

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 28th April , 2026

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2.30 pm

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Stacy Nareyo) in Chair

PRAYER

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Stacy Nareyo): Hon. Members, it is notified that the Speaker has approved the following response for statements today Tuesday 28th April, 2026 at 2:30 p.m., Pursuant to Standing Order 54(c):

Statement No. 5/2026 requested by Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei (MCA Nachola Ward) to the Chairperson Committee on Finance, Economic Planning and ICT, regarding the status of a tender for equipping of Nachola ICT hub in Nachola sub-unit which was allocated KShs. 5,000,000 for the Financial Year 2025/2026.

Hon. Lawrence.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order No. 54 (c); I rise to request for a statement from the Chairperson Committee on Finance, Economic Planning and ICT regarding the status of a tender for equipping of the ICT hub in Nachola sub-unit which was allocated KShs. 5,000,000 under Nachola Ward development fund for the Financial Year 2025/2026.

Hon. Speaker, the said project was dully approved and forms part of the County Government of Samburu annual budget for the current financial Year 2025/2026. A tender for the supply and delivery of ICT equipment and related materials for the Nachola ICT hub was subsequently advertised through a public procurement process and a contract was awarded to a successful bidder.

However, contrary to the terms of the contract, the awarded contractor has not delivered the ICT equipment and materials to Nachola sub-unit as required instead, the contractor delivered the equipment to the Chief Officer's office, an action that is inconsistence with the intended project, site and purpose. As a result, the ICT hub in Nachola sub-unit remains non-operational.

Consequently, the residents of Nachola Ward continue to be denied access to digital services and ICT facilities despite the allocation unapparent utilization of public funds for...

MCA Nachola Ward,(Hon. Lorunyei Sebastian): this project. Honourable speaker, in light of the foregoing, I respectfully request that the chairperson of the Committee on Finance, Economic Planning, and ICT urgently inquire into and report to this house on the following.

- 1) What is the current status of the tender award awarded for the equipment of the ICT hub in the Nachola sub-unit?
- 2) Why did the contractor deliver the ICT equipment to the chief officer's office instead of the designated project site at the Nachola sub-unit?
- 3) What were the specific terms and delivery timelines stipulated in the contract, and has the contractor reached those terms?
- 4) Has any payment been made to the contractor, and if so, what amount has been disbursed despite non-delivery to the intended site?
- 5) What action has the county government taken or does it intend to take against the contractor and all responsible officers for this deviation, including enforcement of contract terms, penalty, and blacklisting, where applicable?
- 6) What immediate measures have been undertaken to ensure that the ICT equipment is delivered and installed and the Nachola ICT hub is fully operationalized within the current financial year?

Madam Speaker, I happened to be pushing the contractor after knowing that he had been awarded to deliver the materials intended, Madam Speaker, and she bought the computers, and then I instructed her to take them to the Nachola ICT hub site and then requested the officer inside of ICT to come and verify there on the site.

Instead, the contractor had the order that she is not going to listen; the contractor will not take the equipment to the site; it must be taken to the ICT office here, Madam Speaker. And then, after consulting with the officer and the CEO, he just humiliated me, saying that if not be taken to his office here, he will not honor the tender, and then process anything, Madam Speaker.

And then I told the contractor to go and take it to the office. Having consulted with the officers there, they are just to confirm there and then the contractor to deliver it to the site.

But after this minute, it has not been done like that because the CEO asked the contractor to add everything to him, and it is old fund money, Madam Speaker. I used the old fund to build the hall. I used my own money. He was saying that the hall should be painted. I painted with my own money of twenty thousand shillings according to the CEO's instruction because he came there. And again he told me until there are tables; I bought the tables, Madam Speaker, more than a hundred thousand. I put it there, my intent only that to serve the elite of Nachola Ward, to connect them globally so that they can experience the seamless services and those who want to learn about computer modules will learn there. In cases of applying for universities they can download and apply from there. They can even access jobs there.

As a leader I must have a vision for my people as I lead them into the digital era. This is why I put money in the Ward Fund so that my people can access those services. Since we allocated money and passed the 2025/2026 Budget and now preparing another Budget yet the services are not there in my Ward. University students visit me in my office outside here asking me about it. This is due to laxity of an officer whereby we give guidelines and directions of this project...

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Nareyo Stacy): Hon. Lawrence, have the computers already been bought by the contractor?

MCA, Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Yes.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Nareyo Stacy): So where are the computers?

MCA, Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): They are at the CO's office ICT for the last one week. After assessing the officers wanted to give them to the contractor to deliver them in Nachola but the CO threatened the junior officers that he is going to discipline them if they did that and then told me that if the computers go to Nachola he is not going to honor any payment for the contractor. Calling me like that yet he is a manager, a junior officer like that shows that our junior officers do not have manners and do not honor us. As a leader you give commands and are followed by those agents but this is contrary in this County, it is the opposite.

I need to know because there is a mistrust that nowadays when you give someone something in this office you do not know whether you will get genuine report, elements and items or they are going to change because these computers were the best and current. Maybe they may change and give old ones, this is why I was saying they should be taken to the site at Nachola so that the

office comes and verify from there. But now the computers are being taken to this Hon. Office. I want to know the status and when will the CO take the computers there because they have been handed.

MCA Loosuk Ward (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you Madam Speaker let me take this opportunity to thank the honorable senior for this statement. Secondly honorable Madam Speaker I want to congratulate the senior for showing us the way. Hon. Madam Speaker you know that the world has really changed everything is digital nowadays. Hearing in a place called Nachola the honorable member has established an ICT for youth that is a very good idea, that all of us should emulate. Everything that has been done in this world is digital, especially business and in learning our student use computers to get their notes.

They can also get their assignment from the universities or the colleges mostly are being done digitally, so thank you honorable senior you are leading us with a very a good example. Madam Speaker I just want to say something here concerning the statement raised by the honorable member that one, Madam Speaker it is now very clear on how business are transacted in our county government here. A number of times Madam Speaker especially I have raised in this floor pitying especially the contractors who are working with this county government. Madam Speaker we have a procurement department so I think it was not in order for the CS to ask the contractors to deliver, the computers to his office instead of the location of where the ICT is.

Madam Speaker when we went for Tobong na wii last year I saw the building itself. Madam Speaker you know our contractors are operating in an environment that most of them very soon will die of pressure or other related diseases. Madam Speaker you hear a hear a CS asking a contractor if you will not follow what the CS says contrary to the law they will not pay the contract. Madam Speaker I know of a contractor who did a road in Loosuk but because he never complied with what the CS of roads wanted he has never been paid from 2022 till to date.

This contractors use their money, their children money, their earnings and you do the work you complete all the document and your not only paid because you don't follow what the CS are doing. So, Madam Speaker I don't know if It is in order because the CS should not respond to this statement he should appear to this house. So that he can come and tell us since the time the laws has now changed that the contractor has to supply the commodity and services to him instead the location of the projects. So Madam Speaker, I only pity our contractors because they

are our brothers and sisters and human beings like us struggling to make ends meet. They just want to uplift their lives but if you hear the circumstances that these guys are passing through you will feel sorry for them.

I know one thing so I sit Honorable Speaker these guys or that CS probably wanted these computers in his office because that's not a store. So that they have to check the make, the model of these computers so that if the contractors bought the best computers. You just go and get some refurbished computers we all know. We have refurbished computers and laptops now everything we all know we have the genuine ones and the new ones. So, maybe that's the reason he wanted these computers in his office so if the genuine ones or the new ones or the new model as the honorable member is saying. Soon you might find these computers changed and being taken somewhere and the honorable member to be given some refurbished computers which after two or three months they all stop working. So Madam Speaker we need to follow laws in this county the CS has no mandate of directing or harassing the contractor to supply the computer to his office.

These computers are supposed to be in Nachola. It is just the same thing as that maybe if I procure daily goats, they are not supposed to be taken to the CEO's office. They should be taken to Loosuk so that we give the beneficiaries. These computers were supposed to benefit the youth of Nachola and when they are bought, they should immediately go to Nachola so that these youths start using this ICT Hub so that they catch up with other youths from down Kenya. You know, we are in an ASAL County, a marginalized County. We want to have our youth catch up with other youths from other developed counties like Kiambu, Nairobi and any other any other County.

So if a senior person, a CEO who was mandated to implement this project is the one delaying the implementation of this project, then that CEO needs to come here and face the whole of this House so that he will say where he has changed the rules of procurement. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Stacy Nareyo): Thank you, Honourable Lenamparasio. I think I must also commend Honourable Lorunyei on the ICT Hub in Nachola Ward. It is not a joke to have an ICT Hub in the Ward. So I think you have really challenged other Members in this

House. I also do not see the need of keeping computers in your in your office that are meant to benefit the youths. So is there any Is there any member of Finance Committee?

Minority Leader?

MCA, Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Madam Speaker. I know the Chair for Finance Committee is not the House but we will give him the information and I think two weeks or one week is enough because the issues that are being raised by the Honourable Member are genuine and pertinent. It is even curious to see that. When the project is being given, the contractor is the one to take to the ground, do his work and I do not know the reason why he or she brought the computers to the CEO's office. I know it is not a CEO who is in charge to be called, maybe it is the CEC Finance who is to be called if need be. I thank the Honourable Member because this is a 2025/2026 budget and maybe he knows the contractor who has been given the job.

So maybe give us one week because it is the issue of computers that are being laid in the CO's office so that we can know. Majority leader is the Chairperson of the Finance Department. I think I will call him and inform him when the date is set, we will give him the date. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Stacy Nareyo): Thank you Honourable Leleruk. Kindly make sure that you notify the Majority Leader because I think he is the Chair of Finance Committee so that he can respond to the matter urgently.

Honourable Lorunyei are you comfortable with two weeks? We give them a grace period of two weeks or a week.

MCA, Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Madam Speaker, if the contractor has done the part supposed and the and the computers are in this office, it is only wise they be delivered to Nachola and give the reason why it has delayed. Two weeks is a lot, maybe just one week according to the procedure. Maybe we give a notice of one week.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Stacy Nareyo): Okay, one week is okay Honourable Lorunyei.

ADJOURNMENT.

Hon. Members, the time being 5 minutes past 3:00 O'clock and there being no any other Business, this Assembly now adjourns until Wednesday, 29th April, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.