

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 2nd 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

Papers laid

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

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the following Paper:-

1. Report of the Departmental Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Housing on the (2) Physical and Land Use Development Plans.

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

Clerk-at-the-Table: Notices of motion

NOTICES OF MOTION

Approval of the report of the Departmental Committee on lands, physical planning and housing on the two physical and land use development plans

MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to give a notice of the following motion:

THAT, Pursuant to the provision of Constitution of Kenya, County Government Act No 17 of 2012 and the County Assembly Standing Order this House adopt the report of the Departmental Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Housing on the two physical and land use plans (Mkokoni phase II (2023-2032) and vipingoni farms) and approves the Mkokoni phase II (2023-2032) and vipingoni farms physical and land use development plans laid on the Table of the House today Tuesday 2nd December 2025.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna):

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion

MOTION

Support to widows and orphans affected by the al-shabaab attacks in Bahari, Witu, Hindi and Mkunumbi Wards

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MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to move 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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
 3. The County Government sets aside a special budget allocation in the next fiscal year for the implementation of this program.
 4. The County Assembly establishes a Select Committee or taskforce to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and report progress to the House within three months.

Mr Deputy Speaker, kindly allow me to expound this motion. We are all aware in the year 2014 there was al-shabaab attack in our County and also in the past years areas of Mkunumbi Ward and Bahari Ward some families were affected by al-shabaab attacks. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, you get to see that when an attack happens most of the people affected are women and children, this is because the people who are targeted by the al-shabaabs are men and at the end of the day these men leaves behind young widows.

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In the past when we are growing up, you could find elderly widows only but nowadays most of the widows are young women. So this has led to a bad impact on our economy because the young widows cannot work and be productive in their places of work, so there is need for supporting them. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the Department of Gender led by CECM Honorable Owanga to do a mapping in our County and come up with the numbers of the young widows whom at the end of the day form an empowerment program and acquire new skills for them so that they can manage to take care their families. When widows are empowered, the County economy will be boosted.

As I said earlier, most of the people who suffer are women and children, and the children whom are orphans when the bursary funds resumes on January next year it is my plea that the orphans must be given a first priority so that they can change the history of their families.

This motion is inline with the Constitution of Kenya Article 43 which guarantees "The right to vulnerable groups for example young widows and orphans."

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MCA Beatrice Wamaita Munge (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you Honorable Hope Wanjiku to having brought such a noble motion in this House. As I proceed I wish to extend my gratitude to your Office because you've been very active and you have created such a convinient environment for us to bring such noble motions in this House.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, like my colleague have said its true that the men were attacked in 2014 and later we had several attacks across the County. Other than the widows who are affected those families have children and life have to go on

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in regardless of what has happen. Some of the houses were torched to ashes leaving them behind with literally nothing. It is a pity that at this time we are still focusing on how we can uplift their lives with immediate effect.

Some of the orphans whom were left behind by their parents have engaged into illegal activities such as drug abuse and some dropout of school because of lack of school fees. In some cases especially with the ladies you will find that some are engaged in early marriages, so measures to guard these children should be taken. On the side of bursaries, these children whom have been affected by al-shabaab attacks should be given first priority. So it is high time these Honorable House to adopt this motion and the County Government to put its hands on it for implementation as soon as possible. So I stand to support.

Motion Proposed

Members Contributions

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (Nominated): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuchangia mswada ulioletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope Wanjiku. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuwatetea wananchi wa Kaunti hii yetu ya Lamu na kama tujuavyo hawa Al-shabaab walianza kuuvamia mji wetu kitambo sana ambapo hapo mwanzoni walikuwa wakiitwa mashifta. Tukiangalia kwa undani tukianza na jamii ya Basuba ambao ni Awer hawana amani na mji wao,

kwa hivyo ningeiomba Serikali ya Kaunti iweze kuisaidia jamii hiyo ili iweze kuishi na amani.

MCA Suleiman Mohamed Farah (Witu): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono mswada ulioletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope Wanjiku. Kwa hakika hili janga la uhalifu liliumiza sana wananchi hata katika Wadi yangu ya Witu magari mengi yalichomwa na wananchi walisumbuliwa sana na hawa Al-shabaab.

Bwana Naibu Spika kama alivyosema Mheshimiwa Aisha Ali uvamizi ulianza kitambo sana na wananchi waliteswa sana na wengine kuuliwa na hao mashifta. Na hadi kufikia sasa bado amani haijapatikana katika Wadi yangu watu wanaishi na hofu kubwa sana. Kwa hivyo ningeiomba Serikali yetu ya Kaunti iweze kufuatilia jambo hili haraka iwezekanavyo na namalizia kwa kuunga.

MCA Ahmed Omar Hamid (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, let me take this opportunity to congratulate Honorable Hope for bringing such substantial motion. As we all know most of our people have been left homeless because of Al-shabaab attack, so the motion should just generalize according to the Constitution Article 43 of the Constitution that "Everyone has a right to social security". So County Government should make sure that all orphans and widows are assisted in order to sustain their lives.

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuchangia hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope Wanjiku. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja hii, kwa sababu majanga yamekuwa mengi ndani ya Kaunti hii yetu ya Lamu na wananchi wameweza

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kuathirika na majanga haya. Na ninaona hoja hii inazungumzia jinsi mayatima watakavyopata usaidizi kutoka kwa Serikali yetu ya Lamu.

Ni vizuri iwapo tutakuja na hoja nyengine ambayo itajaribu kuonyesha kuwa kuna haja ya kuwakumbuka wale mayatima na wajane ambao wako ndani ya Kaunti hii yetu ya Lamu. Bwana Naibu Spika Wizara husika isaidie vikundi ambavyo vimeathirika kiuchumi na kimaendeleo ili iweze kuwaenuwa kina mama hao.

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuchangia mswada ulioletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope Wanjiku. Kama tujuavyo walioathirika zaidi na mkasa huu ni wajane na mayatima na nakumbuka hapo mwanzoni Serikali ya Kaunti ilikuwa ikiwafadhili na vyakula lakini hawakuweza kuuendeleza mradi huo. Nakumbuka katika bajeti kulikuwa na fedha zikitengwa za wanawake, walemavu na mayatima lakini naona hatukuendelea tena kutenga fedha hizo. Kwa hivyo ningewaomba Waheshimiwa wenzangu tutafute mbinu mbadala ya kuweza kuwasaidia watu hawa.

Mover's Response

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I want to thank my colleagues for the insightful contributions and supporting this motion. Just like my Colleagues have said unity is very important so am very grateful for their contributions and support in this task of giving support to the widows in our County.

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Mr Deputy Speaker have also heard insights from my Colleagues that there is need for amendment of the motion to be support for widows, not only in Bahari, Witu and Mkunumbi Wards but in the whole Lamu County.

(Question put and agreed upon)

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 10:30am

The Assembly rose at 3:50pm