

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



**THE SAMBURU COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THIRD ASSEMBLY
(THIRD SESSION)
REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS**

Honorable Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 45(c), I hereby request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Finance, ICT, and Economic Planning regarding Samburu County's borrowing practices.

Hon. Speaker,

Article 212 of the Constitution of Kenya stipulates that a county government may borrow, but only under certain conditions, including approval by the county assembly and the requirement that the county is a non-sovereign entity, thus necessitating further approval from the National Government. Furthermore, the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) provides additional conditions for county borrowing, specifically:

1. Borrowing must be directed towards financing capital projects.
2. A county must demonstrate the ability to repay the borrowed funds.

The PFMA also outlines obligations and restrictions with respect to county borrowing, while related regulations detail the processes and procedures for such borrowing.

Honorable Speaker,

In the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on the following:

1. Has Samburu County Government ever borrowed funds? If so, provide details of the specific borrowing instances, including the amounts and dates.
2. Were the borrowing conditions under Article 212 of the Constitution and the Public Finance Management Act adhered to, specifically with regard to authorization by the county assembly and National Government?
3. What capital projects were financed through such borrowing, if applicable?
4. Does Samburu County demonstrate the ability to repay any borrowed funds, and how is this evaluated?
5. Provide a comprehensive report on the county's current financial obligations stemming from any borrowing, including repayment schedules and any outstanding balances.

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**HON. FRANCIS LEMARTILE,
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