

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 24th March, 2026

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2.30 pm

Temporary Speaker, (Hon Lorunyei Lawrence) in Chair

PRAYER

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Honourable Members, we have got a Statement approved requested by Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix.

MCA, Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you so much Honourable Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order number 54(c) I requested a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture regarding the agricultural machineries and the distribution of certified seeds for the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

As we enter the crucial planting season in Samburu West, time is rapidly running out for our farmers. The large number of non-operational tractors and their accessories has left many households unable to prepare and cultivate their lands directly threatening livelihoods, food security and income. Agriculture underpins the wellbeing of our communities and delays in preparing essential machineries and ensuring timely distribution of satisfied seeds amplify food insecurity and heightened poverty risk for vulnerable families. Farmers in Samburu West are anxiously waiting the services and inputs they need to plant on time.

The idle state of county tractors and other associated accessories is more than an inconvenience, it jeopardizes crops, diminishes harvest and threatens the survival of farm independent households.

With the planting season already upon us, there is an urgent need for clarity on the status of machinery repair and availability of certified seeds. In the view of the above and owing to the pressing nature of this situation, I request that the Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture inquires into and report to this House on the following;

Number one, what is the current status of the tractors and their accessories including planters, ploughs and arrows allocated Samburu West? Please indicate how many tractors and accessories are fully operational,

How many are partially operational,

How many are awaiting repairs,

How many are permanently out of service.

Provide an inventory by unit, make, model and registration where available, current location and condition. That is the first question.

The second question, what specific actions have been taken to repair non-operational tractors and accessories? question number three, a budget of 10 million was allocated to the Department in the

Financial Year 2024/2025 for the repair of tractors. How many tractors and accessories were repaired with the said funds? Specify the number of units repaired, the cost per repaired unit, amount disbursed to service providers and provide copies of relevant financial records, payment vouchers and procurement spare parts.

Number four and the last question; certified seeds have been procured by the County Government for distribution to farmers in Samburu West for the Financial Year 2026 this season. Please provide detailed documentation of seed varieties, total quantities procured in tons and in addition, what is the average quantity of seed provided to an individual farmer.

Honourable Speaker, nimeuliza hii Statement kwa sababu Loosuk ni ward kati ya wards ambayo ziko Samburu West...

(The speaker intervenes)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Order Honourable Members, according to our Standing Order, when you start in one language you finish in that language. You do not mix language. Thank you. Continue Honourable Member.

MCA, Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you, thank you Honourable Speaker. What I was saying is that I have requested this Statement because Loosuk is one of the wards in Samburu West that we do planting. I think we are the one of the wards that provide eh food to our County when we have sufficient rains. I think the last government, the first devolution government bought for us tractors and....

...may use our Ward as an example, in Loosuk we were given four tractors for Pura, Malaso, Tinga and for Loosuk and we were given two planters, one harrow and one drier; all these tractors and accessories were stationed at our Wards and the tractors stationed at their respective villages as I have mentioned but the planters, harrow and drier were stationed at Ward Admins office in Loosuk. During that time we were so relieved on issues of the cost of ploughing land because those tractors used to charge 1200 per acre and that is land previously ploughed but for virgin land ploughing they used to charge three thousand per acre. As I speak here, it is only 30% of the whole Ward that has ploughed their land and the reason is the Agriculture Department recalled all these tractors to Maralal here in 2023. Our four tractors to Loosuk because I was an

MCA in this House they were driven from their respective places to Maralal, no tractor was towed since they were all functional and new, our harrow and drier was new too.

We have tractors from Nyahururu in Loosuk since it has been raining for the last three days. They came and started charging people 2500 per acre but as of Tuesday this week they were charging 4000 an acre land previously ploughed. For the virgin they charge 8000 up from 3000. In 24/25 I was the Chairperson Budget and Vice Chair for Agriculture, when we invited Hon. Lenakula the then CO here and he asked for some money to prepare the tractor so that it can be given back to the community I can vividly remember that we allocated 10 million in the Financial Year 24/25 to the Department of Agriculture to repair these tractors, they were first placed under development but during the approval of Budget it was shifted from development to recurrent, so up to now nobody knows where these tractors are.

The community faces problems due to lack of Government tractors. They have not ploughed and the rains have started as advised by the meteorological Department from March to May, the long rains. Due to delay in ploughing, Loosuk will have a reduction in food that they produce. Lastly on issue of seeds, yesterday as I was coming to Maralal someone from Loosuk called me that seeds were being distributed in Loosuk; last Saturday the Governor launched the distribution list here where I think a total number of 140 tones of both maize and seeds was announced to be procured by the Government but shockingly yesterday I have four brother they went to where the seeds were distributed and on packet of 5kgs was given to five people to divide, mathematically one farmer gets less than a quarter of a kilo of maize, I cannot reason why 140 tones taken to the community at the end of the day a packet of 2kgs is given to five people to divide among themselves, that is the reason why the Chair for Agriculture has to do a lot and come and tell this House what is happening to the machineries and on seeds, I have a lot of information I do not want to give right now until the day this Statement is provided. I have done my research and have very crucial information about the tractors and the seeds. I will keep my information until the day the Chairperson responds to this Statement, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Yes Hon. Lealmusia.

MCA Ndoto Ward, (Hon. Lealmusia Ali): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand to support my colleague here from Loosuk Ward. We understand that the fact is very crucial to this County and you know we come from the lowlands and the low lands we depend on this particular area that is

fertile that is why we have some insecurity. Although I sit in the Agriculture Committee I would also like to really take this seriously and all these questions must be answered, if that is not the case then we must ensure that these people work because we represent people. There should be no jokes, thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Yes Hon.

MCA Specially Elected, (Hon. Mohamed Asha): Thank you, honourable speaker. Honourable speaker will bring the response on first of April, that's after one week on Wednesday.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): I've not given ruling, direction. I would like people to, at least to facilitate it first. Yes, honorable Esther.

MCA Especially Elected, (Hon. Lenolkulal Esther): Asante mheshimiwa Speaker.

Mheshimiwa Speaker pia mimi nashukuru mheshimiwa wa Loosuk kwa kuleta hii statement. Mheshimiwa Speaker mahali nimetoka ambaye ni Porro mheshimiwa Speaker watu wanaumia sana. Na Porro ward, wakati kila village ilipewa tractor yao ambaye hapa Porro tuko na village nne(4), na chini pia tuko na village nne na kila village walikuwa na tractor yao mheshimiwa Speaker na saa hii shida ile wakulima wanapitia, ambayo tuko na personal tractors ya watu ambayo ziko tatu huko, watu wanapigana, wengine hawajalima mpaka sasa hivi, na mheshimiwa Speaker hizi tractor wakati ile serikali ya mbele walinunua ilikuwa ya kufaa wanainchi. Na wakati hizo tractors ilirudishwa hapa Maralal niliwahi uliza kwa hii nyumba kwa nini hizo tractor zilirudishwa na wenyeji wako na shida ya kulima mheshimiwa Speaker. Na tunajua wakati ilinunuliwa hiyo serikali walikuwa wameangalia wananchi ambaye ni wakulima.

Watu wetu wengi sisi tunategemea kilimo, wachache wale ambao wako na ngombe na mbuzi wengi mali zilichukuliwa na adui mheshimiwa Speaker, kwa sababu sisi hata mpaka jana tulikuwa bado tunapigwa na bandits upande ya Porro mheshimiwa Speaker. Ingawa ninakaa kwa hiyo committee ya Agriculture lakini shida ile iko ndani ya wananchi mheshimiwa Speaker sioni kama ni vizuri mimi nikinyamaza watu wakiendelea kuumia, na kuna tractor moja juzi raia walikuja kurudisha kutoka kwa hiyo ofisi, mahali hizo tractor zililetwa, na wakati ilirudishwa uko watu wenyewe wakachanga pesa ya kutengeneza hiyo tractor moja ambaye imekuwa katara mheshimiwa Speaker.

Ni kama kila kitu kwa hiyo tractor ilitolewa mpaka miguu kwa hivyo mimi nashangaa kama hizo tractor zilirudishwa pale kuchungwa ama kufanya shughuli gani na inangolewa mpaka mguu mheshimiwa Speaker. Raia huyo walichanga pesa ndio waweze kutengeneza tractor ambaye haiwezi maliza saa hii one heka bila kuharibika. Na mimi nauliza kwa sababu tunajua tractor si pesa kidogo na wakati ilinunuliwa wakati ile yaserikali ya kwanza nafikiri walikuwa wameangalia wananchi.

Pia wakati hiyo wananchi walikuwa wale watu ambaye hawajiwezi, tulikuwa tunapewa kama village mafuta ambaye ni 200 hundred litres ili hiyo tractor iweze kulimia wale watu ambaye hawajiwezi. Na tuliona kila mtu alikuwa analima na mwenye hajiwezi pia alikuwa analimiwa na County kwa sababu hiyo tractor inapewa mafuta na admin na committee walikuwa wanaangalia wale watu hawajiwezi wanalimiwa heka moja. Na pia nakumbuka mheshimiwa Speaker pia hawa watu walikuwa wanapewa mbegu na mzigo kuondoka katika familia. Na tangu tupige kura ya 2022, kitu ya kwanza mimi nimeshuhudia nikiwa Porro ni tractor yetu kurudishwa kwa ofisi.

Jambp la pili niliona, tulikuwa na dryer yetu sisi ya kukausha mahindi, tulikuwa tukivuna mahindi tukiwa wakulima, tumepewa dryer ya kuweza kukausha mahindi tetu ili tuweze kuuza kwa Cereal mheshimiwa Speaker. Hiyo dryer sijui saa hii kama iko kwa sababu sijaenda mahali ilikuwa imerudiswa.

Pia tulikuwa na planter, ambao watu walikuwa wakipanda mahindi yao, hiyo planter hata saa hii sijui mahali iko kama iko na mguu ama majembe imetolewa kila kitu. Ya kunishangaza tukisema tunasaidia wananchi na ndio tunaelekea kuumiza, saa hii tractor ya watu, mtu anakuambia ata elfu nne mia mbili (Kshs. 4200). Kuna leo moja imeniambia mimi asubuhi nikikuja kama mnataka niwalimie hiyo kijiji yenu tractor yangu ni elfu nne mia mbili kwa heka moja. Na hiyo ya County wakati tulikuwa nayo, committee ilikuwa inakaa chini tueke pesa ngapi ambaye tunaenza rudisha spare wakati inaharibika na pia tuweze kulipa driver.

Mheshimiwa Speaker, saa hi watu wetu wanaumia, tractor sinasimama mahali, zimetolewa miguu mpaka kila kitu. Mpaka tunaskia saa hii juzi kulikuwa na mtu mmoja ametoka nyahururu, ako saa hii upand hapa chini, juzi alikuwa Lolkunono Friday, na aliniambia wacha niende nitafute spare kwa Maralal ili nipande hapo juu nikuje nilimie watu wako. Na nilimuuliza mahali tunatoa spare ni Nyahururu ama Nakuru akaniambia ni Maralal kwa hizo tractors zenu ndio tunapata spare parts. Na hiyo kitu imenishangaza mheshimiwa Speaker, kwa sababu tunataka kufuata hiyo maneno, ata mimi nataka kujua kama ni kweli vile huyo mtu amesema, na ni mtu mgeni na hatujuani na hatujawahi kuonana. Nilimpigia tu simu kwa sababu nilipewa number yake kwa sababu nilikuwa natafuta tractor ya kutulimia mashamba, akaniambia yeye kwanza anaenda kutafuta spare parts ndio aweze kupanda uko juu akuje kutulimia mashamba.

Hon. Esther Lonolkulal: ... na nimeuliza yakwamba, wakati hizo Tingatinga ziliporudishwa kwa hii ofisi, ilirudishwa kwa kazi gani? Ama basi zilikuja kutolewa spare parts za watu wenye

wanakuja kutoka upande ule mwingine. Hiyo kitu imetuvunja moyo tukiwa community kwasababu kilimo ndicho uti wa mgongo wetu, watu wetu wanategema chakula kutoka shambani na ikipita mwezi wa nne kama hujalimia, hautalima tena kwasababu mvua yanyesha.

Mahali kama Porro ni mahali ambayo inaweka maji kabisa, kukinyesha utakaa wiki zingine mbili ama tatu bila kulima na utapanda lini? Na tunakimbizania na time. Imenishangaza sana. Nilikuwa nasema nikitoka hapa nitaenda kuangalia kwasababu wakati huyo mtu ametoka Nyahururu aliniambia spare parts zake anaendea hapa, hiyo kitu ilinishangaza.

Na pia, niliona Tingatinga moja ambayo ni ya Kijiji cha Lkurowai yenye watu walichanga. Kila mtu alikuwa anatoa sijui pesa ngapi ndio waweze kununua spare parts. Hiyo kitu imetuuma na tunashindwa; nikusaidia mwananchi ama nikufinywa. Kwasababu hiyo tingatinga ya kaunti tulikuwa tunalima nayo kwa shilingi elfu mbili ama elfu mbili mia tano, saa hii Tingatinga ya mwenyewe ni shilingi elfu nne mia mbili na hata hatupati, inaingia laini na hatupati.

Hiyo kitu imenishangaza kabisa na nashukuru mheshimiwa kwa kuleta hii statement kwasababu ni kitu imetuuma kwa muda. Nakumbuka wakati wa marehemu Leerte, pia gavana aliulizwa siku hiyo kwasababu kuna wale waheshimiwa walikuwa hapo, aliulizwa alipeleka Tingatinga zetu wapi? Na akasema; “mutarudishiwa Tingatinga zenu” na pengine hajui kwamba hatujarudishiwa ama tumerudishiwa katara ambayo wananchi wanang’ang’ana huko kutafutia spare parts.

Mheshimiwa spika, hii ni statement ambayo inafaa kwa saa hii ambayo watu wale wako nyumbani wanatutegemea tuulize vitu kama hizi, kwasababu wakati watu walikuwa na Tingatinga zao kwa kila kijiji, sijui kama kulikuwa na malalamishi yeyote, kila mtu anajua yuko namba fulani, kila Kijiji wako namba fulani, wanapangia kila mtu kutoka namba moja mpaka wa mwisho katikia Kijiji hicho na kila mtu alikuwa anapanda kwa wakati unaofaa na kila mtu alikuwa analima kwa wakati unaofaa.

Saa hizi Ukienda huko Mheshimiwa spika utaonea hao watu huruma. Saa hizi hata mbegu imepanda bei na tukiangalia hii mbegu imesemekana katika mitandao za kijamii ni mbegu ambayo ingetosha wananchi hata ingwa hakutosha watu kwasababu mtu alikuwa anajiongezea mheshimiwa spika. Ukipata kidogo kutoka kwa kaunti, unajiongezea kidogo unakuwa afadhali.

Kwasababu saa hii mbegu ya ile mfuko wa kilo mbili wakulima wananunua na shilingi mia sita ama mia sita hamsini, mtu akipata hata hizo mifuko miwili ambayo ni kilo nne itakuwa afadhali kwa mtu kwasababu kwa ekari utajongezea kilo sita.

Nimesikia Mheshimiwa Lenamparasio akisema mtu anapata mbegu nusu ama robo hata afadhali kukaa bila kupata, nusu kilo ya mahindi haiwezi toshea hapa, kwa hivo ni kama sawa na kukosa Mheshimiwa spika.

Tuangalie hayo maneno, pia ningeomba kama mmoja wa wanakamati, tuende mahali hizo Tingatinga zilipelekwa, tuangalie vile zinakaa na zilienda hapo kufanya nini, kama zimeenda kuwa spare parts za watu wengine ama zimeenda kuchungwa na zinachungwa zikiwa zinafanya kazi gani? Kama imetolewa kwa jamii ambayo ilikuwa inawasaidia na walikuwa wanaichungu. Kwasababu mimi nakumbuka kwamba kila Kijiji walikuwa na mwenyekiti wa Tingatinga na mweka hazina, watu wengine walifungua akaunti ili Tingatinga iweze jimudu na dereva na ikiharibika ina tengenezwa.

Mheshimiwa spika, naunga mkono, na tunataka watu wetu wapate haki, ahasante.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Tafadhalini, nimempa muda huo wote ili tupate habari. Ni wakati wa swali, sio wakati wa kujibu. Ni wakati wa maswali na unaoneza swali lingine, sio kutoa majibu kwasababu utajibu maswali wakati wa majibu.

Kama mwanakamati ya ukulima, tumeuliza swali na umeanza kutupa majibu mapema. Tunaomba tafadhali, sasa ni wakati wa maswali na tupate maswali mengine mengi kuhusiana na swali hilo, na wakati wa majibu ndipo tutachangia zaidi, tafadhali tumia muda mfupi iwezakanavyo. Mheshimiwa Silapia.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Hon Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank the Hon Member for Loosuk Ward who brought this statement.

Hon Speaker, I have been the Chairperson for the Committee on Agriculture, Veterinary Services, Livestock, Irrigation and Fisheries last year until November. I really appreciate the Hon Member because; the questions he raised are big concerns within our communities living around Samburu West.

It is now rainy season and during rainy season, our farmers are normally very busy farming, ploughing and doing all those things. But, today, it is really unfortunate that we are talking about the issue on tractor when it is too late for them to plough their farms. Hon. Speaker, we have the Machinery Act, we went through the ACT because it was to be reviewed last year until the final stages where the cabinet was to sit down and bring the ACT again for a review. But, up to today, nothing has been done, if this House would have reviewed the ACT and approved it, they would have had a lieu of bringing more tractors from the community to a central place.

So that they can easily distribute the tractors to the communities during the ploughing season, but up to today, the ACT has not been reviewed, I do not know which criteria the Department has used to bring the tractors from the communities to a central place because before that the tractors were within all the Wards in Samburu West but now that they have brought all the tractors to Maralal though I do not know, let me just imagine that they are in Maralal it is not right.

Distributing certified seeds to the people of Samburu West is our first priority. Farmers in Samburu West have a right to gain access to the agricultural machinery, they are the first priority.

Hon. Speaker, I heard from Hon. Esther that they were attacked by bandits yesterday, if the farmers could have already planted their farms, the bandits could not attack the farms but the attack happened because they rear livestock.

Hon. Speaker, the better option for the people in Samburu West is farming, it is our mandate to ensure that they receive certified seeds and farming machinery for them to be able to do farming as their livelihood and a sustainable means of sustaining and meeting their basic needs.

Hon. Speaker, to me; it is an urgent need for the Committee to sit with their Chairperson and come up with a way forward to solve the issues pertaining the agricultural machinery availability and distribution of enough quantity and good quality of certified seeds, thank you Hon. Speaker.

Chairperson Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary Services, Irrigation and Fisheries, (Hon. Mohamed Asha): Thank you Hon. Speaker, we will respond to the statement on Wednesday 1st April, 2026 Hon. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Okay. Hon. Chairperson, you have heard the contributions from the Hon. Members and the urgency this statement it deserves. Hon Stacy, is it Stacy or Stacey?

(Laughter)

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Stacy Nareyio): First of all; I would really request you Hon. Speaker to make a ruling that the Department appears before the House because this is a very serious matter for me as a resident of Samburu West. I have seen the urgency and the time is running, they should appear and tell us where the machineries are and whether they have distributed the seeds; this would be of great importance and urgent.

Secondly, we are aware that the written responses usually brought to this House lack seriousness. So, I humbly request, thank you Hon. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you. You know, according to the rules of this House; we usually give a period of one week or more notice but the minimum period is a week.

Chairperson, you call your Committee and all the necessary deliberation so that we get the statement response on 1st April, 2026 as you indicated.

Chairperson Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary Services, Irrigation and Fisheries, (Hon. Mohamed Asha): That is in order.

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am very sorry that I am making a request after you have already ruled. I would like know the time the statement sought will be responded to on 1st April, 2026.

Chairperson Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary Services, Irrigation and Fisheries, (Hon. Mohamed Asha): Thank you Hon. Speaker, in the afternoon.

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Okay, 2:30 p.m. The last request Hon. Speaker; with a lot of kindness, as Hon. Stacy said, these statement responses are just a by the way. I kindly request the Committee, I know that you have been facilitated to go for a bench marking, those tractors are kept behind Cereal Board, you can even walk on foot.

Please go there and just have a look for yourselves so that you know the reality as you read the statement response from the Department, thank you.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): I very lenient, I have not acted as per the procedure of this House; when a matter has been ruled by the Speaker you cannot speak on such a matter again. Okay

(Laughter)

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Hon. Members, the time being eighteen minutes to Elven O'clock and there being no other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Tuesday 24th April, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.