

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 4th 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: Notices of Motion

NOTICES OF MOTION

INVESTIGATION AND REGULATION OF LIVESTOCK VACCINATION AND FOOD SAFETY

IN WITU WARD

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to give the following Notice of Motion:-

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AWARE THAT, livestock farming is a major economic activity in Witu Ward and a primary source of food and livelihood for many households.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, recent reports and community concerns have pointed to a rising number of cancer cases among livestock keeping families in the Ward.

CONCERNED THAT, it is suspected this may be linked to consumption of milk and meat from animals recently vaccinated without observing the required withdrawal or waiting periods as advised by Veterinary Officers.

RECOGNISING THAT, the County Government is responsible for public health, veterinary services and food safety under the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution.

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT, there maybe gaps in awareness, regulation and enforcement of veterinary protocols that could be putting residents at serious health risk.

NOW THEREFORE, this Assembly urges the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock and Public Health to:

1. Conduct a comprehensive investigation into the link between animal vaccination practices and reported health issues across the County.
2. Launch an immediate awareness campaign among livestock farmers on safe timelines for consuming animal products after vaccination.
3. Deploy Veterinary Officers to monitor and enforce adherence to prescribed withdrawal periods for meat and milk.

4. Develop and table a County-wide livestock vaccination and food safety policy that ensures the protection of public health.
5. Submit a detailed report to this House within 60 days, outlining findings and actions taken.

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

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statements.

STATEMENTS

ACUTE WATER SHORTAGE IN MOKOWE

MCA James Njaaga Kariuki (Hindi): 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 Health Services, Water and Environment in matters pertaining to acute water shortage in Mokowe.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, despite the existence of an approved budgetary allocation for water services in the current financial year, residents of Mokowe continue to face severe water scarcity which has disrupted their daily life affected schools, placed a burden on households and exposed the community to potential health risks. This situation persists even though funds were allocated during the 2024/25 County Budget to improve water supply and enhance distribution within Mokowe and surrounding areas.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, it's of great concern that to date, the expected interventions have not been implemented and residents have not seen tangible improvements. This raises questions regarding the utilization of the allocated funds, the status of planned water projects and the accountability mechanisms in place to ensure service delivery.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the people of Mokowe deserve clarity and urgent action on this matter. It is our duty as their representatives to ensure that public resources are utilized effectively and that basic services such as access to water are delivered without fail.

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

1. How much money was allocated for water projects in Mokowe in the current financial year?
2. How much of this allocation has been disbursed to the Department of water so far?
3. Which specific water projects were approved for Mokowe (e.g. borehole drilling, piping, water treatment, storage tanks and repair of existing infrastructure)?
4. What is the current status of each of these projects?

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

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (Majority Leader): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika, nimesimama kuongezea kuhusu swala la ukosefu wa maji takriban Wadi zote za Kaunti hii yetu ya Lamu. Kama tujuavyo maji ni uhai

wa viumbe vyote na nakumbuka tuliweza kutenga bajeti yam waka 2025/26 ili tatizo hili la maji liweze kutatuka. Lakini la kusikitisha haswa haswa eneo langu la Ndaou utaambiwa mashini ipo lakini mafuta ndio hayapatikani na haya yote yanasabishwa na ukosefu wa ushirikiano kati yetu sisi Viongozi wa Bungeni na Ofisi za kwa Gavana. Kwa hivyo ni wajibu kwa Serikali ya Kaunti kupitia Waziri wa maji kufanya Juhudi ili waweze kutatua tatizo hili la maji kwa haraka.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Response from the Chairperson of the relevant Departmental Committee.

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika ningepomba nipewe muda wa wiki mbili ili kuleta majibu kuhusiana na kauli hiyo.

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

MCA James Njaaga Kariuki (Hindi): Ni sawa nimeridhika Bwana Naibu Spika, lakini kama alivyosema Kiongozi wa walio wengi ya kwamba pesa zinatengwa lakini hazijulikani zinaenda wapi. Kwa hivyo itakuwa bora Waziri husika aletwe hapa Bungeni na aweze kutueleza kwa kina.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Mheshimiwa Deko naona Statement yako haiko katika utaratibu wa Bunge. Next.

WEEKLY PROGRAM

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (Majority Leader): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2) (a) I would like to read our weekly program of next week. That a Member of County

Assembly Business Committee designated by the Committee for that purpose every Thursday for not more than 10 minutes present and lay on the Table Statement informing County Assembly of the Business coming before the County Assembly in the following week: -

- On Tuesday 9th December 2025 in the afternoon we will have Notice of motion which will be raised by MCA Fahd Dini Adnan. Subject: Protection and completion of food and previously initiated project in Lamu County.
- We will be having a Statement which will be requested by MCA Barisa Deko Bana. On the same note we will have a motion raised by MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga written in Kiswahili: Hoja kuhusu uzalishaji wa mbuzi dume katika Kaunti yetu ya Lamu.
- On Wednesday 10th December 2025 we will have a morning sitting whereby we will have Papers laid down in this Assembly. We will have a Notice of Motion which reads: Recognition and fair compensation of ignitions Boni Community and other legitimate farmers affected by recent demolitions which will be raised by MCA Barisa Deko Bana. MCA James Njaaga Kariuki will raise a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Housing on matters pertaining to Swahili Scheme pending land survey and issuance of title deeds. We will also have a motion by MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman on the Investigation and regulation of livestock vaccination and food safety in Lamu County.
- After that we will have an afternoon sitting whereby we will have Papers followed by Notices of Motion which will be raised by MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna on: Allocation of funds in support of HIV AIDS patients in Lamu County. We will also have Statements which will be raised by MCA John

Mburu Gitonga which will be in a second time regarding to delay launch of Jeriko water project. We will also have a motion which will be raised by Honorable Hope Wanjiku Mwaura on the Establishment of a rescue center to support survivors of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and rape cases in Lamu East and Lamu West Sub-Counties. We will have a motion on the same date which will be raised by MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu the subject will be Urgent need to address residents to water shortage in Lamu County.

- Finally, Mr Deputy Speaker we will finalizing our weekly program on Thursday 11th December 2025 which will be in afternoon session whereby we will be having Papers which will be laid in the House. We will be having a Notice of motion which will be raised on protection of workers against political moves and politically motivated actions. We will also have Statements which will be raised by Honorable Barisa Deko Bana requesting for non-functioning water boozer at Pandanguo in Basuba Ward. We will be having motions, the first one will be from MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura the subject will be: Protection of minors against defilement and the establishment of protection units in Lamu East and Lamu West Sub-Counties. Mr Deputy Speaker, last but not least we will be having a motion which will be raised by MCA Fahd Dini Adnan the subject will be: Notice of motion on the protection of completion of stalled and previously initiated projects in Lamu County. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna):

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion

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MOTION

BUSH CLEARANCE ON ALL COUNTY ROADS TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.
Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion:-

AWARE THAT, a well-maintained road network is essential for economic growth, access to services and public safety.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, many County access roads across various Wards are overgrown with bushes, shrubs and vegetation making them narrow, unsafe and at times impassable.

CONCERNED THAT, unchecked bush growth along road reserves contributes to road accidents, hides criminal activity, damages road infrastructure and hinders emergency and transport services.

RECOGNIZING THAT, the maintenance of County roads, including routine bush clearance, is a function of the County Government under the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution.

NOW THEREFORE, this Assembly urges the County Executive Committee Member for roads and public works to:-

1. Undertake immediate bush clearance along all County roads and road reserves across the County.
2. Establish a regular maintenance schedule for roadside vegetation management.
3. Engage local youth groups or community-based organizations in the exercise to promote employment.

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4. Table a report in this Assembly within 60 days outlining the scope, timeline and budget allocation for the clearance program.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, having done that I wish to elaborate further so that my colleagues may understand better. The reason behind bringing this very important motion in this Honorable House. I will start by saying charity begins at home and when you look at our Headquarters which is in Mokowe these roads have been impassible the pedestrians cannot be able to pass at the path whereby they are supposed to pass. This is because the bushes, shrubs and vegetations have overgrown to an extend that the pedestrians have no alternatives rather than using the main road and therefore its very easy having an accident. So without taking precaution the criminals will take advantage and done some illegal activities.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the other issue is that having engaged the local based organizations in the exercise it will also create job opportunities to the youths. Now that we are heading to a rainy season why dont we clear the bushes and make our County look beautiful and make it to a better dignity than it is.

Seconder

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Beatrice. Mara nyingi kunapokuwa na kichaka utapata madereva hawaoni njia za magari yanayotokea kona zengine na hatimaye husababisha ajali. Pia hoja hii imetowa mapendekezo ambayo inataka Wizara husika ya barabara kutenga bajeti kuhakikisha ya kwamba barabara kama hizo zimeweza kufanyiwa usafi kwa kufyeka manyasi yalioko vichakani.

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Bwana Naibu Spika, Mheshimiwa Beatrice ameweza kutaja ya kwamba kuna Kaunti ambazo zimesonga mbele kihatua kuhakikisha ya kwamba barabara kama hizo zimetengenezwa na Kaunti. Pia kuna haja ya kusafisha barabara hizo kwa sababu barabara zinaposhikana na kuwa vichaka zinaweza kuchangia vitendo vya ubakaji na hata wapita njia wanaweza kuporwa vibeti vyao haswahaswa wanawake.

Motion Proposed

Members Contributions

MCA Fahd Dini Adnan (Nominated): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kuweza kunipatia nafasi kama hii. Kwanza ningependa kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Beatrice kwa kuweza kuleta hoja kama hii katika Bunge hili la Kaunti ya Lamu. Bwana Naibu Spika kiukweli Kaunti yetu ya Lamu ina tatizo la usalama na kwa tatizo hili basi ni vyema Wizara husika ichukulie jambo hili kwa makini na waweze kusafisha maeneo hayo ili madereva waweze kuona njia kwa mbali. Usafishaji huu wa vichaka utaweza kukuza uchumi na kuboresha utalii wa Kaunti yetu ya Lamu.

Na la zaidi Bwana Naibu Spika ni upande wa Wadi ya Faza haijawahi kukezewa bajeti ya ujenzi wa barabara, kwa hivyo haya ni masikitiko makubwa sana.

MCA Riziki (Nominated): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Beatrice. Kusema kweli barabara ni kiunganishi kikubwa cha maendeleo tukizingatia ya kwamba misitu iliyoko kandokando ya barabara inaleta maafa makubwa sana. Kwa mfano kwa takriban miezi mitatu iliyopita katika Wadi hii ya Hindi eneo la

Mokowe kijijini kuna mwanafunzi alikuwa akifukuzwa na kijana lakini kwa bahati nzuri wapita njia walimsikia akipiga nduru na wakaweza kumsaidia.

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (*Majority Leader*): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Beatrice kuhusu swala la barabara zetu za Kaunti ya Lamu kuelekwa katika usafishaji. Ninaamini katika maisha ya mwanadamu hakuna kitu bora kama usalama bila usalama maisha yatakwenda segemnege. Katika Wadi zetu tumekuwa na changamoto kubwa sana za kiusalama haswahaswa wanafunzi wanaotoka majumbani kuelekea shuleni wanatembea masafa marefu bila ya usalama thabiti. Kwa hivyo sisi kama Wawakilishi tunaweza kuelekwa fedha za kuweza kufyeka misitu ambayo inatumiwa na wanafunzi kwenda shuleni ili wasipatikane na madhara yoyote.

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (*Hongwe*): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuunga mkono na kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Beatrice kwa kuleta hoja hii muhimu. Kusema kweli barabara zilizoko mashinani zimemea vichaka na zinawatatiza madereva wa magari na mapikipiki ambayo huwasabibishia ajali kila uchao. Na iwapo hoja hii itapita basi nina imani vijana wengi watapata ajira ya kufyeka na kusafisha misitu na usalama utaweza kupatikana.

MCA Somoe (*Nominated*): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika hata mimi nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Beatrice. Kusema kweli misitu hii hukosesha watoto amani ya kucheza vizuri kwa sababu ya kuogopea wanyama hatari kama vile nyoka ama tandu. Kwa hivyo ni bora misitu hiyo iweze kufyekwa.

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MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker Sir for giving me this opportunity to support this motion which was brought forward by Honorable Beatrice. As far as road is concern, there is a time I raised an issue concern a girl in Witu Ward whom was raped and killed and the reason behind was insecurity which causes by bushes within the area. And when this motion passed many youths whom are jobless will benefit by getting jobs.

MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu (Nominated): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika hata mimi nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Beatrice. Pia ningependa kumpongeza kwa kuuleta mswada huu ambao utaweza kuleta manufaa katika Kaunti yetu ya Lamu na wananchi kwa ujumla. Kwa sababu tukiangalia hivi vichaka vilivyoko kandokando ya barabara vinaleta maafa mengi mojawapo wakiwa ni hawa wahalifu wanaojificha vichakani na kufanya uhalifu wao kama kuwakatakata vijana wenzao kwa mapanga haswahaswa Wadi ya Faza.

Vilevile kuna wanyama hatari ambao hujificha katika misitu hiyo ambapo huwadhuru wanawake wanaokwenda kukata kuni. Kwa hivyo ningeiomba Wizara husika iwekeze pesa za kufyeka misitu hiyo.

Mover's Response

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika, nachukua fursa hii kuwapongeza Waheshimiwa waliochangia hoja hii. Itakuwa vyema iwapo hivi vichaka vitasafishwa na kupandwa maua ili Kaunti yetu iweze kuvutia. Na iwapo tutawajibika kama Viongozi basi vijana wataweza kupata ajira kupitia ufyekaji na upandaji wa maua katika misitu hiyo. Vilevile ajali itaweza kupunguwa barabarani iwapo misitu hiyo itaweza kufyekwa.

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(Question put and agreed upon)

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until next week Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 2:30pm.

The Assembly rose at 4:30pm