

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 22nd October, 2025

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 9:00 am

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen) in Chair

PRAYER

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS.

BURSARY ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT

FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Members, it is notified that the Speaker has approved the following response for statement today Wednesday October 22nd, 2025 at 9:30 AM Pursuant to Standing Order No. 47 (1):

1. Statement No. 010/2025, requested by Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix, (MCA Loosuk Ward) to the Chairperson Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training; regarding bursary allocation and disbursement for Financial Year 2024/2025.

Chairperson, Committee on Education and Vocational Training, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to respond and read as forwarded by the Chief Executive Committee Member for Education and Vocational Training.

“Reference; submission of requested information on bursary allocations for Financial Year 2024/2025. We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2nd October, 2025, which followed the deliberations of the County Assembly where it was noted that our earlier correspondence regarding bursary allocations and disbursements for the Financial Year 2024/2025 did not sufficiently address the Committee’s information requirements.

Ho. Speaker, in response, and in the spirit of accountability and cooperation, the Department has reviewed the earlier submission and compiled a more detailed report in line with the Committee’s request.

The Department further notes that the initial request for clarification on bursary disbursement for Financial Year 2024/2025 arose from the Honourable Member for Loosuk Ward. In recognition that bursary allocation and management is a County-wide function, the information herein has been compiled to cover all the fifteen (15) Wards across Samburu County; this ensures that the Committee and the Assembly have a comprehensive view of the bursary program implementation throughout the County.

1. A detailed breakdown of all allocated and disbursed bursary funds for both secondary and tertiary institutions across all the fifteen (15) Wards for Financial Year 2024/2025. The breakdown is itemized per institution; showing both allocations and actual disbursements, and is accompanied by Electronic Transfer Evidence (ETF) as proof of payments to the respective Institutions. Kindly note that the said payments were made as bulk payment through Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) Quick pay system or Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) iBank system as shown in our records. Attached as Annex I.
2. A Comprehensive list of all bursary beneficiaries from both secondary and tertiary institution across the fifteen (15) Wards for the Financial Year 2024/2025. The list is disaggregated by Ward, Institution, and level of education in line with the Committee's requirements and, includes the respective amounts awarded and disbursed to each beneficiary; attached as Annex II.

Yours faithfully, Mark Egelan. Chief Executive Committee Member Education, Technical and Vocational Training.”

Hon. Speaker, as requested last time by the Hon Members, the copies of the beneficiaries list has been given to every Member, and, maybe I give them an opportunity to respond, thank you Hon. Speaker.

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you Hon. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to thank my senior; Chairperson for Education for the response.

This statement was supposed to be responded to last week, but due to lack of copies for Members, we had an agreement with all Members that it would be responded to today, thank you so much Hon Chair.

Hon. Speaker, I have few highlights to make regarding this statement, this was my statement.

Hon. Speaker, I think I had very good time going through this response, and Hon. Speaker, allow me to make some few comments regarding this statement response.

Hon. Speaker, I wanted to know how much was disbursed to each Institution; Secondary and Tertiaries. I have the list here with me, but this is only for Secondary schools it does not have the Tertiary and Colleges list despite that there are some few names for Tertiary; but classified as Ward Fund beneficiaries not the mainstream.

We have some appearances of some few Institutions that are deemed to be Tertiary, but if you just go through the file here, they are for the Ward Fund allocations balances for the Financial Year 2023/2024 and we were asking about Financial Year 2024/2025.

Hon. Speaker, one; it is now very evident that no Tertiary student had benefited from the 2024/2025 Samburu County Government bursary, it is now very clear. Hon. Speaker, I have two responses here, I have the first response and for Loosuk Ward, there was a list that was attached in the first response; which was done on 22nd September, 2025 that had names of students from Loosuk Ward who were studying in Tertiary institution that the Department said that they had given bursaries, they were indicating their names, registration number, institution, level of education and amount allocated.

Hon. Speaker, I do not know if you were present here the last time I had responded to this statement; I said I had called a big number of these students from Loosuk, they denied receiving any bursary from the County Government of Samburu for the Tertiary institutions.

Hon. Speaker, I do not know why a whole Department is trying to lie to this Hon House, because in the first list, I have the names of the students in tertiary institutions that they had given bursary, but this one now only has the secondary student's names.

Hon. Speaker, so that I do not take time, let me say this; I hope every Member has these bank statement for the bursary, I have seen our clerks distributing. So, Hon. Speaker, on 8th July, 2025; the amount that was in the account of bursary; Account No. 1169663761 at KCB I think here in Maralal,

So the amount that was in that account on 8.07.2025 as amount brought forward was Ksh.55, 084,543.50. I have just some simple mathematics and if you go through the main stream bursary that is for the Department they have distributed Ksh.47, 944,000.45. For the Ward fund that is the balances for the Financial Year 2023/2024 they had disbursed Ksh.3, 041,000. If you add the main stream disbursement and the Ward Fund they total up to Ksh.50, 985,000.45. My main issue is the bursary for the Financial Year 2023/2024 was 123.4 million and in this House we have supplemented 30 million to health so roughly a balance of around 93 or 98 million but the bursary account was only accredited 55 million; it is for the benefit of this House to know where

the bursary balance went. This is because the balance was 55 million and when you deduct from 123 by 30 they have to remain with 93.4 million.

On Wednesday we had a small *Kamukunji* here and five of us were selected by the Members present here, I was included together with Hon. Lemartile, the Chair for Education and the Members representing Elbarta and Suguta and we were asked to the Bursary office to go and do some inquiries on the bursary, we went there informally but the Fund Administrator was pleading to us we inquire where the balance went to because they only have 55 million instead of 93 million, I think we will discuss that in another forum.

I want every Member to go to his bank statement and look on 14.07.2025 on the second page; on that date if you just count you will just see the appearance of the same date in this bank statement I think a number of time 32, I think on that date somebody deposited different amounts of money to that account 33 times direct deposits, go to the third column direct credits, the first credit was Ksh.49, 962. The amount differs, just go to the fifth column the amount that was credited so that brings me to one very clear thing.

I have added all these credited the same day and it totals to Ksh.843, 521, that somebody credited this bursary account on that same day. My issue here is I want to know who was this crediting money to this account because what I know is any money going to this account has to come from the controller of budget. So somebody somewhere was depositing this money to this account. There was some payment that was done on 11th where there was some transfer done from this account of Ksh.409, 200. And the other payment was done was Ksh.338, 800. Just look at the first page on 11th 07 which means somebody was withdrawing money from this account and tshen maybe after some three to four days he comes again and deposits.

Everybody remembers we had an Ad Hoc Committee here and it came very clearly that some people are operating this account as their own by withdrawing money and using it for other expenses and refund this money, those are my two issues. What was the use of this money withdrawn and deposited back. The second issue so that I give other Members time is that if you go through this Statement, There are a lot of reversals. There were some payments done and then they were reversed back to this account.

The first big reversal was done on 05.08.2025 of Ksh.902, 000 was done back to this account and the institution that did this reversal is Kisima Mix Day Secondary which reverted this amount back to the Bursary Fund Account on 05.08.2025. If you through this statement you see a big number of reversals that were done to this account. Look at the fifth column where you see where the reversals were done and the third column you see where the reversals were coming from. The total number of reversals which were done to this account for this three months is Ksh.1, 983, 890. That were reversals that were done from other institutions back to this account.

We want to know the reasons as to why these reversals were being done because it is just recently that we came out of some Ad Hoc Committee report over this bursary and we need to be told very clearly. Secondly, I have seen a list indicated as PWD Bursary for the whole of the three years that I have been in this House I have never known that there is a People Living with Disability Bursary and we want to be told who are these people with disability that are beneficiaries of this bursary. What are the criteria of selecting these people. I think every Ward in this County has students with some disabilities and are studying, I do not know if anyone from Loosuk Ward has benefited from this bursary, we only know the mainstream and the Ward Fund.

Lastly, if you to the first quarter report of the Controller of Budget page 508, the report of the 2024/2025 Financial Year Samburu County Report starts from page 499 but if you go to page 508 to 509 you will see Samburu County Budget Execution by program and sub program for those of you who do not have that report I can share with you here later, of that first quarter the Controller of Budget had released Ksh.14, 712, 024. For Bursary we want to know who benefit in this bursary because we had only been given as a list for the 55 million that were recently transferred to the account but between July to September the same Bursary account had received Ksh.14, 712, 024 Bursary.

We want to be told who benefited with this bursary. It is my prayer with your guidance that we want the whole Department to come and appear before this House to tell us what is going on. There is a very big problem in the bursary Department. We want to be told be told what is going on because from the simple things that I have seen yet I am not an accountant but if you give this report to somebody like Hon. Lemartile he will see many issues. I see simple issues that anyone can see, there is a lot...

A lot of problems in the management of this bursary, we want to be told what is going on, we want to be told where the 47 million that was supposed to be for the Ward Fund and the tertiary institution went to, we want to be told who are these PWDs benefitting from this bursary.

We want to be told who benefitted from this 14.7 million because the list that we have been given here is for the 55 million. We even want to be told why is it that they have a balance in their account 3,429,784 while some of us here are everyday crying in this House that we should be paid our Ward Fund Bursary for the FY 2024-2025 bearing in mind that we have many students from other wards who have deferred their semesters, who have been sent home for school fees they are home and has not even done their exams while we had allocated amounts for example in Loosuk we have allocated 2 million for my bright and needy students have not be given this bursary.

The most painful thing Hon. Speaker is that last week on Sunday concerned at a fundraiser in Logorate the Fund Administrator said publicly that he had paid the Ward Fund Bursary for Loosuk Ward. Everybody knows the beneficiaries the parents, I myself that we had not even received a single coin but for a whole fund administrator going public with a microphone that we had paid Loosuk Ward bursary it is very shameful it is not supposed to be done by an officer who is sitting in an office that is supposed to show a lot of integrity and transparency.

I am praying that you give a direction that a whole Bursary Committee should come here and tell us what is happening with our bursary. Budget is supposed to be executed by programs and we had allocated money for bursaries we had not received that bursary, because I do not know if I will be given time again, I just want to pray that you give a direction the whole bursary Committee should appear before this Honorable House to come and explain to us what is not happening. The Hon. Chair for Education cannot be in a position to explain to us all this report but for them they can and they have to, thank you.

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me time to contribute on this this report and I also congratulate the Chair, senior for response. Mr. Speaker I think this issue has been on and off we remember that we have a lot of issues on this bursary issues on the FY 2023-2024 until when we form an *ad hoc* Committee and we change

the Committee but up to now I think we had a new Committee which have deliberated on the Bursary Fund of 2024-2025 and the information they are giving us still hanging not clear too us because the response they are giving, really it is not what it is on the ground Mr. Speaker.

As we know that we had an amount which was supplemented, that is very clear but the figure they are giving us here of 55 million that is what they have for the whole FY and the finance Department there was a time we questioned them and queried and they said they have disbursed the whole amount to bursary but during our visit to the office they confirmed to us that there was an amount which was not given to them by finance so something is not clear we still need more clarity for them come and tell us.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker in each and every ward or most of the ward have allocated bursary fund in the ward fund allocation and up to now we have submitted our names to them and during our visits there were no clear indicators where our list of students which was submitted will get the bursary fund which we have allocated. Mr. Speaker we need clarity from them because one; the information we are giving us we have queried about FY 2024-2025 and the list of the ward fund given provided the information provided balances from FY 2022- 2023, FY 2023-2024 so FY 2024-2025 they have not answered it so they should come and put it clear.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker going through the Statement from the bank as Hon. Lenamparasio query I think we are going back to last problem because this is not I think on our accountant point of view this is return money that a bank transfer was done by the bank and maybe some schools or names were not clear and they return back the amount.

They should come and explain because the amount which was reflected here that it was not returned to the beneficiaries. It is like the dishonored cheques, this is an equivalent of dishonored cheques student name was clarified that benefitted but the money was returned to the bank, so the schools has not benefitted and the student has not benefitted.

So, we need a clarity how they will correct that problem from the current new system of EFT so that the list of students which were given should not lose the benefit of bursary. I also see a lot of problem because the Statement was given to us just five minutes before the start of the House session and we need clarity.

I have tried to calculate especially on bank charges before I complete the whole document I have reached, just from the transaction they have done it will go more than five hundred thousand because on my calculation when I was doing I have reached three fifty thousand but in the middle of the document, so they should come and explain to us because if the current Statement will take that much or the current way of giving bursary it will be an expensive way of giving because five hundred will benefit a number of students so Mr. Speaker I think the Department still needs to come and put some things clear, thank you.

MCA Porro Ward, (Hon. Leerte Patrick): Asante Bw. Spika, ninasema asante kwa Mheshimiwa mwenyekiti kwa kuweza kusoma yale ambayo yameandikwa, saa zingine tunaweka tu mzigo kwa sababu yeye kweli alisema anasoma yale yameandikwa. Kuna maswali ambayo hatuwezi kumuuliza, maneno ya basari haijaanza sasa na ni vizuri kwa sababu wakati ya Kamati ya *Ad hoc* ilikuwa ni wakati wako. Mimi ninaona jinsi tunaenda tunaelekea hapo, kwa sababu basari ambayo tulikuwa tunauliza 2023-2024 ukiangalia kuna kartasi ambayo sijui kama umepewa? Hii ya Ward Development Fund sijui kama uko nayo? Kuna wadi ambao imeandikwa wadi kama sita.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): The report or from the response?

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Yes, Hon. Speaker. I have been listening carefully and noting the concerns raised by the members. There is a lot to be addressed and clarified matters that even go beyond the Department. As we know, the source of the money is the Department of Finance. The monies reaching the Bursary Fund are those that the Fund Manager and the department can account for. However, the funds received from the Treasury first go to the County Finance Department before being transferred to the Bursary Fund.

Having that in mind, and awaiting your direction, I propose that the Department of Education, together with the Ward Bursary Administrators, the Fund Administrators, and the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Finance, appear before this House. Why do I suggest this? Because we need to conclude this matter once and for all. We are aware that before, one million shillings was diverted to Health, and later twenty-four million shillings was deducted again before reaching the Fund Account.

To clear that confusion, it would be prudent for the two departments to appear together before this House. However, the limited time usually allocated during normal sessions may not allow for a full explanation. If possible, we could have a Committee of the Whole House session with both departments to engage comprehensively to establish how the one million was transferred, and why the twenty-four million did not reach the fund account. From there, we can formalize any resolutions in subsequent sittings. Otherwise, the usual brief sessions do not provide adequate time for proper deliberation. I therefore await your direction. Thank you.

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

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you, Honorable Speaker, for giving me this second chance. I had an issue I forgot to raise earlier. From the departmental response, there appears to be misinformation. We have students from Samburu County who are schooling outside the county in various secondary schools across the country. However, according to the response, bursary funds were only disbursed to schools within Samburu County. The department should therefore clarify this, because we are now in the 25/26 financial year, and those students studying outside the county have equal rights. Why were they denied bursary allocations for 24/25? What plan does the department have will they forgo the missed year and start afresh in 25/26?

Secondly, based on past experience, when we summon County Executive Committee Members (CECMs) to appear before the House, we rarely get sufficient time to seek clarifications or conclude pending issues. The current system restricts discussions to specific questions, leaving unsatisfactory responses unresolved. I therefore suggest we review our approach perhaps revert to the earlier system where committee meetings were convened with members and the CECMs present. That allowed meaningful engagement and clear resolutions, unlike the current arrangement where ministers appear in the plenary and give partial answers before leaving. Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Also, Hon. Silapia, you came late, but I can allow you one or two comments.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I sincerely apologize for arriving late; I was held up by urgent matters. Thank you for allowing me

this opportunity to air my concerns, which are both painful and frustrating. On the issue of bursaries, this House and its honorable members have been publicly embarrassed. During public rallies, the so called Governor of this county has taken the whole County for a ride by summoning the County Bursary Coordinator to defend the bursary allocations, claiming that all schools received funds, while in truth, many did not. This has portrayed Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) as dishonest before the public, when in reality, the departments have failed to disburse funds properly.

As the Honorable Member for Wamba West has rightly stated, there is something fishy going on. The documents provided indicate that only secondary schools within Samburu County benefited. Yet, many students from Samburu are studying in other parts of Kenya, and they too have a right to this bursary support. The departments have failed to explain why these students are excluded. This has now become a pattern. We summon CECMs, they appear before the House, but we leave without a clear way forward. As Hon. Member for Wamba West mentioned, there is a gap in our Standing Orders. If a CECM fails to provide a satisfactory response, what action should follow? We seek your guidance on this matter.

Secondly, I would like to know whether all wards are benefiting equally from the bursary allocations. Mimi nahofia kwamba kuna ata wards ambazo wanafunzi hawapewi bursary. Because lately, it seems the Executive operates on political bias favoring wards whose members support the Governor, while neglecting others. What will happen to students from wards that do not support the Governor. This is unacceptable. All students in Samburu County deserve equal access to bursary funds, regardless of political affiliation. Some principals claim their schools received bursaries, while others insist they received nothing. Clearly, something is wrong. This is a very sensitive matter, and when the CECMs appear before this House, let them come prepared to give clearly....

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): That this are the secondary students from Wamba North Ward, for example, who have benefited from this County bursary 2024/2025. The same as other Wards so that we can know that there is that equity sharing of this resources.

Kwa sababu bursary sii ya mtu, we are aware that somebody can take a list of twenty and be given immediately, and there are other students who have stayed home for the last five months,

not received any bursary to date. So there is unfairness that is going within our executive side mostly in the bursary sector.

Again, I am an experienced member, because I have been here for the last five plus the three years now. When you see the floor of the house is empty, with your leadership please do something. Even yesterday we had only two members, and nothing has been done, this is very shameful that we are discussing a very sensitive matter across the Samburu County.

Not only on the opposition side, and this members can sit and do their own work. Can you please address the Hon. Members by sharing the standing orders that show how important is the presences of members during the sessions, because this is shameful.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): We only have numbers in this house, the Majority and the Minority, we do not have the opposition and the people with different opinions are the Minority and the people who have similar opinion are the Majority.

We are all equal here, we have different opinions here but we don't oppose anything which is developmental in this County of ours which we are building. The mode is we go with numbers and that is the time the Minority is defeated.

The Speaker, (Lenamarle Steve): I think you are one of the weeps in this house, and the one of the rules of a weep is to make sure that members from their own positions of their political party must be in session at the right time.

So if you see the number of the members reducing in the sessions is because the weeps are not doing their work as expected.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): I respect the senior, Hon. Lorunyei, so let me just bare his concerns. I also have a statement that I sorted last week but one on the Water Project in borehole.

I remember that the Speaker of that day ruled that the CC to appear or the department to appear to explain. But up to day the so called business committee has never seated down and allocate a day for the CC to appear so the business committee has also failed in this house. Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Steve): The House Business will follow up not the house Business.

And so, my directions are, we will go the recess today, next week will be in Meru for the CASA games the week that follows, we will be in Kajiado for the Maa Cultural Week and therefore, we will resume on 11th of November.

As Hon. Lemartile has said our standing orders restrict us, when we find that the CC is here, because the standing order states that, you only ask one question each member. Therefore, we will go with the directions of the committee. I now direct that we find the CC for Education and his department to appear before the Committee and all members will be in this house, to come explain the issue of bursary from the week that starts from 10th of November probably on Thursday. All members with questions concerning bursaries to forward to the secretariat. All members should be here and it will be live so that the community can follow.

Elbarta Ward MCA, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei); there are some questions which extends to the Finance department, therefore, if the two department can come and help one another and then come into a conclusion, that on the thirty million and twenty four million the Education cannot give us more information about that so should assist one another. Just my request.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): unless I get clarifications why the department of Finance should be present, because this is a special account. And a special account received from the Finance. It is a matter of them inquiring from the Finance department.

Loosuk Ward MCA, (Hon. Lenamparasio Kaunda): Mr. Speaker I think you should help us have a representative from finance department. When we went to the bursary coordinator of that day, they were asking as to ask the reason as to why they had said only fifty five million instead of the actual millions that was to be received.

For them they will not answer us sufficiently why they had only disbursed fifty five million without the twenty four million for the Ward funds, they said that, that is the only thing they had received from the finance. So for as members we should be asking the finance department why they had not given the finance coordinator the full amount 2024/2025.

The Speaker, (Lenamarle Steve): let us have both departments invited. That means we will have the whole Thursday just doing that work. The secretariat to take notes and inform the clerk. But let us have the questions so that when we send them to department of education they know what to answer and also on department of finance.

ADJOURNMENT.

The time being ten minutes to 11 o'clock and there being no any other business this assembly adjourn until Wednesday 22nd October 2025 at 2:30 pm.