

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU
THE HANSARD

Wednesday 15th July, 2026

*The Assembly met at the
Main Chambers, at 2:30 p.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.

NOTICE OF MOTION

COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONAL FIRE SAFETY TRAINING AND
AWARENESS PROGRAMMES IN LAMU COUNTY

MCA Barisa Deko Bana (Basuba): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

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

AWARE THAT Article 43(1) (a) of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees every person the right to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes protection from preventable hazards such as fire outbreaks;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution assigns county governments responsibility for disaster management, including fire prevention and firefighting services;

NOTING THAT Lamu County comprises densely built informal settlements historic Swahili-style timber and makuti-roofed structures in Lamu Old Town (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), busy markets, schools, health facilities, and government offices, many of which are highly vulnerable to fire due to construction materials, congestion, and limited access roads;

FURTHER NOTING that the County lacks adequate fire stations, firefighting equipment, and trained personnel, and that most residents' traders, and institutional staff lack basic knowledge of fire prevention evacuation procedures, and use of firefighting equipment:

RECOGNIZING that public and institutional awareness, early warning, and basic first-response capacity significantly reduce fire-related deaths, injuries, and economic losses:

NOW THEREFORE, this House resolves that the County Department responsible for Disaster Management: -

1. Develops and implements a County Fire Safety Training Programme targeting communities, and Awareness schools, markets, hospitals, hotels, and government offices;
2. Conducts regular fire safety drills and sensitization campaigns within the high-risk areas, with particular attention to the protection of heritage structures;
3. Establishes institutional fire safety requirements, including mandatory fire risk assessments, fire extinguishers, clear evacuation routes, and trained fire marshals in schools, hospitals, markets, and public buildings:

4. Trains and equips community-based fire response volunteers/brigades in ward- level units to provide rapid first response before County or National Fire Brigade units arrive;

5. Partners with the Kenya Red Cross, National Youth Service, National Fire Brigade, and other stakeholders to build local capacity and conduct joint training exercises.

Thank you.

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

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statements.

STATEMENTS

TRANSFER OF STAFF AT KIZINGITINI DISPENSARY WITHOUT REPLACEMENT

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

I rise pursuant to Standing Order 41(2c). to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the relevant Committee on Health Services regarding two health workers transferred from Kizingitini Dispensary without immediate replacement, thereby paralyzing service delivery.

Honorable Speaker, Kizingitini Dispensary is the only primary health facility serving the Kizingitini area surrounding the village, catering to a population of over 3,000 residents including women, children, and the elderly. Reports indicate that one staff member was transferred to Mokowe Hospital, and one went for further studies, and up to date no replacements have been done. This has severely compromised access to essential health services.

Honorable Speaker, the dispensary is now understaffed, leading to long queues, reduced operating hours and inability to handle emergencies, maternal health

services, and routine immunization Residents are forced to travel long distances to Faza or Lamu Island for basic treatment increasing costs and health risks

Honorable Speaker, the current staffing levels are below the Ministry of Health norms for a Level 2 and the transfers without replacement undermine _ Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution w guarantees every person the right to the highest attainable standard of health.

Honorable Speaker, I therefore request a statement from the Chairperson responsible for health Services the following:

1. What are the reasons for transfer of the two staff from Kizingitini Dispensary and whether due process was followed?
2. What are the Immediate measures being taken to post replacement staff to Kizingitini Dispensary to restore full operations?
3. What is the current staffing level at Kizingitini Dispensary versus the approved establishment?
4. When will the said dispensary be fully staffed and operational?
5. How will you address the chronic understaffing in rural health facilities across Lamu East Sub-county?

Thank you.

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

MCA Fahd Dini Adnan (Nominated): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika, hili ni swala nyeti naomba tupewe muda wa wiki moja ili tupate kuleta majibu sahihi.

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

MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu (Nominated): Ndio Bwana Naibu Spika.

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

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion.

MOTION

PROVISION OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO LAMU BEACH MANAGEMENT UNITS

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

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

AWARE THAT, the Beach Management Units (BMUs) within Lamu County play a critical role in the co-management of fisheries resources, record-keeping, licensing and coordination with the County Government and the State Department for Fisheries:

FURTHER AWARE THAT, execution of these functions' office equipment, including but the effective chairs, filing cabinets not limited to desks, computers/laptops and printers.

NOTING THAT, the current lack of sufficient office equipment has and efficient administration of BMU affairs, including data collection, financial record keeping and communication with stakeholders:

NOW THEREFORE, THE ASSEMBLY RESOLVED THAT:

1. The relevant authority County Department for Fisheries and Blue Economy be to allocate funds for the provisioning of office equipment to all registered Beach Management Units within Lamu County:

2. A needs assessment be conducted across the BMUS to determine the specific equipment requirements of each unit;
3. Priority be given to BMUs with the least capacity to ensure equitable distribution of resources;
4. A progress report on the implementation of this motion will be submitted to the assembly within three months.

Thank you.

Secunder

MCA Barisa Deko Bana (Basuba): Nasimama kuunga mkono mswada huu. Ni muhimu sana ofisi hizo zipate vifaa na yale ambayo yanatekelezwa yahefadhiwe mahali. Ofisi hizi ni kubwa na zinatambulika Kenya mzima na vile vile nchi za nje. Kwa hivyo, ni muhimu ofisi hizi ziwe na vifaa vinavyostahili ili pia ziweze kuwa na muonekano mzuri.

(Motion Proposed)

Members' Contributions

MCA Shekhuna Abbas Shekhuna (Mkomani): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika, nasimama kuunga mkono mswada huu. Ni kweli kuwa ofisi hizi zinahitaji mswada mkubwa sana. Kulikuwa na utata baina ya wananchi na wahusika uliotokana na kupotea kwa stakabadhi muhimu ambazo zimekosa hefadhi. kwa hivyo, lazma jambo hili lizingatiwe kwa haraka ili wananchi wetu wapate huduma ya kisawasawa.

MCA James Njaaga Kariuki (Hindi): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika, nasimama kuunga mkono mswada huu. Tukiangalia kaunti yetu ya Lamu, kitaga uchumi kikubwa kiko katika bahari na hizi BMU ambazo ziko hazijatiliwa maanani vizuri. Itakuwa vyema iwapo tutazitilia nguvu BMU hizi. Kwa hivyo itakuwa

vyema iwapo ofisi hizi zitaweza kuimarishwa vizuri na pia zinafaa kupewa mfumo wa kisasa ili wakati wowote tukipokea wageni zitakuwa na muonekano.

MCA Suleiman Mohamed Farah (Witu): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika, nasimama kuunga mkono mswada huu. Kwa hakika, *BMU* huwa wanafanya kazi kwa hivyo ni muhimu kupewa tarakilishi na vifaa vingine muhimu za kuhefadhi stakabadhi.

Mover's Response

MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu (Nominated): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika, natoa shukrani kwa Waheshimiwa wote waliounga mkono na kutoa maoni yao kuhusiana na mswada huu na ukiwa utapita, utasaidia wafanyikazi wa ofisi hizo kupeana huduma nzuri kwa wananchi wetu wa Lamu.

(Question put and Agreed upon)

ADJOURNMENT

[The Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday 16th July, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 3:15 p.m.

