

**SAMBURU COUNTY ASSEMBLY**



**THE HANSARD**

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2015**

**The County Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 9.30 a.m**

**(The Deputy Speaker, (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya) in the chair)**

**PRAYERS**

## QUARTERLY STATEMENTS FROM SECTORAL CHAIRPERSONS

**MCA Maralal (Hon. Elly Loldepe):** Thank you Mr. Speaker; pursuant to standing order number 41 sub section C part C. I hereby request for the statements from the chairperson of sectoral committees pertaining the departmental quarterly progressive reports and the status of all the implemented projects for FY 2014/2015. Strong and vibrant committees are hall marks of dynamic legislative systems and instrumentals in sustaining legislative institutions that is truly a representative of the people. Samburu county assembly interim standing orders 181 require that half yearly/annual reports of the selected committee be prepared and filed with the liaison committee. The general functions of the sectoral committee pursuant to standing orders number 191 sub-section (5) part C and D include but not limited to studies access and analyze the relatives access of departments as measured by the results obtained compared with their stated objectives, investigate and inquire into the all matters relating to assigned departments, as they may be necessary as may be referred to them by county assembly. In view of the above, the chair persons should inquire and report on all the implemented projects for the FY 2013/2014. The status of all implemented projects for the FY 2014/2015, the various departments' annual report for FY 2013/2014, the department quarterly progress reports for this financial year. If I may just elaborate on few issues; one for this financial year most of us have it here, I think very little has been implemented in terms of projects and if you permit me most of budgets have been utilized on operational expenses more than development projects which operational expenses without development will not to make impact to the less of the people whom we have been called to serve. May be they make a difference on the lives of those who are working, but not on the subjects if I use them as subjects because they are. And unless this county Assembly becomes a watchdog a true watchdog of the people by requesting for reports and knowing what is really happening, then things will continue being left hanging and then disappear in thin air. I think one of the things we have mentioned yesterday is the issues of the bursaries, one year down the line kshs.9,000,000 somehow let me say disappeared because they had disappeared if they have not gone to the students, they had disappeared somewhere so we don't know where to. Maralal county or Samburu county library which is supposed to have been implemented in our first year disappeared somewhere nobody knows where to, whether changed as a project

but without coming in the subsequent years or that have just followed .construction of classrooms for this financial year may be nothing so far has begun anywhere not in Maralal ward that I know off very well. Access roads and the bridges, the rains are just coming, the bridges are yet to begin, I don't know whether we are waiting for rains to wash away everything for us to make the bridges for people to cross. The list is endless but I think I will leave it for hon. Members and the sectoral committee to be more functional, to be more vibrant and to be the true representatives of the people because that is our mandate Mr. Speaker. I wish this honourable house be furnished with the side information and we want to know what is really happening, I think it's only three months towards the end of the year let me say two because one is almost over if only we have two months for the entire almost 40% of the budget to be implemented, the likelihood is conspiracy by those who have been given the opportunity or privilege to serve the people to enrich themselves either through faulted tendering systems to meet deadlines because nobody will have the opportunity to be following up things keenly, if things are implemented within a month or two if finances are committed within a week or so because that is what happened the previous financial year when everything was rushed to be feed into the system during the deadline day a week towards a deadline. I know during April may be the systems will be closed so I don't know what will happen whether we will do the same things and allow people to suffer silently in their homes. I urge this hon. house to remember the pledge to remember the people that they had been called to serve, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MCA Specially Elected (Hon. Ltipilisa Lekupe):** Asante Sana mheshimiwa Spika, nashukuru mheshimiwa Loldepe kwa kuleta statement (mswaada) hii. Nafikiri kulingana na sheria tungepasa kupata quarterly report within three months lakini kwa saa hii imebaki quarter moja tu na hatujawahi pata report kwa sababu kuna projects mingi yenye iko mbele zetu kama kwa mfano kuna madarasa ilikuwa ijengwe kwa kila ward, three classrooms. Mpaka wa sasa hatujui kama bado itafanyika ama sababu sasa tunaingia financial year ingine kwa hivyo tunataka committee ambayo secretoral committee ambayo inahusika na department walete quarterly report yao kila committee ili tuweze kufanya kazi kwa sababu bila report hakuna kazi tunaweza fanya. Tuatakuwa tu tunaingia nyumba tunarudi tunaingia tunarudi na hakuna action

ambayo tunaweza chukua kwa hivyo mheshimiwa spika ninaunga statement mkono na ningependa nyumba hii ya heshima iunge statement hiyo mkono na tufuatilie kila department ili tuanze kufanya kazi ambayo tunajua inaendelea na njia hii. Kwa mfano saa hii wakati huu ni msimu wa mvua bridges mingi hajafanyika na ilikuwa iko kwa bajeti na ikinyesha tu hata watoto wa shule ni ngumu kufuka lagha kwenda .kwa mfano kama Tamiyoi primary school ikinyesha tu basi hawa watoto watakaa nyumbani na hakuna Boti ambayo itaweza vukisha watoto ng'ambo ile ingine. Kwa hivyo, mheshimiwa spika sisi kama waheshimiwa wa nyumba hii tuamke tufanye kazi ambayo inatupasa ,asante mheshimiwa Spika.

**MCA Baawa (Hon. Pius Lobuk):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, this statement has come at the right time and it is overdue we have been waiting for these reports for a long time and not only the quarterly reports even the annual reports from those departments but for a long time. I think the sectoral committees concerned are not requesting for these reports if they are seeing that the departments are delaying sending these reports to this assembly at times we find ourselves our hands are tied up as implementation committee because this is a house committee is not a sectoral committee which can move up and access what is happening in the field. This is the role of the sectoral committees and it is a mandate to request for these reports from their departments and if these reports are received from this house if no action has been taken then it is a mandate that this committee to summon the concerned CECs to answer to this house why they have taken all that time from implementing their projects. There are even projects as from 2013/2014 which are up to date they are not implemented. So it is high time this house speeds up this process so that these reports be received. We even demand now for these reports to be send here not even request so that, the activities, the intentions of this county move with speed without any further delay, thank you.

**MCA Ndooto (Hon. Raisy Letura):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I also stand up to support the requested by hon. Loldepe. I think it is the right time to actually demand for these statements. As we all know that it is a mandate or the county assembly can only work through committees, committee meetings it is paramount that as members of this house we also take serious especially the committee meetings. We have also found ourselves as chairmen of sectoral committees in a

Sometimes we call for meetings but the hon. members take really or we don't keep time and also sometimes we don't attend and don't even inform the chair that you are committed on a certain duties so you were not able to attend the meeting. So ,as we demand for these reports let us not forget that it is only through these meetings that we can actually, through committee meetings that we can only that is the only time that we can interrogate that report, ventilate and actually bring the right report to this house. So, through your office I urge the hon. members of the different committees that we take spectral committees serious because that is the only time we can serve our people if we don't attend meetings then am very sure we can't do anything because this reports are not for the chair, these reports are not for few members these reports are for the whole committee and is the mandate of the committee to interrogate it and forward the lions committee after tabling to the house for interrogation, thank you.

**Deputy Speaker (Hon. Lanyasunya):** Thank you, hon. members I would now give direction to the statement that as noted by hon. Elly in his statement each spectral committee chair is supposed to table the quarterly report I direct that in the immediate sectoral committee meetings based on the committee respect sitting calendars they discuss how to obtain the report make it as an agenda such as it will have the minutes (two) you now direct the clerk because the law has required by the law in correspondence of the assembly down through the clerk such that you also direct the clerk on the basis write official letters to each CEC and detailing the kind of reports that we require and after that now the chairs will be able to table those reports . those reports will also assist the lions chair to compile the reports by annually and I remember there was a time I also wrote official letters to several chairs of respective committees even including the sectoral committees the project allocations which I have not also received up to date because each sectoral committee chair if asked what his department doing against each ward that we don't have than information as per now .alongside this based on workshop liaison based on the workshop that we had in Nairobi each committee is required to complete a work plan which also shows when you are supposed to present this reports and it is also has an activity . for example when taking now a particular financial year .the first month of the financial year of the first quarter is July, august and then September the law says that in the second week of the subsequent quarter the quarterly reports are supposed to be presented so an example at the end

of September then the first week of October the chairs are supposed to do some grand meeting through monitoring mission by each of the sectoral chair to go and collect the data compile it such that by end of next week of the second quarter then you table to the house but because of the delayance as indicated in the statement of previous quarters then you can plan any time from now to ,on the work plans that you are doing you can including your work plans as an activity and I also expect at least by second week or the following week to get those work plans completed of each sectoral committee so that I will be able to approve it and then you will be able to go to the field and collect the data and so that we are also informed on what is happening on the ground, thank you. Thank you hon. members the time being forty minutes after ten this assembly stands adjourned until Wednesday 15th April 2:30 pm.