

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 1st October, 2025

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

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia) in Chair

PRAYER

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): It is notified that per the standing order 41(2)C the speaker has approved the following response for statements for Wednesday October 1st 2025. One, statement number 012/ 2025 requested by Hon. Leinas Lekushula, to the chairperson of sectoral committee on education, regarding the Mugur ECDE center teacher in Lodokejek Ward.

Chair Committee on Education Report (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): may I read as responded by the CC, reference being the information given by the Teacher of Mugur ECDE center.

Thank you for your request for information, reference as statements number SBU/CS/AC/EV/VOLUME 2/44, dated 24th September 2025 concerning the staffing situation of Mugur ECDE center in Lodokejek ward. As the executive Committee member for Education and Vocational training, I hereby provide the official respond; first, I wish to acknowledge the importance of ensuring that all children have access to free and compulsory earlier childhood education in public ECDE centers as stimulated under section 59(1) of the early childhood education act 2021.

Teachers in our ECDE centers are central to delivery of quality education nurturing care and safeguarding the rights of our children.

Madam Speaker to the response to your specific queries the sectoral committee of Education and Vocational Training provides the following; one, aware of the current staffing gap at Mugur ECDE center, yes, the department of education and Vocational Training is aware of lack of a teacher at Mugur ECDE center.

The County employed teacher Mr. Manka Lekumo no. P441 retired early in 2025. Since then the local community has taken initiative by presenting a qualified ECDE teacher Mr. Samwel Jamiro TSC NO. 1044392, who is currently volunteering at the center to ensure continuity of learning.

Question 2 about the immediate plans to replace the retired teacher, the department has already submitted the name of Mr. Manka Lekumo along with other retired ECDE teachers to the County public service board for consideration and replacement. However the board currently is not able to convey due to lack of quorum following the expiration of some member's contracts.

Once the County public service board is fully reconstituted the recruitment and replacement of ECDE teachers beginning with those in critical need area like Mugur and other centers will be prioritized, this will ensure that our children will continue to receive quality earlier learning opportunities in line with their constitutional rights.

We remain committed to providing equitable access to Education to all children across the County and appreciate the community effort in bridging the gap during the transitional period.

Regards,

Hon. Egelan Mark,

CCEM, Educational and Vocational Training

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. David Lekushula): thank you, as I respond to this response from the department, I understand that we don't have a fully constituted County public service board, but I still need to urge the government to have some ways of ensuring that all the continuing ECDE centers must have ECDE teacher, example, In Mugur ECDE, it is almost an year without a teacher.

We definitely know that the community is not reliable or it is not able to pay the teacher for the full year. I see the department has responded that the community has submitted the name of a qualified teacher, who is Mr. Lekumo...

But I do not know how long the County Public Service Board will take to be fully constituted for Mugur ECD pupils to have a qualified teacher who is reliable and available all the time. I just wanted to request from the Chair of Education committee that if the department can arrange a way to make sure that all the ECD Centers whose teachers have retired, and other ECD Centers have two teachers. If it is possible, they can just commit one ECD teacher to go to that school, and after the recruitment they go back to their initial school. That is my advice so thank you madam Chair and the Chair education committee.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Okay thank you Hon. Members. Nachola ward Hon. Member who is the Chair for education, I think the Mugur ECD center cannot wait for the board to be reconstituted to continue with its learning. As the member for Lodokejek ward has said, I think the department can do other arrangements to make sure the children there

get a teacher and learn as we progress to wait for the final from the county public service board. I will guide this way....minority leader.

The Minority Leader: Madam Speaker I also rise to thank the Chair of education for a good response. On the issue of Public Service Board not being fully constituted, as I was the Chair labour, I think we are just waiting for the three members to be appointed. This means the fully constituted public service board should be seven. Already the Chair and Loodokejek ward Hon. Lekuchula to fully if the names have truly been submitted to Public Service Board, because they have been fully constituted to my understanding.

Unless the county secretary board is not entitled to vote because I remember it was just three people. It is on the process of being recruited. On the issue of teachers' retirement, I know many of them are retiring and recently, if it is one year down the line that we recruited. I know Loodokejek ward got some shares. Meanwhile, I think the Hon. Member can just follow to confirm the name given that the one volunteering to follow and make these things work because it something that is recurring in our ECD schools and they should not continue like that.

If a teacher terminates his/her work, another one should have a transition to make sure that school does not remain without a teacher. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Hon. Member for Nachola.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Madam Speaker, this is an ongoing concern throughout. Aware that we have got a big shortage of teachers across the County. More ECDs than teachers. If we had been serious enough we would have been employing ECD teachers every year or we should have a budget of department of education raised every year so that we can be employing teachers to reduce shortage of teachers, having seen that we have got shortage of teachers. If you go to our CIDP you will see that we are doing nothing to increase number of teachers.

We are now and then throwing questions to the department that they are not in position to answer because the one said now, Mr. Samwel Jamiro who is trained is not employed and he has volunteered through the initiative of the community. The name is already there at the table of Service Board. The department has done its part so the Service Board is the one left to employ

and immediately he is employed, we deploy him to the right school. I cannot stand here and lie that it will be solved because we are not recruiting every...

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Hon. Lorunyei I just want to correct you. I think the issue of Muger ECD Center is a replacement. The teacher had retired it is just a matter of replacing so there is no budget needed. Continue.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Madam Speaker yes I agree with you it is a replacement but who is to replace, the employee section of the county government which is the county public service board. They have not replaced so that we can take one there. That is why we give the names to the public service board so that they can their process of getting teacher employed and the Hon. Member for Loodokejek will be happy that we have listened to his request. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Thank you Hon. Members. I will guide like this. The chair who is Nachola ward honorable member will continue engaging with the department to make sure that Muger ECD center will get a teacher that will coach them as the board will be reconstituted. Secondly, you will be consulting with the member for Loodokejek Ward as time goes. Once the board has been reconstituted then the member can have time and ask the statement if the department is not going to act on the same. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members the time being 8 minutes past 3 o'clock and there being no other business this assembly now adjourns until Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 9:30 a.m.