

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 16th July, 2025

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 9:30 am

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen) in Chair

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon Members I wish to bring to your attention that the County Assembly of Samburu is currently hosting a benchmarking delegation from the Narok County Assembly on Tourism, Culture and Wildlife. In collaboration with the Narok County Government department of Tourism and Wildlife. The visit is scheduled to take place from 15th to 21st July, 2025. This benchmarking mission seeks to draw lessons from the Samburu County success in the development and implementation of the conservancies act and related governance frameworks.

The Narok delegation has identified Samburu as a model County in conservation legislation and policy as it embarks on developing their own conservation bill. The visiting delegation comprises 18 members of the County Assembly led by the Hon. Speaker Mr. David Dikirr, 5 Executive members led by the CEC for Tourism industrialization, cooperation and Wildlife Hon. Johnson Sipitek. The County Attorney Mr. Allan Meing'ati. 3 officials from the Massai mara wildlife conservation association. Led by the Chairperson Mr. Jackson Mbario and CEO Mr. Daniel Sopia.

Hon. Members in this regard all members of the Samburu County Assembly are invited to an interactive session with the visiting delegation immediately after this morning sitting. This session will serve as a platform for mutual learning, idea exchange and the sharing of best practices in conservancy's governance legislation and chair holder collaboration. The delegation's itinerary also inclusive field visit to key conservancy sites in Samburu including Ngoteiya, Reteti elephant sanctuary, Namunyak and Kalama conservancies where they will explore unique community led conservations models and sustainable development initiative.

Let us extend our warm Samburu welcome to our colleagues from Narok County and use this opportunity to foster inter-county collaboration to strengthen legislative partnership and advance our shared goals in environmental stewardships and sustainable tourism development, Thank you.

Hon. Members section 58(1, 2&3) of County Government act 2012 establishes the County public service board. Thank you. I repeat this communication as related to the selection panel for selecting suitable candidates for appointment as members to the Samburu County Public Service

Board. Hon. Members section 58(1, 2&3) of County Government act 2012 establishes the County public service board whenever a vacancy arises in a County public service board section 17 of the County Government of regulations 2020 is to place at the procedure for a constitution of a selection panel for purpose of a suitable candidate for appointment of members to the Samburu County public service board.

Hon. Member's in line with the above I hereby notify the House that I have received from His Excellency the Governor a list of nominees nominated to serve in the selection panel as follows:

1. Thomas Lolosoli- Chairperson
2. Solomon Lembere- Member, Advocate of the High court of Kenya
3. Dorcas Lekisanyar- Member, Accountant Member of High spark
4. William Lengoiyap- Member, representative of workers
5. Florence lesoloiya- Member of private sector

Hon. Members I hereby commit this list to the Committee on Labour, social welfare justice and legal affairs to deliberate upon as per the respective mandate and subsequently make recommendation to the county assembly by the consideration. Thank you.

Hon. Members it is notified that the speakers approved the following request for statements today Wednesday July 16th,2025 at 9:30 am. Pursuant to standing order 47,1 Statement number 009/2025 requested by Hon. Phelix Lenamparasio MCA Loosuk ward to the Chairperson of the Committee on Education vocation training regarding the indefinite closure and the continued absence of a teacher at Marie Early ECD development center located in Loosuk ward.

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you so much Hon. Speaker. I rise to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Education and vocational training regarding the indefinite closure and continued absence of a teacher at Marie ECD center in Loosuk Ward. On 21st May,2025 I had sorted a statement from the Chairperson concerning the failure of the department to deploy a teacher at Marie ECD following the retirement of the serving teacher in 2024.

In response the Chairperson tabled a statement before this House on 27th May, 2025. Indicating that a teacher has been posted to the center with immediate effect. However, to date the teacher has not reported to the station and the center remains non- operational since January 2025. This

has denied the children of Marie their rights to early childhood education which is a foundational and legal protected rights. This situation is not only administrative unacceptable but also a violation of several constitutions and statutory provisions including the following:

1. Article 53,1b of the constitution of Kenya 2010, which guarantees every child to the right to free and compulsory basic education encompassing early childhood development and Education.
2. Article 43, 1f of the constitution which provides that every person has the right to education.
3. Part 2 of the fourth schedule off the constitution which assigns the responsibility of the pre-primary education ECDs to the County Government.
4. Section 4a of the basic education act 2013 which defines basic education to include ECDs and places a duty on public authority to ensure access Equity and quality service delivery.
5. The national education sector strategic plan 2018-2022 and Samburu County integrated development plan which emphasizes equitable access to early learning facilities especially in marginalized area.

Hon. Speaker in light of the above I respectfully request the Chairperson of the Committee on Education and vocational training urgently inquire and report back to this House on the following:

1. Why has the ECD teacher allegedly posted to Marie ECD failed to report to duty several weeks after a confirmation was made on the floor of this House?
2. Is the department aware that Marie ECD has remained closed since January 2025 and the children in that area has been denied access to early learning services?
3. What immediate plans are in place by the department to reopen the center and ensure that a qualified ECD teacher is deployed without further delay?
4. Why did the department fail to act promptly to deploy a replacement teacher following the retirement of the previous teacher in 2024 despite the county having reported required new ECD teachers both 2024 and 2025?

The prolonged closure of Marie ECD center represents a gross failure in service delivery, a breach in children's right, a betrayal of the community's trust in the Education system.

In further undermining the County's commitments under the developed agenda and education priorities I urge the Chairperson to treat this matter with urgency and seriousness and to provide a definite response with a clear timeline of actions to restore early learning services to the children of Lmari. Hon. Speaker this is the second time I am requesting a statement from the same department because of the following issues. As a member elected by Loosuk people I did it funny that from 2025 January I had raised this issue with the department about the CEC the CO and up to date two terms have elapsed with no learning in that centre.

I wanted everybody to know that ECD kids in Lmari are equal to other ECD kids across this county or even Kenya. I was wondering as an elected MCA of that area what would happen to the ECD children in Lmari who are supposed to proceed to grade one. I asked for a statement here the department responded and I was told a teacher has been posted with immediate effect.

That was on May 2 months ago but up to now the school is still closed and no learning is taking place. The parents took their kids to school on first term but there was no teacher. That prompted the parents to withdraw their kids and take them back home. In this life we are living I think education is one of the most fundamental rights that we should all access and children of Lmari being denied that right by the County Government of Samburu is a violated of rights.

I would really want this issue to be taken very seriously because I feel pity for the kids who are supposed to proceed to grade one next year. There was a statement asked by honourable Esther here I still vividly remember on the recruitment of ECD teachers and there was a list here provided by the public service board of 54 teachers employed in 2024 and 50 teachers employed in 2025. The teacher from Lmari was one of the replacement that was supposed to be done because she retired in 2024 but up to now having employed 104 teachers the department has not replaced the teacher of Lmari.

With your guidance I want this matter to be taken very seriously the department to act promptly and I do not know what will happen because the department responded to this house and it was a lie. You know a whole CEC lying to a honourable house like this one responding that the teacher has been posted to that school immediately but it's been two months without a teacher in that school. I personally went to the department and told them that the teacher has not responded but they are not taking it seriously. This time round I need a very serious solution to this problem.

Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lekuchula.

MCA Loodokejek Ward, (Hon. Lekuchula David): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to join my brother Lenamparasio that we have several ECD centres that are lacking teachers. In my ward I have one ECD centre in Mugur which has no teacher up to now. ECD centre is the foundation of education in our country and education is a right to our children. You will find that these ECD centres that are around this town or places that are not far from towns have two teachers whereas far areas like Mugur in my ward there is no single teacher.

The other time there was a volunteer who was being paid by the parents. When the teacher was recruited she did not report to that school, she went to another ECD centre which is closer to her home. I went to the department of education to inquire more on why they employed this teacher and post her in a centre that she was in. I did not get a good response they gave many excuses like we are waiting for confirmation, they are still in probation, we will not transfer. That does not add up because you are employed by the County Government and after that you go back to your centre.

If there is no teacher recruited from that area those kids will remain without one while others have two teachers. What are we going to do because we need a serious action to make sure there is a fair distribution of ECD teachers to all centres regardless of where it is located even in the furthest ones in the ward to make sure there is a teacher to for that centre? Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Esther.

Specially Elected Member, (Hon. Esther Lenolkulal): Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Pia mimi naunga mkono Mheshimiwa Lenamparasio ni kama tunarudia vitu mara mingi kwa sababu maneno ya walimu wa ECD tumeongea sana. Niliona kwa ile statement yangu walirudisha kutoka huko walisema kila ward ilipewa walimu kumi na wawili na zingine zilipewa wanane. Nakumbuka tulipewa jina ya mwalimu mwenye alikua anapelekwa hiyo ECD ya Lmari. Tunashangaa kwa sababu kama ni hiyo term mbili na mwalimu tulipewa jina inakuaje tena huyo mwalimu hajafika.

Kama ward ya Loosuk ilipewa walimu kumi na wawili kwa nini zile shule ambazo hazina walimu hazijakua za kwanza kupewa. Hii ni nyumba ambayo inafuata sharia na tunashindwa tunaongea hapa na tunapewa response kutoka kwa executive ya vitu ambavyo si kwa ukweli. Sisi

tuko hapa leo kwa sababu Mungu ametuwezesha kuwa hapa na tusipoongea kutetea watu wetu sijui kama ni vizuri kwetu kukaa hapa.

Ni kama tunachukuliwa hivi hivi tunapewa response ya uongo na zingine hatupati. Watu wetu watafaidika aje? Hawa walimu wa ECD tutapata aje kwa hizo shule ambazo hazina. Tunataka kupata habari kamili kuhusu kile kinachoendelea kwa ECD kwa sababu department ya education ni kama kuna shida mahali. Imefika wakati tukue serious kwa maneno yale tunauliza na response yenye tunapewa. Kwa sababu tukipewa yenye sii ya ukweli sijui kama tunaelekea njia mzuri. Pia tunataka kupewa habari kamili ya kile kinachoendelea kwa ECDs na pia sijui kama hawa walimu wenye tunasikia kwa social media, hatujui ni nini inaendelea. Kwa hivyo, mheshimiwa spika inafaa tupate habari kamili. Asante.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Leerte.

MCA Porro Ward , (Hon. Leerte Patrick): asanti mheshimiwa speaker, pia mimi nimesimama nikiunga hiyo hoja kwamba ECDE, sijui wards zingine lakini ile ward ya Porro yenye nimetoka pia iko na shida. Vile mheshimiwa Lekuchula amesema kuna shule iko na walimu wawili. Na ile kitu ambayo mimi sijaelewa ni kwamba, sijui wale ambayo wanahusika na ECDE ama walimu wa ECDE sijui kama wanatembeanga hizo shule ama sijui kama wako na habari kwa sababu pia Porro kuliakua na kesi kama hiyo.

Mwalimu anajipeleka transfer na wakati alikua anaenda mimi nikaenda kwa yule aliyekua anasimamia sijui kama bado ako na nikamwambia anionyeshe ile transfer mwalimu amepigwa aksema mimi sijapiga mwalimu transfer lakini mwalimu yuko hapa na hakuna barua ya transfer. Kwa hivyo, hii ECDE pia ni kama iko na shida. Pia chakula inaletwa gunia inaandikwa sijui ni ngapi unakuta ni gunia tatu imeletwa lakini kwa list ni mingi.

kwa hivyo, ingekua mzuri wale ambayo wanasimamia ECDE department itoke iseme ukweli yake kwa sababu kwa kila department kila mahali kuna kiongozi na kama kiongozi ako lazima akue na taratibu ya kua shule ngapi iko kwa hii location, walimu ngapi wako kwa hii shule ili unapoenda kutafuta suluhisho unaeza pata lakini, suluhisho unaambiwa CEC anakuja hapa anasema ingine kama huyo mwalimu wa Lmari alisemakana ameenda na hayuko hapo.

Kitu ya ajabu ni kama ECDE wanajitawala kwa sababu kama unapigwa transfer uende shule ingine vile mheshimwa Lekuchula amesema unaenda ile shule iko karibu na kwenu. Kwa hivyo,

zile shule ambazo hakuna walimu hawatoki karibu na kwao na ndio maana unakuta ni walimu wawili wanakaa kwa shule kwa sababu ndo inakaribia kwao.

Kwa hivyo, kupitia kwa hekima yako ungeeza kuzaidia sisi kama MCAs kwa sababu department ni kama hawana control na hawa walimu wa ECDE wawese kutoa mwelekeo tupate kwa sababu kusema ukweli hiyo ndo Watoto wanaanzia masomo ya msingi hapo, kama sasa Watoto niko na uhakika mwaka ujao hawataenda ile darasa inatakikana waende. Kwa hivyo, kwa ujuzi wako ama hekima uweze kutoa direction ya hii ECDE kwa sababu iko na shida. Asnate.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): I know the chairman is not present but Hon. Lemoosa I know you are a member of that education committee.

MCA Nyiro Ward, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): thank you Hon. speaker. The Hon. Members of this house which we all sit honorably, we may have all these problems but the way actually speaker I have sat to listen to the many problems which I may also have been sharing because what is being said but I think this kind to me the arrangement and the standing order calls for the chair, I mean Hon. Lenamparasio seeking statement and then the chair respond the time after what he has asked to be actually responded.

But when we see we have all these problems, then it calls for another maybe I don't know whether we say topical, questioning whereby we bring about the topical issues surrounding the administration and the department in regards to the various because members also call for, there is need for could be the feeding program is not sufficient the Hon. Leerte has said in all due respect the teachers which are far below the establishment of preschools because I think from our data from the department our ECDE schools are roughly around 528 so established.

When you put the ratio between the classes and the teachers there is a short fall of around 300 because teachers employed stands at around either 250 or 260 the ratio between the teachers and the classrooms they don't really rhyme. Then we shall have this crisis every time even in my ward but now I want to believe we will get in to the matter and we are sorry to the Hon. Phelix Lenamparasio, I think it has taken too long and we were promised that off course the teacher has been posted to the preschool.

It is unfortunate situation that has not been reported may from what Hon. Patrick has said there is kind of laxity or some nuts going loose in the department whereby the preschool teachers

don't respect there posting. We will find that and report, but I want to believe I will report back to my chair who is actually doing a wonderful job with other members of committee in Garissa representing this wonderful and great county of Samburu.

But we want to promise with your permission and acceptance Hon. Phelix, the are not yet in, so can you allow us have one week from now means today is 16th , then we report back on 23rd of July 2025 at 2:30pm. Please speaker humbly accept our request but it seems that we have a lot of problems, we will try and see if we can invite the minister the CEC and the team to come and ascertain some things because since there is some misguided information. Please accept our plea we will work on it. Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lemoosa so 23rd we need a comprehensive report and kindly cause last time the report you put here is the teacher has been posted so if possible let us have the name of the teacher who was posted there so as Hon. Lenamparasio can confirm may be if that teacher has decided to post herself or himself to the nearby school and then we should know. So, let us haven the name of the teacher

Nyiro Ward MCA, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): More so obliged Hon. Speaker with your direction we will give a comprehensive report as to really vividly on the ground nothing short of truth most obliged. Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lenamparasio.

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): I agree Hon. Speaker and for your information on that day the chair gave us the name of the teacher I think every member here remember vividly when the chair is mentioning the name of the teacher and from the information that I have from the ground the teacher was given a transfer letter but she said she will not report to the school so that is the information I have.

I have been to that school several times and the teacher was given a transfer letter but she said she will not report to that school so the department should now act upon their teachers because we don't post them as members here we only bring the issues here, they should do there posting. Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT.

Hon. Members the time being 23 minutes past ten o'clock and there being no any other business this assembly now adjourns until Tuesday 16th July 2025 at 2:30pm.