

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU**



**THE HANSARD**

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2016**

**The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 p.m.**

*The Deputy Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya) in the chair*

**PRAYER**

**STATEMENTS**

**The Deputy Speaker,** (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Hon. Members, it is notified that reference to Standing Order number 41 (2 c), the Speaker has approved the following tentative response to statements for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2016: Request for statement number 040/2016 from the Chair of the sectoral Committee on Culture, Social Services and Gender concerning misappropriation of funds and grounding operations of the department requested by Hon. Modesta.

**Specially Elected MCA,** (hon. Modesta Lalaikipiani): Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2 c), I hereby request for a statement from the Chair of sectoral Committee on Culture, Gender and Social Services regarding misappropriation of funds grounding operations of the department.

Gender equality was officially recognized on a global poll of economic growth and poverty eradication by the world community in the charter of United Nations in 1945. It was adopted on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 1967 by the UN General Secretary for the declaration of convention elimination of all forms of discrimination against women and entered to foster international treaty on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1989 which Kenya signed in 1984.

The spirit of its root is the goal of UN to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights and the dignity and worth of the human person in the equal rights of men and women.

*(Call for a point of order)*

**The Deputy Speaker,** (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): What is the point of order hon. Leakono.

**MCA Elbarta ward,** (hon. Romano Leakono): Thank you hon. Speaker. The hon. Member is reading on a page that we don't have as a house.

**The Deputy Speaker,** (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you hon. Leakono. The clerks will provide the copies. Continue hon. Modesta.

**Special Elected MCA**, (hon. Modester Lalaikipiani): Thank you hon. Speaker. In Kenya, gender mainstreaming has continued to be challenged at both county and national level despite efforts put in place by county governments. Assessments undertaken in the past indicates that gender mainstreaming in the public, NGOs and private sector has been weak both in the national and county levels. Various factors have contributed in this shortcoming. Key among them being: lack of effective monitoring and evaluation framework which is part of the implementation framework.

The department of Culture, Gender and Social Services is mandated to:

- 1) Formulate, mainstream and implement responsive policies.
- 2) Coordinate strategies of suitable social-economic development of the county and empower vulnerable and marginalized groups including women.

Since the inception of the department of Culture, Gender and Social Services, the department has been operating in a manner that is wanting and acceptable in this era. Article 21 of the constitution states that: all state organs and public officers have a duty to address the needs of vulnerable groups within the society including women and people with disability.

The County Government of Samburu has mandated this department to ensure that the above article of the constitution is implemented.

Hon. Speaker, during 2015/2016 financial year, there are a number of programmes the department had planned to implement and at the end of the financial year, those programmes were shelved. A case in question is the people living with disability consultative workshop meant to create a bill for them. The request was placed as early as March, 2016 and the beneficial Maralal garden which was five million. There are a lot of activities and programmes that were never raised as planned and implemented.

The department is using vulnerable groups such as people with disability as a cash cow. During this year's Women's Day celebration, the department procured materials worth Kshs. 3.2 million

of which the quality supplied does not reflect the amount paid. During the international day for elimination of violence against women, the department issued two imprest for the same purpose totaling to one million which included payment of lunches to MCAs of which, to my recollection, I do not remember any attendance for the event and no member of this House attended.

Between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016, Maendeleo ya Wanawake Organization wrote to the county government to assist in facilitation of 50 women for Women International Conference and Export, 2016 at Kasarani. The Governor approved the 500,000 Kshs to cater for the transport and the accommodation for the Maendeleo ya Wanawake Organization to be paid directly to their accounts provided by the organization. The amount of money paid by the department and the criteria used to select the women is wanting and the members are questioning. Kshs. 895, 000 was advanced as imprest to one of the staff which is much more than what was approved.

In light of the above, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on: The departmental implementation report for the financial year 2015/2016 which indicates the programmes that were budgeted and implemented and those which are not and the reason why they have not been implemented.

The Chief Officer to give:

1. A detailed itinerary for the following programmes including companies that have been paid and the amount paid during International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women.
2. During women's day, 2016.
3. The trip which took 50 women to Nairobi under the Maendeleo Ya Wanawake.

In light of the above, the department should specifically give the following:

- The criteria used to select the women who participated and why some wards like Nachola were left out.

- The department to produce invitation letter and all the supportive documents for the attendance to the forum.
- The department to explain whether the county government was to fund the Maendelo ya Wanawake or the individual women that were taken to Nairobi.
- The department to give the payment schedule and other accounting documents in which the company was hired for transport to the venue.
- The department to produce the receipts of the payment for the Maendeleo ya Wanawake organization.
- Why did the department issue the imprest instead of paying the organization as stated in the request letter?

Thank you hon. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker (Hon. Lanyasunya):** The hon. Chair

**MCA Nyiro Ward,** (hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank you hon. Speaker, it is now that we are getting to know the whole issue. In the same respect hon. Speaker, we shall table the response on Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of July, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. Osman Dube): Asanta sana Bwana Spika, ninashukuru aliyeleta hii ripoti kwa vile idara hii imekuwa na tashwishi kubwa sana. 2013, tuliimba kuhusu maneno ya walemavu kunyanyaswa. Kila mwaka, milioni tano inawekwa kwa bajeti na hatuoni matokeo yake. Idara hii ni kama imekuwa nyumba ya (*applause*) ya Chief Officer. Kwa hivyo, naunga mkono ripoti hii, asante sana.

**TAKE C (LEMETEKI)**

