

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 2nd October, 2024.

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2.30 pm

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen) in the Chair

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Members, I would like to acknowledge the presence of Samburu University Students Association (SUSA) leaders on our Public Gallery today; in our usual tradition of receiving and welcoming visitors of the Assembly, I extend a warm welcome to them and on behalf of the County Assembly of Samburu and on my own behalf I wish them a fruitful visit, thank you. Hon. Stacy you can welcome them.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Stacy Nareyo): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Allow me to take the opportunity to welcome the SUSA students into our County Assembly during our sessions and I am hoping that you are going to learn one or two and also a take away home; thank you and welcome once again.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Lelengeju Jackson): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also join you and my colleagues in inviting the SUSA officials welcome to this Assembly and I also urge the Hon. Members that our students have an upcoming activity of fundraising which is on 19th of this month if am not wrong.

I know that it will fall on a week that you will be in CASA games but kindly what is needed most is the money, we have Hon. Nareyo representing the youths and I urge all Members to consider contributing towards that fund and for those who will not be within that week kindly channel contributions to Hon. Nareyo who is in charge of youths so that we can support them, thank you.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Nareyo Stacy): Thank you Deputy Speaker. As I am aware, the SUSA officials had informed that they are going to postpone the event so that most of the Members can attend, I am not sure unless I confirm but they told me that they are going to postpone the event.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you Hon. Stacy you can confirm and then inform the Members on the exact date.

STATEMENTS.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lekirenyei Sarah): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwa mujibu ya kanuni za kudumu 45/c, naomba kauli kutoka kwa mwenyekiti wa kamati ya Sekta ya huduma za matibabu, afya na usafi, kuhusiana na msongamano ya wagonjwa katika wodi ya wazazi ya kituo hicho. Mheshimiwa Spika, Katiba ya Kenya linahakikisha kila mtu ana haki ya kiwango cha juu zaidi ya afya kinachoweza kupatikana likijumulishwa haki ya huduma za afya ikiwemo huduma za afya ya uzazi.

Kifungo cha 43/1/a, aidha jedwali la nne la Katiba linaeleza kuwa serikali za Kaunti zina wajibika kwa huduma za afya ya Kaunti ikiwemo huduma za afya ya msingi, huduma za ambulansi na uenezaji wa afya na msingi.

Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kuzingatia masharti haya ya kikatiba ninasimama mbele yenu kuleta swala la dharura la umma kuhusu hali ya wodi ya wajawazito katika hospitali ya rufaa ya Kaunti ya Samburu. Imenifikia taarifa kuwa hospitali hiyo inakabiliwa na msongamano makubwa hasa katika wodi ya wajawazito.

Wajawazito wanalalamika kushiriki vitanda baada ya kujifungua. Hali hiyo sii tu linawanyima faraja bali pia linaweka hatarini afya ya wamama na mtoto mchanga. Zaidi ya hayo kumekuwa na ripoti nyingi ya uzembe na uvivu miongoni mwa wafanyikazi wa afya katika hospitali hiyo. Uzembe huo katika utoaji huduma umewaacha wagonjwa wengi wakiwa na hasira na kutoridhika na huduma wanazopokea. Hali kama hizo hazingekubalika na zinahitaji hatua za haraka.

Mheshimiwa Spika; naomba kamati hii itoe majibu katika mambo yafuatayo:

1. Sababu za msongamano katika wodi ya wazazi na kupendekeza suluhisho za haraka za kupunguza tatizo hili.
2. Uzembe na uvivu ulioripotiwa miongoni mwa wafanyakazi wa afya kwa kutekeleza hatua kali za usimamizi na uwajibikaji.
3. Rasilimali za kutosha zinatengwa ili kuboresha miundombinu na uwezo wa wodi wa wazazi kukidhi mahitaji yanayoongezeka.

4. Mafunzo ya mara kwa mara na programu za maendeleo kwa wafanyakazi wa afya ili kuboresha ujuzi wao na kujitolea kwao kuajili ya utoaji huduma.

Asante Mheshimiwa Spika, ningependa tu kuongezea kidogo kwa kusema ukienda pale katika hospitali letu la dharura utakuta mambo mengi ambayo si nzuri, akina mama wajawazito wanashiriki kitanda kimoja, jambo hili lina leta hatari kwa kuwa kuna akina mama ambao hawana nguvu wanapokuja kujifungua hospitalini, wengine wanashindwa hata kupanda kitanda hicho. Akiwa juu kisha mwingine aje juu wanaweza kugongana na kuumizana.

Wafanyakazi pia vile vile hawafanyi vyema, akina mama wa Samburu ambao hawaongei Kiswahili wanapokuja wao huwaongelea Kiswahili na wanaelewa kisamburu. Hawaelezi kwa lugha wanaoelewa ikawa kufanya madharau. Mambo mengi hayaendelei vizuri katika hospitali yetu, asante sana mheshimiwa spika.

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. Leleruk James): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi pia nasimama kukaribisha Wanafunzi wa SUSA wa kaunyi ya Samburu katika kikao hiki; karibuni. Nashukuru kwa hoja lililoletwa na Mheshimiwa Sarah kuhusu usimamizi wa huduma ya afya; kama kiongozi wa serikali, nataka kuwahakikishia kuwa ripoti litakuwa tayari na tutawasilisha kwa wahusika tarehe sita mwezi wa Novemba 2024 saa nane na nusu kwa kuwa tutakuwa na shuguli zingine za CASA na tarehe ninayoangalia linaweza kuwa karibu kutoka tarehe hilo, kwa hivyo tarehe sita Novemba 2024 saa nane unusu. (2:30 pm)

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Mheshimiwa Sarah unakubaliana na hayo ama?

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lekirenyei Sarah): Mheshimiwa Spika sijakubali. Ningependa wenzangu pia wachangie kidogo.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Unakubaliana na hiyo tarehe sita?

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lekirenyei Sarah): Nasema kuwa sijakubali, ningependa wengine wachangie kidogo kisha nitaona kama nitakubaliana nayo.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lekirenyei Sarah): Asante sana. Ningependa pia kuchukua fursa hii kushukuru sana Mheshimiwa Sara kwa kuleta hoja hilo ya kina mama na pia watoto wetu kwa mambo ya kukosa huduma bora ya afya. Kama wakilishi wa kina mama tunasema pia kuwa afya ya akina mama na Watoto wetu lazima lipewe kipa umbele na kama kina mama katika nyumba hii ni lazima tuchukue hatua za haraka kutatua hali hii ili kuhakisha kuwa hakuna mama ama mtoto wake ambaye atahatarishwa kwa kukosa huduma bora za afya.

Kwa hivyo mimi nataka kushukuru sana Mheshimiwa Sara kwa kuleta swali hilo hapa, jambo hili limezungumziwa sana mitandaoni na asante sana kwa kuchukua hatua ya...(Kiswahili ni kigumu sana Mheshimiwa Spika); kuuleta mswada hili hapa kwa hivyo tungeomba sana kamati ya afya itupatie ripoti hilo na kuchukua hatua kuhakikisha wodi za akina mama ama maternity ward zinaangaliwa vizuri sana.

Nasema hivi kwa kuwa akina mama wetu wako katika hatari ya kupata labda magonjwa mengi wakilalia kitanda moja. (It is very disheartening and I hope the Committee concerned) Ni jambo la kuvunja moyo sana na naomba kamati husika litachukua hatua ya dharura na kuhakisha kuwa jambo hilo limetatuliwa. Tungependa ripoti hilo liwasilishwe katika nyumba hili kwa haraka liwezekanavyo ili akina mama wetu wapate afya bora, asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

Specially Elected Member, (Hon. Lolosoli Rebecca): Asanti sana Mheshimiwa Spika, pia mimi ninasimama hapa kuwakaribisha wanafunzi wetu wamekuja kututembelea kwa hiki kikao yetu ya leo na pia ningependa kuunga mkono hii *statement* ya Mheshimiwa Sarah nashukuru sana. Hii ni kitu ya maana sana.

Bwana Spika, huduma bora kwa mama na mtoto ni kitu cha maana sana, hii mahospitali yetu Bwana Spika, iko chini sana kwa mambo ya usafi na pia zaidi Mheshimiwa Spika, hao watu wetu ni watu wanapenda saa zingine kukaa mpaka wanazalia nyumbani. Ukienda kuomba msaada kwa hii Hospitali, unaambiwa hatuna mafuta, unaambiwa uweke mafuta kwa ambulensi nah io inaweka hatari kwa huyo mama na mtoto.

Watu wengi ni maskini hawana pesa ya kuweka hio ambulensi mafuta, utakuta huyo mama amekufa Pamoja na huyo mtoto. Mheshimiwa Spika na wanasema hio mafuta ni ya emergency,

hatujui emergency gani hawa watu wa Hospitali ama ya afya, hatujui hio ni emergency gani kuliko huyo mama yule ako labour anangojewa atafute pesa ama aende asuze mbuzi ndi waweke mafuta, hio ni hatari kabisa.

Mambo pia ya kulala kwa kitanda moja, watu wengi siku hizi hapa kwanza kwa County yetu, ugonjwa wa HIV/AIDS iko juu sana, watu wanaweza sambaziana kupitia kwa damu na unakuta hio kitanda haina shuka, hawana bedsheets wnanalalishwa juu yah io mattress tun a mama amejufungua.

Mheshimiwa Spika tunataka watu wa afya wachukulie hayo maneno kwa haraka. Bila kuwa na afya hakuna maisha, kwa hivyo hii si mchezo hata sio kama zile kama za bursary, hii ni kitu tunataka ichukuliwe kwa haraka sana na sio hata mama pekee yake, tunataka wagonjwa wote wahudumiwe vizuri kwa sababu wengine wakipata ajali, wanaambiwa waweke ambulensi mafuta. Mtu ana kufa kwa sababu ambulensi ya serikali haina mafuta, Mheshimiwa Spika, hio tunataka kwa haraka sana na watu wa idara hio ya afya tunataka waje watujibie hio kwa sababu tumeimba hata hio na nikama watu wanachukua tu... hio hatuwezi taka ichukuliwe kwa urahisi namna hio, kwa hivyo hio tunasema tunatka tujibiwe kwa haraka na tunataka hatua ichukuliwe kwa haraka na tutatembelea hio Mahospitali tujue ni nini inaendelea.

Hio mafuta tunaambiwa kila wakati wekeni, tunataka kujua emergency ni gani kuliko yule mama anataka kujifungua, kuliko yule mtu amapta ajali, kuliko yule mtu amepigwa risasi huko. Tunataka kujua hi oni emergency gani, asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Lelenkeju Jackson): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I have a serious problem with Kiswahili but I will try. I will urge Hon. Sarah Lekirenyi based on the weight of the matter and considering the calendar of this House, we are set to go for a short recess beginning 10th of this month, so I request Hon. concerned to take the matters serious and try to answer Hon. Sarah or this House on 10th October 2024 at 2:30PM because Hon. Speaker we are all aware and we agree with the Hon. Member that we really have serious problems with congestions in our maternity wards in referral Hospital, so this matter requires to be addressed urgently. So, I urge Hon. Leleruk to fasten the process and answer that question or statement on 10th of October 2:30pm.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Minority leader, on of 10th October 2:30pm.

Minority Leader, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I oblige to give that statement that day and I will hasten it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Sarah, utapata majibu tarehe 10, wiki inayokuja 2:30pm.

Specially Elected Member, (Hon. Lekirenyei Sarah): Asanti Bwana Spika.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Next statement, Majority Leader.

Majority Leader, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 45(c), I hereby request a statement from the chairperson from sectoral committee on Finance, ICT and Economic Planning regarding to Samburu counties borrowing practices. Mr. Speaker article 212 of the constitution of Kenya stipulates that County government may borrow at 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 within respect to County borrowing while related regulations detail the processes and procedures for such borrowings. Mr. Speaker, in the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report the following;

- 1) Has the Samburu County Government ever borrowed funds? If so, provide details of the specific borrowing instances, including the amount and dates.
- 2) Were the borrowing conditions under article 212 of the Constitution and PFMA uttered 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 ant 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. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MCA Wamba West, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Hon. Speaker, may I take this chance to welcome our SUSU students to this House. Secondly, I also thank Hon. Member who soughted the statement because it is the obligation of this House to approve all borrowings of the County and Mr. Speaker, I promise to bring the response on 10th October next Thursday at 2:30pm. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lemartile I hope you are very sure of that because I can see you are laughing. So, we are expecting Hon. Majority leader the response on next week 10th at 2:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Members the time being 10 minutes past 3 O' clock and there being no other business this Assembly now adjourns until Thursday 3rd October at 2:30pm.

