

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 10th September, 2025

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

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen) in Chair

PRAYER

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Honorable members, it is notified that the Speaker has approved the following response for Statement today, Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 at 9:30am, Pursuant to Standing Order 45/c, Statement number 009/2025, requested by Hon. Patrick Leerte MCA Porro Ward to the Chairperson Committee on Health and Medical Services regarding the Porro ambulance. Hon. Leitoro.

Chairperson, Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to respond as follows. Initially, the question pertaining to the availability of the ambulance Porro Ward was responded to, however, there are some clarity and clarification that were needed by the Hon. Members and clarification were two; Number one on plans and timelines for the procurement of the Porro health center ambulance and on that Porro health center ambulance will be budgeted for in the Financial Year 2026/2027 however, the Department wishes also if this possible for to be considered for procurement of this ambulance with equalization fund, they are yet looking if it will be allowable by the equalization fund policy.

On question number two was Ward by Ward distribution list of ambulances across Samburu County. Below is the distribution list of ambulances per Ward. However, the ambulances are stationed at strategic facilities to ensure accessibility, provision of emergency services to all parts, Wards within the County, as Porro Ward, is waiting for the procurement of the planned new ambulance in the near future, it's currently and efficiently being served by ambulances stationed at Morijo dispensary, Loosuk health center, Samburu County Teaching and Referral hospital and kisima Health Center.

At no point has the County Department of Health failed to respond to any emergencies arising at Porro ward. It's also very important to note that despite distribution of these ambulances across various Wards and health facilities. They are all under one command centers and always ready for dispatch to any part of the County and beyond to respond to emerging medical/surgical Emergencies. The list below shows the distribution of ambulances per Ward,

1. 25/CG/023/A, is stationed at Maralal Sub County Referral Hospital that is Maralal Ward.

2. GKC760B, Kisima health center, Lodokejek.
3. KBZ387D, Suguta, Sub County Hospital, Suguta ward
4. KBY962C, Loosuk Health Center, Loosuk Ward.
5. 25CG056A stationed at Morijo Dispensary Angata Nanyokie Ward.
6. KCC132U Barsaloi Dispensary, it is written Baawa but I think that is a mistake. This is still under Angata Nanyekie.
7. 25CG204A that is stationed in Baragoi Sub County Hospital in Elbarta.
8. KCD941G Nachola Dispensary in Nachola Ward.
9. KCD942G stationed at Latakweny dispensary that is in Ndoto.
10. KCV062R stationed at Marti dispensary that is in Nachola.
11. KBZ388D South Horr that is Nyiro Ward.
12. 25CG241A stationed at Swari health center that is in Wamba North.
13. 25CG044A stationed at Wamba Sub County Hospital that is in Wamba East ward.
14. KCD4943G Lodung'okwe stationed at Lodung'okwe health center that is in Wamba West.
15. 25CG230A station at Archers Sub County Hospital that is in Waso Ward.
16. KBZ389D stationed at Sere Olipi health center that is in Waso Ward.

Thank you Mr. Speaker

MCA Porro Ward, (Hon. Leerte Patrick): Asante Mheshiwa Spika. Namshukuru Mwenyekiti wa Afya kwa kuelezea majibu kutoka kwa idara. Nilikua nahitaji sana orodha ya magari ya ambulance katika kila Wadi; naona hata Wadi zingine ziko na ambulance mbili. Ingawa nimerithika ningomba Mwenyekiti Mheshimiwa Leitoro aweze kuangalia kwa sababu wanasema in the near future na inaweza kuwa ni miaka mingi. Naomba waangalie njia zingine

ambazo idara inaweza kutumia kwasababu kwa Wadi kumi na tano Porro Ward ndio hakuna hapa na ni aibu sana. Kuna Wadi ambazo ziko na mbili na sijui ni nini Porro Ward ilifanya na mwongozo upi ulitumika ndio haiwezi kuwa na ambulance. Ningeomba mwenyekiti atafute njia ingine kama vile Equalization kama kunaeza kuwa allocation ingine katika idara hiyo.

Sisi kama Porro huko juu tuko na tatizo ya wakora ama bandits na watu wanaumi nan i lazima tungoje ambulance kutoka Morijo. Ikiwa mama anajifungua na anangojea ambulance kutoka Morijo ama mtu ameumia anangojea ambulance kutoka Maralal na mara mingi unaskia mambo ya mafuta ama dereva hapatikani. Ni vyema ikiwa ambulance iko kwa station. Kwa sababu mimi nimeleta akina mama wengi usiku na weekend. Ukingojea hiyo gari ya Morijo labda imeenda mahali pengine na pia hiyo ya Loosuk labda imeenda kazi ingine. Nimerithika lakini naomba waangalie namna tunaeza pata ambulance ya Porro Ward, asante Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Leerte for the record, I think the Chairman can confirm even Baawa does not have an ambulance, the one written Baawa is supposed to be Angata Nanyekie.

Chairperson, Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Yes Mr. Speaker. I also want to confirm that Baawa has no ambulance as well but the ambulance that is covering Baawa is that of Barsaloi because they are in the same line Mr. Speaker...

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I really pity people of Porro Ward and the MCA concerning the ambulance Mr. Speaker.

Having said that Mr. Speaker and as visionary leaders; we must know our area; our County and what needs are in our County and plan on how we can at least get solutions Mr. Speaker. The County would have mapped or would have known that we have got fifteen Wards and plan for fifteen ambulances Mr. Speaker for equality and justice.

Without such information Mr. Speaker, I see that we do not have a strategy on how to solve the problem of County as a whole without any discrimination or without any side being left Mr. Speaker. Having said that Mr. Speaker; about the planning of projects or anything within the County, it must be planned within the Annual Development Plan always and we cannot ask anything outside the plan Mr. Speaker.

There is always a public participation to discuss on all the needs of people of Samburu, the people of Porro would have mentioned about the ambulance as a need so that it could have been factored in the programmes of Financial Year 2025/2026, outside this Hon. Speaker I do not know where we can get the money to address the issue.

Mr. Speaker, Porro was a center for County Government for ten years, the Governor came from there, I do not know how

(Chuckles)

Comes that Porro was not allocated an ambulance Mr. Speaker or it broke down, all that time, Porro had not had an ambulance and the Governor came from there and they have had Member of County Assembly since.

Mr. Speaker, I am not here to blame but explaining for information purpose...

(Interjection on a point of order by Hon. Lekuchula)

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Lekuchula David): Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Member is misleading the House that the Governor comes from Porro Ward for the past ten years, it is not the Governor who allocates the ambulances in the County Government.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Mr. Speaker, we have six seats; Member of County Assembly, Senator, Member of Parliament, Women Representative, the Governor and The President for service delivery Mr. Speaker. As the one who is in-charge of all the resources, tools, machinery and the degrees, they would have said that this should start at home Mr. Speaker.

And that is why I said that, *(Chuckles)*

I cannot say so much about that one but I wonder why Porro do not have an ambulance; if the Member of the area is complaining, is it in the Budget for Financial Year 2025/2026, because he is sure it is in the Budget and he is complaining, Mr. Speaker I do not know what to do because Porro needs an ambulance and we should look for any way possible to get an ambulance, thank you Mr. Speaker.

MCA Nyiro Ward, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Thank you for giving me this chance Hon. Speaker. I stand on Standing Order No. 198; statement of facts. Actually, it is very wrong for a senior member of the House to mislead the House that the Chief Executive Officer; who is the Governor; distributes resources. It is this particular House that does the distribution of resources.

Whether the Governor comes from South Horr or anywhere does not much more resources and much resources should also be there, but with these facts as actually been given by the Chief Executive Committee Member for Department of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation, we have a few Wards having a number of ambulances.

If it is a fact then that we should share resources equally not equitably, then Nachola should part with one ambulance and give that pity to Hon. Leerte, thank you.

(Applause)

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, it is not personal, it is not Wards, it is the cry of people of Porro Ward. Mr. Speaker, the County Government of Samburu allocated Nachola Ward only one ambulance, I lobbied from Safaricom for another ambulance, any Member can lobby and I am still lobbying from faith-based organization or Red cross for more ambulances in Nachola, it is not public money Mr. Speaker, I went an extra mile for Nachola to be served.

Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member said that the Governor does not have powers to allocate the resources but this House is mandated to allocate resources; Mr. Speaker, practically; it is the Executive that gives the skeleton of the programmes, projects and the approximate cost, this House only approves, we only do 1%.

The Chairperson of the cabinet is the Chief Executive Officer who in this case is the Governor Mr. Speaker.

As said by the senior *(Chuckles)* Member for Nyiro, we are not short of knowledge, nobody is short of knowledge Mr. Speaker, and so, we need to give facts. To conclude Mr. Speaker, what are we going to do with the people of Porro and the Member of that area, thank you.

The Minority Leader, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to thank the Department for giving a comprehensive report about our County on the ambulances that we have within our Wards, however; we pity with people of Porro Ward for not having an ambulance.

Hon. Speaker, it is the Assembly that usually prioritizes the projects that are needed by our people. If this House sees that Porro Ward really needs an ambulance; I saw the response by the Department reads that maybe they will budget for an ambulance in 2026/2027, we all know that the Department of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation is underfunded, the truth of the matter is that it is underfunded.

It is the duty of this Assembly as the representative of the people; we need to ensure that our people get this service. I think all the elected Members and representative of this House can support Porro Ward to get an ambulance and the only way is through the Budget, the Department has given us the number of ambulances; I see Nachola Ward has got two.

Mr. Speaker once the project is given to the county government. it belongs to the county government of Samburu. Even if you are lobbying from where, so I think it is the issue because I know Porro we usually have problems Porro, Suguta, and Ang'ata Nanyokie we had a lot of problems because of this banditry attacks and the ambulances that was helping us. It is not that you are seeing a vehicle here written you see its working some are just for the names. It has a lot of mechanical problems, so the issue here we need to discuss how we can improve the health department to get more ambulances.

MCA Nachola Ward (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Mr. Speaker I am here concerning about people saying Nachola. I used to see Ang'ata Nanyokie as two. I see that it is discrimination, because to me it is now coming to tribalism Mr. Speaker so don't say about Nachola. You would have said Baawa and Ang'ata Nanyokie. That's why I said don't say about Nachola thank you Mr. Speaker.

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. Leleruk James):Mr. speaker I just want to ask my senior a reference it is not the issue of, I know even this the issue of Barsaloi its almost that as Baawa and even the Kisima the one that has been brought by Kisima it is not the county government that brought it was lobbed by our women rep and was brought on to Kisima, now it's the property of the county government of Samburu and its really helping us, so for the mean time I

think Porro needs an ambulance.. same as other wards because even me I can say the one that was helping me to do that work is one from Suguta Loosuk .The one that is in my ward is unserviceable. So Mr. Speaker I think as honorable members we urge the honorable member for the chairman of health that really we need an ambulance for Porro ward and we assure the honorable member for Porro that we'll give him full support when the budget is available for health procurement of ambulance.

MCA Nyiro Ward,(Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Thank you the Honorable Speaker. Speaker I think With all due respect and thanks when we give statements, we give statements of facts as required by the standing order 198 of this honorable house.

- No. 1. When my senior tries to say this house can alter the budget at 1% I find it misleading because that is a supplementary issue, but in the normal mainstream budget, it is 10% senior. 10% is actually not little money when we are actually trying to budget **7 million** budgets that is over **700,000** that is a fact.
- No. 2 .Just like what the honorable minority leader said, when anything is actually given to the county and serviced by the Ex-checker, it becomes a public utility item, just like and it's not tribal when we say among the few wards that have double ambulances Nachola is one. So Nachola is one and Baragoi and Marti are closer, maybe if actually the Baragoi ambulance can be donated to Porro, meaning it is easier for Baragoi ambulance to service and rescue life because it is actually on the way and senior actually am not ...

(Hon. Lemoosa laughs)

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Mr. Speaker I am a mathematician and he is also a mathematician, from Baragoi to Marti is 45kms and from Maralal here to Porro is less than 30 km. Mr. Speaker...so the equation is different Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Lorunyei Laughs

MCA Nyiro Ward,(Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Thank you the honorable Mr. Speaker sir. Thank you so much. You know when sometimes we put our heads together and bring facts senior is actually already agreeing that Porro is next to Maralal than Loosuk and Morijo....so meaning when we donate one from Nachola especially Marti because it is really connected by Safaricom

it can serve the purpose, thank you sir anyway lets be serious on this matter public participations of course drives the needs the county when it becomes a budget a processing. Now I think our Minority Leader here says can we as a house see how we can put resources into the already lay underfunded departments it is a fact Speaker most of these ambulance's and I can attest....Chairman the Nyiro, South Horr is already grounded for more than 7 months now, and I think many other ambulances. Can we work out an equation or a formula that of course we put some money aside in the upcoming supplementary or that additional fund to service ambulances just like the way we said Baawa boreholes needs something for repairs.so I also agree chairman sorry also agree the Hon. Speaker that our minority leader has given a way forward that can be considered by this house that of course in the upcoming supplementary budget which is around **400 million** can we set aside something that may be we service this ambulance's. Because this list. We appreciate the list. It is the facts but some of them are already grounded the one in South Horr is grounded.

The other day Speaker when we handing over the Laboratory from the wind power, it was like I cannot say a shame but it wasn't pleasant for the people of South Horr which I represent to request the wind power in my presence, in the presence of our CEC that this is the ambulance grounded please do us something, so the house let us consider putting aside some money for servicing the ambulance that is my request thank you speaker sir.

MCA Ndoto Ward, (Hon. Lealmusia Ali): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika, sitaki speaker. mimi naunga mkono kwamba porro wapewe ambulance ikiwezekana.Lakini kwa hii hoja naona majibu imetoka kwa idara ya afya na naona kwamba kuna mpango mzuri hata kama kwa sasa ambulance haipatikani kwenye hiyo centre ya Porro lakini naona kuna mpango maalum hapa.Katika nambari ya pili katika ile vile wamejibu ni kwamba Porro huku ikigonja hiyo ambulance..ni kama kuna mpango..wanasema kwamba ama waziri amesema kwamba eh...hizi sehemu zingine ambazo kuna ambulance kama Morijo,Loosuk na Maralal na Kisima pia wanaweza kufanya..kusaidia...kusaidia ile hospitali ya porro watu wasiumie sana.Kwa hiyo....Mr. speaker kama kuna mpango basi turidhike na hiyo mpango kwamba kuna mpango lakini tusiseme tu kwamba kwa vile... kwa sababu ukiangalia kilometre kutoka Porro mpaka Maralal hapa sidhani kama ni kilometer nyingi sana,na nakupatia mfano Mr. speaker katika ward yangu ya Ndooto sisi tunategemea sana pande wa South-horr kwa sababu tunasaidiana na pande

ya Baragoi pia. Kwa sababu hii ambulace ambaye iko Latakweny iko na tatizo, kwa hiyo tunavumilia tu kwa hali kwa sababu kama kuna idara inafanya juhudi kubwa sana ukweli ni kwamba hii idara ya afya inafanya bidii sana, kwa sababu wao hawajapewa pesa za kutosha na wako na kazi nyingi sana... ukiona katika hizi idara Zetu za County utapata kwamba hii idara ya afya iko na kazi nyingi sana.

Kwa hivyo tunafaa kushukuru wao kwa kutia bidi sana na kuwa na mpangilio mzuri sana, kwa sababu nikipiga simu Baragoi kuitisha ambulance wananitafutia ata kama yenye iko sawa inapatikana South Horr wananitumia nikiwa Ndoti. Wakati mwingine mtu akipata tatizo akiwa pande ile ingine ya Ilaut ama Ngurnit, kama ambulance ya Baragoi ndio inafanya kazi inaenda Seren. Tushukuru kwamba kuna juhudi flani ambayo idara ya afya inafanya. Tutambue kwa sababu kila wakati tuko kwa hii nyumba na tunasema hakuna kitu inafanyika hakuna mahali tutaenda.

Sisi kama viongozi ndio wa kulaumiwa, tuko na nafasi ya kuhakikisha kwamba mambo yanaenda vizuri. Kwa hiyo kama kuna mpango tukubali kwamba kuna mpangilio na hakuna tatizo. Kuna shida gani ambulance ikitoka Moriyo kuja kusaidia Porro na ni karibu sana. Tutafute njia ya kusaidia watu wa Porro wasikue na shida yoyote. Kama ambulance itapatikana Loosuk, mara moja ambulance itoke bora kuna mpangilio mzuri, lakini watu wa Porro wasiumie. Kwa hivyo kama nyumba hii tutaona ni vizuri kuwa na Ambulance Porro basi ni jukumu letu sisi tuweze kuhakikisha kwamba Porro wanapata ambulance, lakini tushukuru kwa juhudi ambayo inafanyika kwa yeyote yule.

Kuna wakati mimi nilienda kuomba ambulance ya Lesirikan nikaambiwa hapo ni 27km kutoka Baragoi kwa hivyo kueka ambulance hapo itakua tatizo lingine. Asabti Mheshimiwa Spika.

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

Specially Elected, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I also rise to felt the concerns from the Porro ward member. I think there is a need for all 15 wards to have an ambulance because we are experiences many challenges when it comes to the ambulances across the whole county. I coming from Wamba north ward, we have a new ambulance less than 10 months old, but it is already grounded. Another big issue is that the ambulances have no fuel. Even calling it for rescue is hard.

Even though Porro ward needs an ambulance then we as a house need to look at how we are going to improve the issue ambulances because I think 70% of the ambulances are grounded. This list is just for naming them but most are not working as it has been said by the other members. I heard the Ndoti ward Hon. member say at least “kuna mpango”, but how are we sure that this department is going to allocate money for the Porro ward ambulance. I am certain when you go back and look at our CIDP the Porro ward ambulance has been captured. Now it has been 3 years having that CIDP as a plan where we generate our budget and we are still complaining on the ambulances.

I am sure there is a plan on improving the ambulances in that CIDP but we are seeing nothing. In that CIDP we have seen health department that is under budgeted. 3 years down the line we are still complaining. Who are we waiting for to look on that department if it is the issue of under budgeting, if not this house? Unless we wake up as this house and do something, because we as the legislators and allocators of budget, are the ones failing this county but we are complaining. A lot needs to be done on ambulances issue to make sure they are working. Thank you.

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

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I also rise to sympathize with my colleague from Porro because as per the principle of equitable distribution of resources, Porro ward has been denied ambulance services. My worry as per the concern of most of the members is our wards are not equal. They are comparable on population and spaciousness so what we lack is the legislation policy to manage these ambulance services, because we should exactly come up with a policy which an ambulance is allocated to a ward but per radius of kilometers to serve and population.

We have some policies gaps in our county and that is where we need to address this issue instead of Hon. Members complaining about another ward having more and one having none. I think that is what we lack and we should come up with ambulance services policy which will be a guideline for all our people equitably. Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Chair, I think the statement that is here that Porro ward is waiting for procurement of the brand new ambulance in the near future. My direction is that the Porro ward MCA together with the chairman, you can meet the CEC health and discuss

about the Porro ambulance because that region needs it because of the insecurity. Yes Hon. Leitoro.

MCA El'barta Ward, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Thank you Hon. Speaker. It is indeed true that we need a one on one conversation with the CEC together with the Hon. Member. I am sure if this conversation came before we passed our budget for the financial year 2025/26 this would have been put to consideration. My own request to the Hon. Member now that we have other issues we are spear heading and I think every member here representing our various wards have different interests.

I want to urge my senior Hon. Member Leerte that we do it together to ensure we put the right time for lobbying of this services because indeed I want to agree that Porro ward deserves an ambulance just like any other ward. It will be unfair if we go to 2027 campaigns while Porro ward still does not have an ambulance. It is not only an ambulance there is also a vehicle for conservancy I do not know perhaps it was sorted. I take your directive. Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Leerte is that okay?

MCA Porro Ward, (Hon. Leerte Patrick): Mheshimiwa Spika nakubaliana na mwelekeo wako tutapanga na Hon. Member tuweze kumwona CEC alafu tupangane kutoka hapo. Asanti.

ADJOURNMENT

Thank you. Hon. Members the time being 18 minutes past 10 o' clock an there being no other business this assembly now adjourns until Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 2:30 p.m.