

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 26th July, 2023

The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 9:00 a.m.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda), in the Chair

PRAYER

NOTICES OF MOTION

Teenage Pregnancies

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Stacy Nareyio): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I beg to give a notice of the following Motion pursuant to Standing Order number 48 (1):

AWARE THAT, Samburu County has reported many cases of early pregnancies in Primary and Secondary Schools

AWARE THAT, these cases have resulted in school drop outs for girls in these learning institutions

NOTING THAT, these young girls have risked their lives by doing abortion and other indecent practices.

DISTURBED THAT, this trend has really affected our standard of education in our County.

AWARE THAT, there is need to come out openly to criticize this behavior and the County to take full responsibility of pregnancies and care.

FURTHER NOTING THAT, enhanced sex education programs in schools, focused on age-appropriate and evidence-based information about reproductive health, contraceptives and responsible decision making can play a crucial role in preventing teenage pregnancies.

APPRECIATING THAT, improving access to quality health services, particularly reproductive health services in both urban and rural areas is vital to address the issue of teenage pregnancies.

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT, addressing barriers to education such as early marriages, cultural practices and economic challenges is essential to keep girls in school and empower them with knowledge and skills for their future.

CONCERENED THAT, vulnerable girls who are victims of teenage pregnancies, early marriages and abuse need a safe haven and comprehensive support to rebuild their lives.

SERIOUSLY CONCERENED THAT, the establishment of a Girl's Rescue Center is urgent and imperative to provide a supportive environment for these vulnerable girls.

I **THEREFORE**, urge this Assembly to **RESOLVE**:

1. **THAT**, the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Early Childhood and Vocational Training, Culture, Sports, Youth Affairs and Social Services to take measures and curb these early pregnancies within the Primary and Secondary Schools and ensure Doctors test the students every year so as to identify early pregnancies in our children in our institutions and stop further death through abortion and drop outs.
2. **THAT**, the Samburu County Government launches comprehensive public awareness campaigns to highlight the risks and consequences of early pregnancies targeting parents, guardians and community leaders.
3. **THAT**, enhanced sex education programs in schools are introduced focusing on age-appropriate and evidence-based information about reproductive health, contraceptives and responsible decision making.
4. **THAT**, the Samburu County Government improves access to quality health services, particularly reproductive health services by establishing youth friendly health centers in both urban and rural areas.
5. **THAT**, efforts are intensified to keep girls in school by addressing barriers such as early marriages, cultural practices and economic challenges including the establishment of scholarship programs, vocational training and mentorship initiatives.
6. **THAT**, a Girls' Rescue Center is established in Samburu County to provide comprehensive support services, including counselling, health care, legal aid and educational opportunities for vulnerable girls.

Thank you Hon. Speaker.

MOTION

MCA Waso Ward, (Hon. Lemantaan Kelvin): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order number 47, I beg to move the following Motion:

AWARE THAT, the Department of Livestock bought and distributed camels to the residents of Samburu East and Samburu North Wards.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, the camels were meant to cushion livestock farmers from previous long drought that ravaged livestock in the County, whereby farmers lost a good number of their animals and for many households all their livelihoods.

OBSERVING THAT, the camels bore no identification marks made by the Department to identify them and no documentation provided to the beneficiaries to prove ownership of the camels provided to them.

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT, there have been reports of neighbouring Borana herders claiming the livestock provided by the County Government and due to lack of documentation the beneficiaries have been unable to prove ownership of the distributed camels.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, the beneficiaries of the camels can be taken advantage by anyone with due to lack of documentation to prove ownership hence the residents have been uneasy. **THEREFORE**, this House resolves that the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Veterinary Services initiate:

1. An identification mark on all camels and any other livestock distributed in the last Financial Year and in the future.
2. Develop documentation to prove ownership of the camels and all other livestock distributed to the beneficiaries across the County.

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Hon. Lemantaan. Find someone to second the Motion.

MCA Waso Ward, (Hon. Lemantaan Kelvin): Thank you. I call upon Hon. Lentukunye to second the Motion.

(Hon. Lentukunye bows to second the Motion)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Thank you. Hon. Members I now propose the question that, **AWARE THAT**, the Department of Livestock bought and distributed livestock to residents of Samburu East and Samburu North Wards.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, the camels were meant to cushion livestock farmers from the previous long droughts that raveled livestock in the Country where farmers lost a good number of their animals and for many households all their livelihoods.

OBSERVING THAT, the camels don't know identification marks made by the Department to identify them and no documentation to identify them to the beneficiary to prove ownership of the camel provided to them.

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT, there has been reports of the neighboring Borana herders claiming the livestock provided by the County Government and due to lack of documentation have been able to prove ownership of the distributed camels.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, the beneficiaries of these camels can be taken advantage by anyone with due to lack of documentation and prove ownership hence the residents have been uneasy. Therefore, this House resolves that the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Veterinary Services to:

1. Initiate an identification mark on all camels and any other livestock distributed in the last Financial Year and in the future.
2. Develop documentation to prove ownership of the camel and all other livestock distributed to the beneficiaries across the County.

MCA Waso Ward, (Hon. Lemantaan Kelvin): Thank you Mr. Speaker. We thank the County Government of Samburu for their decision to buy camels. Camels survive long droughts and we have seen the benefits of the same. We have many cases based on these camels; in my Ward I have people from Isiolo especially Somalis who taken total advantage of these livestock saying that they belong to them. We also have two cases in Wamba East where Hon. Lemartile comes from where they come and claim these livestock.

We urge the County, the Department and the Committee to make marks and chips on the animals so that in case anyone claims them it will be easy to identify. Back in 2020 I have been checking the records and I think these marks has been done before but recently the contractors and the Department has completely ignored. Even the quality of camels brought I think from the records

it used to be that you buy a Somali camel aged four years and recently we have seen very young heifers of camels between one and a half to two years and are very emaciated and there are no marks to identify that this camel belongs to Samburu County.

We do not want to give our people camels and then it becomes a trouble to them. There are two people having a case in the courts about these camels and some of them have just given them out, thank you.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatio Silapia): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to make my concerns on the same issue; this County saw the importance of keeping camels as they survive in the lowlands. Some years back when they bought these camels, they normally mark them. I do remember in 2020 we launched camels in Lookuniyani market. I saw that the one who was given the tender to buy those camels had put a mark like 025, some even put the names of the company, some marked them with 2020 they year they bought it and I saw it is so important because when that animal crosses into another county the owners are able to identify that this camel is from Samburu County just because it has our number 025 and even the year they bought it. You are able to follow.

So, I can see as we go on we encourage our department on agriculture to make sure that whoever id given the tender to buy those camels let him bring them with the marks. We have so many cases even within Lookuniyani Market. Those issues normally rise when a beneficiary takes that camel to sell raising issues because we have Boranas coming all the way from Isiolo, Garissa coming to buy camels from Lookuniyani and when they identify these camels are from for example Isiolo or Marsabit, they raise that issue of robbery. The purpose of giving these beneficiaries these animals is just to improve the livelihoods of our people.

Hon. Speaker, as vice Chair to the committee on agriculture we will follow up. We will make sure that each and every financial year, we will have a list of beneficiaries, we will have those camels being marked and even other livestock that are bought by the County Government to give to beneficiaries from this County. It is so important that they mark them so that even others know that the animals were bought by the County Government for its people.

It is important and we will take that as a serious concern as the committee on agriculture. This issue was raised this year over camels that were bought last year. Hon. Speaker, I know you are the Chair of that committee, Hon. Lemantaan we will take this seriously and we will make sure that we follow up on even those who are in court will be released because we will come up with a list of beneficiaries to make sure that those who were caught with these camels are beneficiaries. Thank you.

MCA Wamba North Ward, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to appreciate my colleague Hon. Lemantaan MCA Waso Ward for coming up with this motion. I do neighbor Hon. Lemantaan and we are going through similar experiences. We want to urge this House to deliberate on this motion because we have seen several instances where the County Government purchased animals, gave to its residents and after that the residents of this County are left with problems rather than being helped because Mr. Speaker, when we get these animals from the County Government you may think to take this animal to a market and our neighbor County, Isiolo County, we are getting so many customers coming to buy animals from our County.

Sometimes when they see these animals in the market, they just take a photo and they share to others, then those who get this information they just come and claim that this animal was originally theirs and it was maybe stolen somewhere. They just fake a report from the police that their animal was stolen that particular time and the owner is identified as this person.

So, Mr. Speaker to deal with this problem, we want to urge the County Government particularly the Committee of Agriculture and Livestock Development when they buy these animals, when they give a supplier this tender to supply animals, this person should keep records of all the animals both and supplied.

Then from there the County Government or the department concerned to also keep that record that they have distributed these animals, they were supplied by this contractor or supplier, then we issued to this number belonging to somebody let's say Lenanguram was given a camel bearing number 025 or they just indicate anything else. So, mine is just to urge the County

Government to see to it that these records are properly kept or made so that our people are not left vulnerable just because they were given an assessor.

Mr. Speaker beside the camel distribution, the County Government also sometimes purchased goats and even dairy goats. They should also do the same because you should also protect those beneficiaries, so Mr. Speaker, I want just to say Honorable Lemantaan has just done something at the right time because Mr. Speaker, I think our people have suffered a lot and by passing this motion Mr. Speaker to compel the County Government to make all these planning to ensure that our people will never suffer because of this kind of problem. Thankyou Mr. Speaker.

MCA Ndoto Ward, (Hon.Lealmusia Ali): Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity to also raise my voice on this. I sincerely thank Honorable Lemantaan for raising this issue. Indeed, we have a similar scenario where we have cases of stealing livestock within our Wards especially the Wards that are neighboring Marsabit County. In fact, just a day ago I was called by my colleague from the other end from Marsabit County who is also neighboring my Ward enquiring some camels which were stolen and they're saying that these stolen camels are within my Ward. So, this is the same case where the County Government of Samburu issued camels to some beneficiaries and now again there are cases where the other counties complain that their camels have been stolen and brought to Samburu County. I think we should be serious on this Mr. Speaker sir, that the County Government of Samburu take this seriously in order for us to be able to defend our people who have benefitted from the camel and another issue is, if for instance traders from Isiolo County and Marsabit County come to Samburu County to look for camels, I really do not know why the department because even the quality of the camel despite the mark, the quality of camel is that most people prefer camel from our area and apparently, we agree that it is an open tender but as much as it is an open tender.

We can also do some control by buying our local camels from the Samburu community where it is very clear that when we buy camel from a certain clan, we know they have their own mark and there is no doubt about this that camels from other source other ends bring this big problems but however much we think that lets think in those lines that we can also have some controls when we purchase our local camels even the Turkana breed is a very good breed and it survives in our

areas and am sure if we go that way and we look for ways we can help our people benefit then we should think on those lines, I think the County government of Samburu should come up with a proper mark that is official so that even if we are talking of 300 or 400-900 camels they should be having serials where we can even if today somebody sells his camel to somebody in Latakweny and somebody is in Waso it can be easily be traced.

Let us have some order and we should compel the department of Livestock to really sit down and modality where we will have a proper mark that will not embarrass us because it is even for us to go and defend those people and it is even embarrassing and our colleague here goes to Isiolo County and claim that this camel we were...there is no trace you cannot have a trace so let us not give people so difficult things to do or rather the issues to deal with let us simplify and ensure that we are organized County. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. James Leleruk): Thank You Mr. Speaker I also raise and thank my brother Honorable Member of Waso for raising this issue it's a serious issue that needs to be taken seriously.

We know the Committee of Agriculture will take up what am just requesting is that as Honorable Members I must congratulate that Honorable House because they are raising pertinent issues that needs to be undertaken by our County so that we can avoid so many things that will embarrass this Count.

The issue of camels and the issue of this Sahiwal cows that the County see it fits to be for empowerment of our people those are the measures that needs to be taken is not only in camels and also the Sahiwal cows that has been bought so that they have those clear marks.

In future therefore, we do not get those problems and we are sorry for the families or the beneficiaries who have been affected that they are now in the court for those issues of maybe being having stolen animals and I know is a serious case but what I also urge the County Government is that we have a county attorney so that to take up those cases up that are already in courts so that she can help our people to be freed and we rectify that anomaly.

Again, we urge the Committee on Agriculture through your able leadership of The Speaker I know you will follow so many things there are a lot things that we are not undertaking seriously so the marking must be put clear that once a person is given that contract he must deliver them whether and the County and the Department marks the numbers and the beneficiaries should be put to be well known so that it should not be... to avoid this issue of just when the animal are being bought just get your friend give him and there is no any documentation and when that problem arise I think we also to make measures that all the beneficiaries must be informed all the documentations taken both by the MCA's both by the departments so that in case of anything we know where to start and where to follow and so otherwise I thank our Honorable Member for bringing this issue it should be taken anything from the County buys specifically these animals I know many people have ill motives they can come even somebody can even sell his animal and then at later date he come and claim it. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Honorable Members thank you so much for your inputs the two prayers by the move of the motions are very pertinent but I just wanted the Honorable Mover Hon. Kelvin Lemantaan to just be very specific on which documentation he wanted because if you say developed documentation, documentation is very broad, so kindly if you can just for some 1 minute or few minutes be specific just break down to which documentation you may require so that we may continue.

MCA Waso Ward, (Hon. Lemantaan Kelvin): Thank you Honorable Speaker Sir, there are two things that could be done easily one is to have a shipment, a tag to tag on a camel ear or anywhere in the body I have seen something similar in Borana Ranch because am also a camel keeper and I want to buy the idea to put a few of my camels so that when they get lost then I will be able to, if they get lost when they are small there is a simple machine it is not expensive you put on an eye and on an ear where they put the chipmunk then it will show the number or the mark you put on your camel.

County Government of Samburu supplied camels about 946 they put all of them a mark you know just they make a metal and they put a mark which is S, Samburu County Government 2020 which is very easy and according to the amount of money they put for one camel is enough to do

I think both so a mark could be easy you have a record for the beneficiaries list that you know may be let us take an example Asha was given a camel with Samburu County Government mark 02023 and maybe put a number X02 so that it is easy and you have the records here the issue here is before when they developed the beneficiaries list they keep changing the list it happened 2018 I was doing a business and I found one of my camel in Loruko near Baragoi and luckily I found Hon. Lemoosa he was there but I was able to identify the camel was mine but the fellow who stole the camel said that he was given the camel by the County Government and just we tried to check in the records he was given a camel but he was not the first beneficiary he was the last beneficiary.

So I think it's also wise to keep one beneficiary list from the beginning to the end instead of changing the beneficiaries list I will be very happy to give a hand or support when the mark and the chipment will be done, thank you.

MCA Wamba North, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): thank you Mr. Speaker beside the documentation that Hon. Lemantaan is giving us I think the beneficiaries should also be given something like a document to prove that incase of anything he will be able to produce that this animal he was given by the County Government and then I can see the records of the supplier at the County Government should also be avail so that incase of anything this two documents or this information can correspond in case of anything to be referred so I don't think this is Assembly work that we just propose that the County Government should do all this otherwise the Committee on Agriculture and livestock department should work together to ensure that all this can be done so that in case of any problem our beneficiaries will be rescued in case of any problem thank you Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): thank you Hon. Members surprising enough from the chair of agriculture that why am just so concerned with this questions they are very pertinent thank you so much for your input we will take this into consideration and I hope maybe when we meet with the department to deliberate on the same I just have to maybe coopt some few Members like Lemantaan and Lentukunye. So that maybe we can deliberate on the same so thank you Hon. Members.

Hon. Members now I put the question **AWARE THAT**, the department of livestock both and distributed camels to the residents of Samburu east and Samburu north wards.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, the camels were meant to coition the livestock farmers from the progress long droughts that affect farmers in the country where by farmers lost a good no. of their animals and for many households many of their lively hoods observing that the camels with the identification marks made by the department to identify them and no documentation provided to the beneficiaries to proof the ownership of the camels provided to them deeply there has been report of the neighboring Borana herders claiming the livestock provided by the County Government.

Due to lack of documentation the beneficiaries have been unable to prove ownership of this distributed camels further aware the beneficiaries of the camels can be taken advantage by anyone with ill will due to lack of documentation to prove ownership hence the residents have been very uneasy therefore this House resolves that the department of agriculture and livestock and vet nary services to Initiate identification mark in all camels and any other livestock distributed to the last financial year and in future develop documentation to prove ownership of the camel and all other livestock distributed to the beneficiaries across the County

(Question put and the Motion passed)

Before we complete Hon. Minority and Majority Leaders when we have our mace here you should be seated in your respective positions so Hon. Leleruk and Hon. Lentukunye from now hence forth when we have our mace there be seated in your respective positions.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members the time being 22 minutes past ten o'clock and there being no any other business this Assembly adjourns until Wednesday 27TH July 2023 at 2:30 pm.

