

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Thursday, 14th April, 2022

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

*The Deputy Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa) in the
Chair*

PRAYER

PAPERS

The Majority Leader, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to table the Report of the Auditor General on the Samburu County Youth and Women Enterprise Development Fund for the year ended 30Th June,2020.

Mr. Speaker, allow me again to table a report of the Auditor General on the Samburu County Executive Bursaries Fund for the year ended 30Th June, 2019. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Thank you Hon. Majority Leader. Hon Members, the reports of the Auditor General on both Samburu County Youth and Women Enterprise Development Fund, 2020 and on the Samburu County Executive Bursaries Fund, 2019 stands committed to the Committee on Finance as so directed.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Majority Leader, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Provisions of the Standing Orders No. 25 (3) relating to the Calendar of the Assembly and the resolution of the House of Thursday 14Th April, 2022; the Speaker notifies THAT upon the rise of the House today at the appointed time regular sittings will resume in Tuesday 10Th May, 2022 at 2:30 Pm. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Hon. Members, I stand corrected on both reports and I sincerely want to thank the Committee on oversight and I retract and redirect both reports to the Committee on PIC and PAC of this House as so directed, thank you Hon. Members.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, I sought a statement on 22nd March, 2021 concerning water from Logetei to Logetei Health Center and up to this time it has not seen the light of this Hon. House. Mr. Speaker, knowing that we represent people and articulate their issues.

Mr. Speaker, water is life and it is also everything. Without water, you cannot cook. Without water, you cannot wash, without water, you cannot wash your clothes and you cannot even take your children to school because they are smelly. You are undermining their integrity. Even your small animals go somewhere looking for water causing the conflict. Mr. Speaker, this Honourable House had passed a budget in 2020/2021, which we appropriated. I allocated 5 million for that project and up to this minute, there is nothing on the ground.

I had sought that statement from this Honourable House but it has not seen the light of the day. Mr. Speaker, we are the oversight of government programs in this county. When I say over, we are above. However, there are people rolling the programs we are giving them. We deliberately give a department function, there is money and there are timelines, and nothing is done, then how can we reduce the suffering of the people? Mr. Speaker, we had money and people are still suffering up to this minute. I seek your direction Mr. Speaker because we need to reduce the suffering of the people. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank you so much Hon. Lawrence. Hon. Zamzam.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Zamzam Ismail): Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir. Hon. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the sentiments of Hon. Lorunyei, Member of Nachola Ward. As the representative of the People, we have been asking the statements from different departments. And as a House, we did not get one substantial response.

Hon. Speaker Sir, we remember very well there was also a statement we asked about drought in our county, and up to date we never got any response. We know how hardly hit our communities are with this drought and we have been asking for statements and we have been taken lightly. We are also almost at the end of our term, on the exit lane and it is very sad to see that the statements that have been sought by Hon. Members in this Honourable House have been shelved aside. When we ask for a statement, we need to get a response and actions to take.

Hon. Speaker Sir, it is the high time we address the looming disaster of hunger in our county. We are in the period of campaigns, we are running up and down yet our people are in the brink of starvation. As I sit down, my parting shot is that this House is the superior arm of the County

Government. This House has the mandate to summon, question, and ask for answers. This is the House of the people; not all the communities can fit in here. But the representatives here are their ears, their mouths, and their eyes. We have to get a substantial response from the relevant department. Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Stephania Lanyasunya): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I really want to conquer with the sentiments of Hon. Lorunyei, and the reminder by Hon. Zamzam. But I would like to say it is unfortunate. It is a waste of time and it is a waste of energy. Hon. Speaker, most of us came to this House hopeful that we would see results; we would see actions by following statements brought to this House, and following motions. It is unfortunate that we are winding up and these things are in the files. Hon. Speaker, I do not think we can do much now maybe miracles will happen but Hon. Speaker, I am not hopeful. I too do agree that there is a disconnect between our questions and response tracker so we need to revisit and I therefore, urge our session Clerk to please note the concern and statement of Hon. Lorunyei on matters of drought, we anticipated response from the Executive but we need to remind our Committees especially the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources to seek for the answer and brief the House.

I urge the session Clerk to give a reminder to the Chairpersons of the Committee on Finance and Committee on Water, Environment and Natural resources on the matters on drought and emergency services in our County.

Hon. Silapia please give us the direction on water.

Member Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Hon. Speaker.... (*inaudible*)

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): That is misguided because the matters on water goes to the specific Committee. Hon. Lorunyei please give us your direction. Why did you not direct the question to the concerned Committee?

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, you know money is approved and appropriated and when it is at tendering stage that is money at hand but since the project is

not there, we need to know whether the money was taken from the treasury, the amount and where the money is... (*Interjection from the Deputy Speaker*)

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): I think this is where we are getting the confusion Hon. Lorunye because this is not about the issue on money but issues on the project and who implements it.

Member Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Hon. Speakerm the Hon. Member for Nachola is also a member of the Committee so he can tell this House whether he has gone ahead and interrogated the Department of Water on the issue of the project he mentioned.

What I am aware of is that he directed the question to the Committee on Budget and Appropriation but not Committee on Water.

MCA Nanchola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker the procedure is that when money crosses to another financial year because of delay of implementation, the Department is ought to make that project a priority but money will not come as Ward Fund but rather as a Departmental fund, that is the advice I got from the treasury.

My question is since the project has not been implemented then where is the money? Track from the treasury. Mr. Speaker I asked the Chairperson Committee on Budget and Appropriation and he took the steps and now the treasury is working on it...

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