



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU
THIRD ASSEMBLY – SECOND SESSION

MOTION

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing order 47, I beg to Move the following motion;

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 healthcare 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.

CONCERNED 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 CONCERNED THAT, the establishment of a Girls' Rescue Centre 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 Members in charge of Early Childhood and Vocational Training and Culture, Sports, Youth and Social Services to take measures and curb these early pregnancies within the Primary and Secondary Schools, and to 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 healthcare 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**, Girls' Protection Units established in Samburu County to provide comprehensive support services, including counseling, healthcare, legal aid, and educational opportunities, for vulnerable girls.

Thank you Hon. Speaker.

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Specially Elected

1st August 2023

Hon. Steve Lenamarle, MCA

The Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu

1st August 2023