

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 3rd December, 2025

*The Assembly met at the
Main Chambers, at 10:30 a.m.*

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

PRAYERS

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

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statements

STATEMENTS

BURSARY ALLOCATION

MCA Fahd Dini Adnan (Minority Leader): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C) I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of Departmental Committee on Education, Culture and Social Welfare on matter pertaining to bursary allocation.

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Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, Education remains one of the most powerful tools for lifting communities out of poverty and bursaries are a critical lifeline for many families in Lamu County. Many of our youths in Universities, Colleges, TVETs and Secondary Schools depend on this support to continue with their studies.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the Constitution of Kenya, Article 43(1)(f) guarantees every Kenyan the right to education, while Article 56(b) requires the state to ensure affirmative action programs for vulnerable and marginalized groups, this includes access to educational opportunities.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, under the County Governments Act, Section 104 and 105, Counties are required to plan and allocate resources equitably and in a manner that promotes social and economic development. Educational support is part of that mandate.

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Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, bursaries are not a luxury, they are developmental priority. Counties across Kenya are allocating significant funds to support their youth, yet here in Lamu students continue to struggle due to delays, insufficient allocation or complete lack of bursaries for University and College students.

If we deny bursaries we deny opportunities. When we deny opportunities, we hold back an entire community. This is not development this is regression.

As Leaders, we must ask: are we truly prioritizing the future of Lamu?

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, it is important that education support be placed above non-essential activities. Culture is important, but the future of our children is even more important. A generation without education is a community without progress.

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Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I seek to know from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education, Culture and Social Welfare: -

1. What is the total amount allocated to bursaries in the current financial year and how does this compare to previous years?
2. Why has the County not provided bursaries to University and College students while other Counties are consistently doing so?
3. What criteria is being used to allocate bursaries and has this been communicated publicly are required by law?
4. How does the Executive justify deprioritizing bursaries despite the Constitutional requirement under Article 43(1)(f) and Article 56 to support access to education?
5. Has the bursary budget been diverted or reallocated to other programs.
6. What is causing delays in bursary issuance and what corrective measures has the Executive put in place to ensure timely disbursement?
7. When will the Executive publish a full list of beneficiaries, amounts issued and Wards allocation as required for public participation and transparency?

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Any addition to that Statement?

MCA Barisa Deko Bana (Basuba): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika ningependa kuongezea katika swala hili la basari tukizingatia ni jambo muhimu kwa jamii yetu ya Lamu ijapokuwa kulikuwa na mvutano baina ya Serikali Kuu na Serikali za Kaunti kuhusiana na jambo hili lakini Gavana wetu alisema basari ziendeleo kutolewa kwa mashule, hii ni kwa sababu wazazi wengi haswa wa Wadi ya Basuba hawajiweza kifedha.

Bwana Naibu Spika ile awamu basari ilikuwa ikiendelea ilitusaidia pakubwa sana na pia kuna sharia tuliweza kupitisha ya Jamii ya Awer wawe wanapewa 100%. Na Serikali iliyoko iliweza kuwapatia ksh 25,000 ambayo kwamba wanafunzi bado wanadaiwa.

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Kwa hivyo ningependa kamati husika iweze kutilia maanani swala hili ili waweze kutilia maanani swala hili kwa kuwalipia wanafunzi hawa kwa 100% ili na wao waweze kusonga mbele kielimu.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Response from any Member of Departmental Committee on Education, Culture and Social Welfare.

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (Majority Leader): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Chairperson I know bursary is a very sensitive issue and maybe all of us here are concern about bursary program for our needy students but I would like to be given two weeks.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Fahd are you satisfied with two weeks.

MCA Fahd Dini Adnan (Minority Leader): Yes I am satisfied Mr Deputy Speaker Sir.

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

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion.

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 Bwana Mohamed Bwana (Majority Leader): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion:

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of the 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)

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and approves the Mkokoni Phase II (2023-2032) and Vipingoni farms physical and land use development plans laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday 2nd December 2025.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, kindly allow me to read the report: -

This is a report of the Departmental Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Housing on the two physical and land use development plans submitted by the County Executive namely: -

1. Plan for Mkokoni phase II farms (2023-2032) local physical and land use development plan.
2. Plan for Vipingoni farms local physical and land use development plan.

The Departmental Committee on lands, physical planning and housing is one of the sectoral committees of the County Assembly established under Standing Order 191 and mandated to inter alia, to make report and recommendation to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the Committee is mandated to: -

- a. Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned Departments.
- b. Examine the development, maintenance and regulation of land, County planning and development, including statistics, land survey and mapping, boundaries and fencing, housing and electricity and gas reticulation and energy regulation.
- c. Study the programme and policy objectives of County Executive Committee Department and effectiveness of the implementation.
- d. Study and review all legislation referred to it.
- e. Study, access and analyze the relative success of the Departments as they may deem necessary and as may be referred to them by the Assembly.
- f. Vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 185 (Committee on Appointments) and

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- g. Make reports and recommendations to the Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, these are the Committee Members: -

1. MCA Husni Alawy Mohamed

Chairperson

2. MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu Vice Chair
3. MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna
4. MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana
5. MCA Suleiman Mohamed Farah
6. MCA Atwaa Salim Mohamed

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, in accordance with Article 183 of the Constitution of Kenya and Section 36 of the County Government Act 2012, it gives power to the County Executive Committee to perform its functions: -

1. Supervise the Administrative and delivery of services in the County.
2. Implement County Legislations.
3. The County Executive Committee shall provide the County Assembly with full and regular reports on matters relating to the County.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

First, on my own behalf and on behalf of the Members of the Departmental Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Housing, I am grateful to the Office of the Speaker for permitting and supporting the Committee in executing its mandate. Additionally, I am very grateful to the Speaker Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak for facilitating the Committee to go on retreat to deliberate on the two physical and land use plans and report back to the County Assembly for further deliberations and adoption. Furthermore, the Committee appreciates the Clerk's Chambers for providing Office and technical support to the Committee and to the Members of the Committee in the doing their work.

Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to the Members of the Departmental Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Housing whose attendance during the deliberations and report writing was one hundred percent. I am obliged to the Committee Members who sacrificed their time to participate in the discussions, deliberations and report writing and adoption of this report unanimously.

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CONCLUSIONS

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I wish to confirm that the recommendations of the Departmental Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Housing in this report

were unanimous. It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege to present the report of the Departmental Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Housing on the two physical and land use plans to the House for adoption pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, County Governments Act 2012 and the County Assembly Standing Orders.

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MCA Atwaa Salim Mohamed (Shella): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I do second the motion brought by Majority Leader.

Motion Proposed

Members Contributions

MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu (Nominated): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono mswada ulioletwa na Kiongozi wa walio wengi. Mchoro(plan) huu sisi kama Wanakamati tumeweza kuiangalia vizuri pamoja na Mwakilishi wa Wadi hiyo na tukaiona iko sawa.

MCA Suleiman Mohamed Farah (Witu): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika pia mimi nimesimama kuunga mkono mswada ulioletwa na Kiongozi wa walio wengi. Bwana Naibu Spika wanakijiji wanangoja tuupitisha mchoro huu hapa Bungeni kwa hamu na ghamu ili wapate hati miliki na wajihisi kuwa ni Wakenya halisia. Vilevile ninaipongeza Ofisi yako pamoja na Ofisi ya Karani Mkuu kwa kulichukulia jambo hili kwa uzito na kuturusu sisi Wanakamati kuukalia mchoro huu na hatimaye kuandika ripoti.

Mover's Response

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (Majority Leader): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kwa furaha za dhati sana kuona Viongozi wameunga mkono mswada niliouleta. Kusema kweli Wadi yangu ya Kiunga ina changamoto na maswala ya ardhi. Bwana Naibu Spika hii michoro miwili ya Vipingoni na Mkokoni zimekaa kwa muda bila kutiliwa maanani ila nina furaha hii leo kwa kuwa tumezipitisha rasmi hapa Bungeni hii leo na tutaweza kupata haki miliki.

Bwana Naibu Spika ardhi zetu za Vipingoni ambazo ziko Ndau na Mkokoni phase II ni sehemu ambazo watu wameteseka miaka mingi katika kutafuta haki zao.

(Question put and agreed upon)

ADJOURNMENT

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until today Wednesday 3rd December, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 12p.m.

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