

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 23rd September, 2025

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2.00 pm

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen) in Chair

PRAYER

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

MUGUR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION CENTER TEACHER'S ABSENCE

The Speaker, (Mr. Speaker): Hon. Members, it is notified that the Speaker has approved the following request for statement for today Tuesday 23rd September, 2025 at 2:30 PM Pursuant to Standing Order 47 (1):

1. Statement No. 012/2025, requested by Hon. Lekuchula David (MCA Lodokejek Ward) to the Chairperson of Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training regarding Mugur ECD teacher.

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I stand to read a statement on behalf of Hon. Lekuchula David.

“Pursuant to Standing Order 47; I hereby request for a statement from the Chairperson Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training regarding the absence of a teacher at Mugur Early Childhood Development Education Center.

Hon. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Mugur ECD center has no teacher following the retirement of the former teacher despite the recent recruitment of the ECD teacher by the County Government of Samburu across the 15 Wards; no replacement has been posted to Mugur ECD center to date.

The situation is not only administratively acceptable but also constitute to violation of the Constitution and several statutory provisions including:

1. Article 53 (1) (b) of The Constitution of Kenya, 2010; which guarantees every child the right to free and compulsory basic education including Early Childhood Development Education.
2. Article 43 (1) (f) of The Constitution which states that; *every person has the right to education.*
3. Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution which assigns the responsibility for Pre-Primary education (ECD Center to County Government)

4. Section 4 A of The Basic Education Act, 2013, which defines basic education to include ECD and places a duty on public authority to ensure access equity and quality service delivery.
5. The National Education Sector Strategic Plan (NESSP), 2018/2022 and The Samburu County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) which emphasize equitable access to early learning opportunity; particularly in marginalized regions.

Hon. Speaker, in this regard; I request the Chairperson

STATEMENT

MCA Suguta Ward, (Hon. Jackson Leleruk): In their statement to address the following

- Whether the department of education and vocational training is aware of the current lack of a teacher at Mugur ECD centre.
- What immediate plan the department has to put in place to urgently replace the retired teacher ensuring that children at Mugur are not denied their constitution right to education.

Honorable speaker I think the issue was done by the county government, replacement was done and it was not equitably replaced as per the replacement. Because I have two centres which one of the teacher was promoted to serve as a chief and the other one was transferred to a different centre but up to date those centres which were earmarked to be replaced during the recruitment were not done equitably as required. so honorable speaker we request the chairperson and the department to address this issue once and for all. We have been asking this question for long. thank you honorable speaker.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Thank you honorable speaker I appreciate the awareness of the situations of ECD across the county Mr. Speaker. Mr. speaker am aware of that and a third person now reporting for the first person who is the CEC Mr. speaker, which means that also our channels of communications is somehow questionable Mr. speaker, because we have got the primary person which is the CEC and now it is true somebody else

It would have been very nice if the honorable members or this honorable house ask direct to the responsible persons than through the third person because I will take the responsibility of

following it Mr. speaker and may be next week because its urgent next week Wednesday because we should be giving at least one week notice for the response and again I don't know exactly when the teacher retired whether the honorable member has followed immediately before we allocate teachers Mr. speaker while I also question the officers on the ground if they are up to date and if they have information of the day to day operations of the school so that this information

Education is a right and this honorable house will enforce that every person, every student should have that right without begging. Thank you Mr. Speaker next week Wednesday in the morning I will respond Mr. Speaker.

Hon Speaker: so the respond should be next week Wednesday at 9:30 am

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think that is extremely well elaborated and my senior we are not asking we are just using you as a mediator between this House and the Department so we just request for you to push for them to give us clarity on what was asked, thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Statement number 010/2025 requested by Hon. Phelix Lenamparasio MCA Loosuk Ward to the Chairperson of Sectorial Committee on Education and Vocational Training regarding status of Bursary implementation for the Financial Year 2024/2025. Hon. Lorunyei.

Chairperson, Committee on Education and Vocational Training, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to respond as written by the Department. Mr. Speaker and the Hon. Members of the County Assembly, response is made to your letter dated reference SBU/CA/CK/EV/VOL2/3 dated 17th September 2025 regarding a request for information from Hon. Phelix Lenamparasio MCA Loosuk Ward regarding the status of bursary implementation for the Financial Year 2024/2025. Kindly find below the details response to the issues rose;

1. Total approved allocation for the year 2024/2025. The County Assembly approved a total allocation of Ksh.123.400.000. for bursaries under the Department of Education and Vocational Training for the Financial Year 2024/2025.

2. Fund received are disbursed out of the approved allocation the Department have so far received Ksh.68.758.634. from the County Treasury, of this, Ksh.66.695.878. has been disbursed to schools in respect of the verified bursaries. During the last quarter of the year 2024/2025 a supplementary budget was affected in which Ksh.30 million was reallocated to the Department of Health the balance of Ksh.24.641.368 remains pending and will be released subject to the Ex-checker disbursement.
3. Implementation status of bursary program;
 - I. Application process- Application were received in January 2025 through the respective Ward Bursary Committees.
 - II. Verification- Submitted beneficiary list were verified in collaboration with the village administrators, Ward Administrators and Sub County Administrators to ensure accuracy and transparency.
 - III. Disbursement- Funds have been disbursed across all the 15 Wards in line with the approved allocations.
 - IV. System transmission- The Department successfully transitioned from the Cheque payment system...

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

To the electronic fund transfer EFT system enhancing efficiency and accountability

CHALLENGES

Delay release of funds from treasury

Incomplete or inconsistent of details of beneficiaries in some wards

Verification delays

Incorrect school information provided by some applicants

Delay updating student's records by certain schools

4. Comprehensive list of beneficiaries for Loosuk ward,

a detailed disagreed list of bursary beneficiaries for the financial year 2024/2025 in Loosuk ward has been compiled showing allocation across secondary school tertiary institution and university for the tertiary institution allocation has only been made to vulnerable and special cases as main stream bursary supports has not been provided due to insufficient funds. The full list is attached here with an appendix 1 for the case of reference and to enhance transparency.

5. Status of Loosuk ward beneficiaries

The list of Loosuk ward beneficiaries was submitted to the fund administrator on 11th July 2025, however, the processing was delayed due to inadequate funding as the county treasury did not disbursed the full allocation to the bursary fund account. Currently there is a deficit of ksh24 641 363, the department is actively engaging the county treasury on this matter and wishes to ensure that the honorable member that the beneficiaries from Loosuk ward shall be prioritize and considered in the upcoming disbursement circle, it is also worth noticing that no ward has received the pending balance the year 2024/2025. Therefore, it is not only Loosuk ward that has been affected; once the remaining funds are released by the treasury the department will immediately process the disbursement to all wards.

6. Timeline for the bursaries to receive allocation.

The department is committed to ensure that all the verified and rightful beneficiaries receive their bursary allocation for the year 2024/2025, on or before 30th Nov 2025, disbursement will be made directly to the respective institution through electronic fund transfer [EFT] subject to availability of funds in the bursary fund account.

7. Commitment to transparency and accountability.

The department remains committed to the principle of fairness, accountability and transparency in the administration of bursary program to strengthen oversight and ensure confidence in the process, the following measures are being implemented,

1. Public display of beneficiaries list at ward offices and schools.
2. Regular reporting to the County Assembly on the status of disbursement.
3. Continuous improvement of the vetting and the verification process. In conclusion, the department which is to ensure the members and the entire County assembly that the

concerned raised has been duly noted and the corrective measures are being implemented to ensure that all eligible learners benefit equitably from the bursary program.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Egelan

The County Executive Committee member education technical and vocational training Samburu County government

Mr. Speaker, attached is the list bursary beneficiaries 2024/2025, disaggregated by the level of study Loosuk ward bursary beneficiaries and it is a very big list every member has copy for examine and verification. Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): now that hon. Lenamparasio is not present I direct that he should be given a copy of this by the clerk assistant so that in our next sitting if not satisfied with the response then it is going to raise an issue because the concern was from his ward and therefore he should go through the names that he is being given so that he can tell us if he is satisfied or not. Members are free to deliberate on this, but the documents should be given to Hon member Felix Lenamparasio because he is the one who asked the question.

MCA Wamba West, (Hon. Lemartile Francis); thank you Mr. Speaker and wish to appreciate the good report submitted by our chair for education and from the department. I think this has been an issue which has not been extremely clear to the department because I wish the department could come and clarify whether they have a different financial year timeline from the County government, because as we know our financial year starts from July and ends on 30th June. The department is telling us it has still has 24 million for 2024/2025 which was not released or they have not received and we have passed a budget of 123, we supplemented 30, then why is the treasury holding this funds because we are now in a different financial year.

I don't know whether funds which are waiting for the last financial year or fund for this. So the department still has to come and clarify. Each and every member budgeted approximately two million per ward, but it ended up.

The financial year has elapsed, nothing was received. We are heading to the second quarter without concrete explanation. We do not know whether it is the department who are reluctant or

the treasury. In this issue I think we need more clarity from the department to come and explain further because we are in a different year, we have passed the budget; we do not know whether we are paying last financial year's debts or this year's. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, while the concern of the Hon. Member concerns us all, this question of bursary is always on and off. From the statement response, Mr. Speaker, there are two departments concerned; the treasury and the department of education. It is good that once and for all, we invite the department of education and the treasury so that we get full information. That is my observation and recommendation. Thank you.

MCA Ndoto Ward, (Hon. Lealmusia Ali): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I too rise to concur with my colleagues that we really need clarity on these pending bills. I am not sure because here we are told...they are talking of a balance of Kshs.24, 641, 363 as pending bill. I am sure all the fifteen wards have set aside Kshs.2M each. I really do not know whether we are talking of the Kshs.30M or the Kshs.24M. I think the honorable member for Loosuk will definitely interrogate this report and give us his observation.

Mr. Speaker, I think the department of education should take the bursaries issue as a very serious issue because we are seated here and we represent the wards and this fund is meant for needy students. Therefore I concur with my colleague from Nachola Ward Hon. Lorunyei that we must find a way of coming up with a plan that the treasury and the department should give us a roadmap to ensure that we receive these funds in time so that it can benefit our needy students. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): So honorable members there is need for us to get clarity but as I said earlier, let us exhaust the response first. From the hon. Lenamparasio and then later on we can make the decision to invite the CEC. Next week Wednesday we will revisit this when the MCA Loosuk Ward is present. Let us interrogate and after that we make a decision to invite the CEC when we have a full detail of information that we require from him concerning bursary. Hon. Lorunyei I think that is in order.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Yes, Mr. Speaker. You are always the final person. Thank you.

ADJOURMENT

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you. Honorable members the time being twenty-three minutes past three o'clock and there being no any other business, this assembly now adjourns Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 9:30 am