

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



THE SAMBURUCOUNTY ASSEMBLY
THIRD ASSEMBLY
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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS



Honourable Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 47, I rise to request a statement from the Chairperson of the **Sectoral Committee on Environment, Water and Natural Resources** regarding the **alarming and dangerous erosion along the river originating from Loikas and flowing through Sunrise and Loresho Estates in Maralal Municipality.**

Hon. Speaker,

It has come to the attention of the residents and this House that the said river has undergone extensive erosion downstream, becoming increasingly deep and wide. The situation has posed serious danger to human life, livestock, and nearby properties, especially in Sunrise and Loresho Estates. The expanding river channel also threatens public infrastructure, including access roads and drainage systems within Maralal Municipality.

Further, the **river has increasingly become a dumping site for waste and refuse**, worsening pollution and posing a public health hazard. It is also noted that **residents downstream depend on this river for domestic water use**, exposing them to the risk of waterborne diseases.

Additionally, **unregulated human settlement and development of plots along the riverbanks** raise concerns about **environmental compliance and enforcement**. It is unclear whether such developments have received the necessary **approvals from the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)** as required under the **Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA), 1999**.

Hon. Speaker,

This situation raises serious concerns about **environmental degradation, urban planning, public safety, and public health** within Maralal Municipality.

The following legal frameworks are relevant to this matter:

1. **Article 42 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010** guarantees every person the right to a clean and healthy environment.
2. **Section 5 of the County Governments Act, 2012** mandates county governments to promote sustainable development and environmental protection.

3. **The Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA), 1999** requires mitigation and prevention of adverse environmental effects, including soil erosion and pollution control.
4. **The Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011 (Section 36)** requires municipalities to ensure proper storm-water management, sanitation, and sustainable land use planning.

Honourable Speaker,

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

1. Whether the County Government has conducted any **assessment or survey** of the river erosion within Maralal Municipality.
2. What **immediate interventions** are being undertaken to control the erosion, stop dumping, and protect nearby residents and properties.
3. Whether the **Department of Environment and Public Works** has **budgeted for remedial works** such as gabion construction, riverbank stabilization, and drainage improvement.
4. Whether the **National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)** has issued any **environmental approvals** for the ongoing or planned developments along the riverbanks.
5. What **long-term measures** the County Government plans to implement to prevent further erosion, pollution, and contamination of water used by residents downstream.
6. Whether the County Government has engaged the **Maralal Municipality Board** to develop a **coordinated urban plan** to protect and restore the river ecosystem.

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HON. STACY NAREYO LEKIRIMPOTO
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