

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



**THE SAMBURUCOUNTY ASSEMBLY
SECOND ASSEMBLY
(FOURTH SESSION)
REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS**

Honorable Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 43(2) (c), I hereby request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational training regarding delayed food distribution to Early Childhood Development Centers.

Honorable Speaker,

The Constitution of Kenya (2010) establishes government at two levels, National and County governments. Article 6(1) divides the territory of Kenya into 47 counties. Therefore, Kenya is transiting from a centralized government to devolved system of government. The Constitution establishes a devolved system of governance in accordance with the objects and Principles of devolution as articulated by Articles 174 and 175. The Constitution of Kenya is the supreme guiding law on education. It contains provisions that have various implications for the education sector. Article 43[f] of the Constitution says that every person has a right to education; 53[1][b] every child has a right to free and compulsory basic education.

Honorable Speaker,

The Government of Kenya takes cognizance of Pre-primary education as a crucial foundation stage for primary education, character formation and lifelong learning. This is in line with the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Number 4. Target 2 which obligate States to ensure that all children access quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for formal schooling. Pre-primary education provides opportunities for children to enhance their cognitive, social, moral, spiritual, emotional and physical development as well as aesthetic aspects.

Honorable Speaker,

The Early Childhood Development (ECD) Policy Framework in Kenya is based on principles that are universally accepted as forming the cornerstone of quality early childhood development services and programs.

The policy ensures that the holistic needs of young children are met to maximize the realization of their full potential and safeguarding the rights and welfare of the child as per the Children Act of 2001.

Honorable Speaker,

The national pre-primary Education Policy Standards Guidelines (2018) and The National School Health policy (2009) that calls for integration of health and nutrition in Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE).. Currently, the County Government of Samburu does not have a feeding programme.

Early Childhood Development in Kenya spells out various objectives that should be achieved by offering the ECDE services to the Kenyan children by providing education geared towards development of the child's mental capabilities and physical growth unlike in Samburu County government with improper and untimely systems of monitoring early childhood Feeding Programmes.

Honorable Speaker,

In view of this, Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational training should inquire into and report on:

- 1. The Full report on Early Childhood Development Feeding Programme for the Financial Year 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020**
- 2. Why there has always been a delay in issuance of food supplies to the Early Childhood Development Centers in Samburu County?**
- 3. Why is distribution of such food (if any) usually done at the end of the term thus no utilization the budgeted ratios?**
- 4. What happen to such food (budgeted items) in situations they are not delivered on time?**
- 5. Are there measures put in place by the department to ensure that food ratios reach the designated Centers before the school open?**

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