababu tukiangalia Kaunti nzima ya Lamu ina uhaba wa maji haswahaswa Wadi ya Faza. Kwa hivyo swala la maji ni swala la kutiliwa maanani sana ili wananchi wasipate tabu.

(Question put and agreed upon)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna):** Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

***The Assembly rose at 4pm***