

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 23rd July, 2025

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2:30 pm

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan) in Chair

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): The Hon. Members it is notified that the speaker has approved the following request for statement today Wednesday 23rd

July 2025 at 2.30pm pursuant to standing order number 47 (1).

Statement number 009/2025 requested by the MCA Loosuk Ward (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix) to the chair person on the committee on educational vocational training regarding the indefinite closure and the continued absence of a teacher at Lmari early childhood development centre located in Loosuk Ward.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon Lawrence Lorunyei): Thank you Hon Speaker, I arise to respond to the statement asked by MCA Loosuk ward concerning a teacher at Lmari early childhood development center located in Loosuk.

The respond is that the department of education and vocational training had transferred a teacher by the name Elizabeth Lekompole from elmisigiyoi ECD to Lmari ECD in Loosuk Ward On 27th MAY 2025... refer to the letter attached.

The teacher reported to duty and was permitted to clear from the previous school before proceeding to the new station. However, the teacher requested that she is not comfortable working in that situation as her husband was shot and killed by bandits within Lmari vicinity.

Hon Speaker the department will be posting another teacher on 25th August 2025 when school reopens for third term 2025. The teacher to be posted will be Lesiamito David from Loogoben ECD to Lmari ECD. Mr. Speaker the department is committed to ensure Lmari ECD gets a teacher the soonest time possible for the learners to get the rightful service for education. We continue working closely with the honorable member of the county assembly on matters of education to promote holistic child development through quality education in our county.

I am requesting the member that this time we are going to be committed and follow up even the letter of the teacher Mr. David I have got a copy but you know I cannot give out because it is a private document and you know this time of technology we are to preserve some letters because changes can be done just like that. So, I will make a follow up for the teacher to go there.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Well stated the Hon. Chair. We now give the Hon. Lenamparasio that of course the chair has read some response or may be comprehensive response why I say comprehensive because actually the teacher and the dates and all that has been provided forand the Hon. Phelix please welcome for your reaction and acknowledgement, thank you.

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Hon speaker let me take this opportunity to that the chair for committee on Education for reading the response. Hon. Chair the only thing I am satisfied with is that I am seeing the commitment by the department that on 25th August this year as the schools re-opens for third term a teacher by Lesiamito David will be in that school. But Hon speaker I have my statement here the one that I had asked, it had four questions, I don't know why the department just concentrated on that one question of the absence of a teacher.

Hon speaker am seeing this as the usual joke by Executive because of the following reasons, even the department are not agreeing that this school has been closed since January 2025 up to date, you know they are not even bothered to say what plans they have to reopen this school .telling us they are sending a teacher on 25th August is not enough, most of the parents had transferred their kids to other schools because of lack of a teacher. I think I will have to wait up to 25th of August and then see how the situation will be.

The reason as to why am saying these guys are joking if you see the reason given by CEC on the reason as to why the transferred teacher had not reported to that school is because the husband was killed by bandits at Lmari. But if you just see an attachment here by the same teacher requesting to appeal on transfer from Lmisigiyoi to Lmari it has nothing to do with the death of the husband. It shares some three issues and the only genuine is number 2 which is age. You know in security and challenges as distance, you know when anybody applies for a job you don't consider the distance.

I think even here in Samburu we have some people who works for the government coming from other counties .So if we go this way that every other teacher will say that the distance from where she lives or he leaves to the school becomes an issue for not being transferred then this is the issue. I remember when I had asked this statement Hon. Lekuchula raised an issue of a teacher in his ward that refused to go to a school that she was posted immediately after she was employed because she says that school it is far from where she stays.

You know that one should not be the spirit of employment and I don't think in any application or any job advert I have never seen an inclusion of the distance from where you live to where you work. And you know stating an issue of insecurity here for the madam that was transferred Elizabeth Lekompole I was so optimistic that may be the department will tell me then how is David Lesiamito be secured in that school if Elizabeth is not secure, you know all of them needs security, so if you say she will not go there because of insecurity what of David, "Is he a police man or is he an NPR"?

And for the distance will this teacher David fly because the other one says that she has to walk, even this one David I know where he lives is just the same distance from where Elizabeth lives. So Hon. Speaker just because I don't want a lot of issues let me just wait for opening of third term but am so saddened that this department is not even concerned about the closure of this school that from January this year the school has not even opened, the teacher retired and the replacement that were done by the executive had an inclusion of that madam who retired to be replaced.

So that was the fourth question, because I wanted them to explain why they had not replaced that madam immediately she retired while the department recruited or employed teachers immediately after 2024 December .You know to me I thought that may be when the lady had retired and the department had recruited teachers the first school to be considered in Loosuk was Lmari because madam had retired they had done some recruitment to replace the retired teachers.

So, to me I thought may be the first school to be considered in my ward is Lmari but it so shameful that up to now that school is still closed and they are not even bothered they are just saying may be during the reopening of third term a teacher will be there, so thank you. I think on 25th August God willing I will still be here and will still have the energy to ask some more questions on that day, thank you so much Hon. Chair with a lot respectful I have on you let me just wait up to 25th August ,thank you.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Thank you Hon. Member for your consideration. As an office we are there to help the structure below us Mr. Speaker we are not enemies we are there to help to make every less environment for our people to deliver services. I understand the concern of Hon. Members, I know, do you know about bureaucracy whereby

from this level to that level to that level and then coming from the lower level it describes a lot of landers.

Yes as said by the Hon. Members that when we sign public service we serve anywhere without matter of insecurity or distance being considered, and now considering about retirement and this teachers now let us say just remaining two years, she is 58 years, and may be it is in all of us to prepare her for retirement otherwise the two listened excuses would have not taken place.

By this time round because the matter is on the top level now the county assembly we are going now to press to make sure as committed on 25th a teacher must be posted there. As I said I have got the transfer letter of the teacher and we are going to make sure that he reports on that day, thank you.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank you the Hon. Chair on education, and I want to, if any member send me input on the same. If actually we agree with the chairman's report I also want to believe the Hon. Phelix that yes you have concerns and reservations but nevertheless let us put our trust that of course due to the explanation given that the teacher will be posted on 25th and I think the department if my ears serve me well when the chair was briefing that they will liaise with you to ensure that may like be your concern of children.

The learners and how they will be brought from various school. I think the whole episode will start from way before 25th. The chair has said and we want to believe he has a letter but of course it is not yet a public document it is within the department. And the name is also given that Lekompole will also transferred and already has been decided or nevertheless of course the public service code do protect members or public servants from actually taken away from home when actually they are on the verge of exiting the service.

I do not want to give support to the department or to seems to agree but actually with acknowledgment and reservations' the chair please ensure that the department liaise and work with the Hon. Member before that 25th to ensure that everything is in order. And with that I want to believe we shall get out of this cog mire the Hon. Members we will get out of it and nothing much is expected of us other than service to the people of Samburu and especially the learners.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. members the time being three minutes past three o'clock and there being no other business this assembly now adjourns until Tuesday the 29th July, 2025 at 9.30am. Thank you.