

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Wednesday 1st July, 2026

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

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

PRAYERS

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

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

OUTBREAK OF DENGUE FEVER AND CHIKUNGUNYA IN LAMU COUNTY

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to give a notice of the following motion: -

WARE THAT. Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 guarantees every pers services; the right to the highest attainable standard of health, including the right to healthca

FURTHER AWARE THAT, county governments are responsible for county health servic under Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution:

CONCERNED THAT Lamu County has recently experienced an outbreak of Dengue Fever and Chikungunya, which are mosquito-borne viral diseases that pose a significant threat to public health, livelihoods, education, tourism, and economic activities within the County

NOTING THAT, the diseases are characterized by high fever, severe headaches, joint and muscle pains, fatigue, skin rashes, and in severe cases may lead to hospitalization and other serious health complications;

FURTHER NOTING THAT, the spread of the diseases has been exacerbated by poor waste management, stagnant water, inadequate public awareness, and insufficient vector control measures in some parts of the County:

COGNIZANT THAT, timely intervention through surveillance, vector control, public sensitization, provision of medical supplies, and intergovernmental collaboration is critical in containing the outbreak and safeguarding public health;

NOW THEREFORE, this County Assembly resolves that the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Health:

1. Declares the Dengue Fever and Chikungunya outbreak a matter of urgent public health concern and submits to the County Assembly, within fourteen (14) days, a comprehensive status report on the extent of the outbreak, affected areas, response measures undertaken, and challenges encountered.
2. Intensifies disease surveillance, testing diagnosis, treatment, and reporting mechanisms in all health facilities across the County.
3. Undertakes immediate countywide mosquito control interventions, including fumigation, elimination of mosquito breeding sites, drainage of stagnant water, environmental sanitation campaigns, and proper waste management.
4. Launches an aggressive public awareness and health education campaign through radio stations, social media platforms, public meetings, schools,

religious institutions. and other appropriate channels to educate residents on prevention and control measures.

5. Ensures adequate availability of medicines, testing kits, protective equipment, and healthcare personnel in all public health facilities to effectively manage affected patients.

6. Collaborates with the Ministry of Health, Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), development partners, and other relevant agencies to mobilize technical and financial support for outbreak containment

7. Establishes a County Emergency Response Team to coordinate interventions and provide weekly updates on the status of the outbreak until it is fully contained.

8. Submits quarterly reports to the County Assembly on the implementation of the interventions and the progress made in controlling the outbreak.

Thank you.

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

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statements.

STATEMENTS

*INCREASING NUMBER OF KHAT (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "MIRAA")
AND MUGUKA HAWKERS CONDUCTING BUSINESS ALONG ROADSIDES,
STREETS, AND PUBLIC SPACES INSTEAD OF UTILIZING THE KIOSKS AND
DESIGNATED TRADING AREAS ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY
GOVERNMENT*

MCA Mohamed Aboud Abubakar (Faza): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Pursuant to the Standing Orders 47 of the

County Assembly, regarding the increasing number of khat (commonly referred to as "miraa") and muguka hawkers conducting business along roadsides, streets, and public spaces instead of utilizing the kiosks and designated trading areas established by the County Government

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir,

The County Government has invested public resources in the construction of kiosks and market facilities aimed at providing a conducive business environment

Concerned that continued roadside hawking of miraa and muguka contributes to congestion, sanitation challenges, obstruction of pedestrian pathways, unfair competition among traders, and underutilization of public infrastructure;

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir,

Failure to utilize designated trading areas undermines urban planning, public order, and revenue collection efforts;

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I seek to know the following from the relevant committee Chairperson; -

1. Has the County Government designated kiosks, markets, or trading zones for miraa and muguka.
2. The reasons why a significant number of miraa and muguka hawkers continue to operate outside the designated kiosks and market facilities.
3. The measures being undertaken by the Department of Trade and the Department of Enforcement to ensure compliance with county trade regulations and orderly business operations.

4. Whether the County Government has conducted sensitization and stakeholder engagement with miraa and muguka traders on the need to occupy the designated kiosks.

5. The revenue implications arising from hawkers operating outside designated trading areas and whether the County Government is losing potential revenue as a result, security, and traffic management challenges associated

6 The health, sanitation, security and traffic management challenges associated with roadside hawking of miraa and muguka.

7. The steps being taken to improve the attractive accessibility, security, and utility services of the designated kiosks to encourage traders to relocate and operate from those facilities.

8. The enforcement plan and timelines for ensuring all miraa and muguka traders operate within the approved kiosks and trading areas.

Thank you.

[The Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Response from the Chair, Vice Chair or any other person from the relevant committee.

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika, naomba tupewe muda wa wiki moja ili tupate kuleta majibu sahihi.

[The Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Mheshimiwa Simba umeridhika na huo muda?

MCA Mohamed Aboud Abubakar (Faza): Nimeridhika Bwana Naibu Spika.

[The Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Waheshimiwa kwa kuwa Mheshimiwa Wanjiku hayuko bungeni leo, mswada utapelekwa mbele katika kikao kijacho.

ADJOURNMENT

[The Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until today in the afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 11:15 a.m.

