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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THIRD ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026 AT 2:30 PM

1. The Assembly assembled at Two thirty O'clock.
2. The Proceedings were opened with prayers
3. **STATEMENTS TO BE REQUESTED**
 - ❖ Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C) Hon Suleiman Mohamed Farah requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health Services Medical Treatment at Witu Sub-County.
 - ❖ Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C) Hon Beatrice Wamaitha requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock and Blue Economy regarding the distribution of subsidized seeds.
4. **MOTION : SIMSIM VALUE ADDITION IN LAMU COUNTY**

THAT AWARE THAT, agriculture remains a key pillar of Lamu County's economy with simsim (sesame) farming which is increasingly becoming an important cash crop among farmers in **Lamu County**.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, simsim has high nutritional and economic value, and can be processed into products such as sesame oil, tahini, simsim paste, confectioneries, and animal feed;

CONCERNED THAT, farmers in the County predominantly sell raw simsim at low prices due to lack of local processing facilities, inadequate technical knowledge on value addition, limited market linkages, and insufficient financial support;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT, value addition enhances product quality, increases market competitiveness, creates employment opportunities, improves farmers' incomes, and promotes agro-industrial development;

Now therefore, this Assembly resolves that the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Irrigation and Food Security:

1. Establish simsim processing and value addition centers in key agricultural zones within **Lamu County**;
2. Develop and implement a County Simsim Development Strategy to support production, processing, value addition and marketing;
3. Facilitate capacity-building programs for farmers, cooperatives, youth and women groups on simsim processing, quality control, packaging and branding;
4. Provide financial and technical support, including access to affordable credit and modern processing equipment;
5. Promote partnerships with private sector players, cooperatives, and development partners to invest in simsim value addition and market expansion locally and internationally;
6. Support the formation and strengthening of farmers cooperatives to enhance collective marketing and bargaining power.

Mr. Speaker Sir, investing in simsim value addition will significantly uplift the livelihoods of our farmers, create jobs for our youth, and enhance revenue generation within **Lamu County**.

(Hon. Aisha Ali Abdulrahan)

5. THE ASSEMBLY ROSE – at three thirty O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair
In the next sitting*