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MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

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The Assembly met at 9:45 a.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai) in the Chair]

PRAYER

PAPER

REPORT OF TRADE, INDUSTRIALIZATION, CO-OPERATIVE, TOURISM AND
WILDLIFE COMMITTEE ON WORKSHOP HELD.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Hon. Member, I request you to move to the next one.

Hon. James Karanja: Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly;-

That, the Report of the sectoral Committee on Trade, Industrialization, Cooperative, Tourism and Wildlife of a workshop held from February 19 to February 20, 2023, to discuss the departmental work plan for the year 2022/2023.

(Hon. James Karanja laid the Paper on the Table)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Thank you, next order.

MOTION

REPORT ON BUSINESS GENERATED FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 2022 TO MARCH 2023, GUIDE SCHEDULE AND BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER FY 2022/2023.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion;-

That, a Report on Committee of business generated for the period November 2022 to March 2023, guide schedule of Committee sittings outside precincts of the Assembly and Committees budget allocations for the fourth quarter of Financial Year (FY) 2022/2023.

In an effort to execute Liaison Committee mandate as provided by the Standing Order 205 on guiding and co-ordinating the operations of policies and mandates of Liaison Committee, undertakes the following. It ensures that the agenda for discussion by various Committees are in line with their mandates. Organizes for the dates and time of the Committee meetings to be considered in the said matter. Ensures that the above is strictly adhered to. In order to ensure the above in attaining Liaison Committee generates schedules and manages the Sittings, both within and outside the Assembly precincts with details pertaining to dates and time that Committees are supposed to sit.

Mr. Speaker, the workshop came up with the following objectives that were outline in the same;-

- 1) To discuss and harmonize the schedule of Committee meeting outside the precincts for the period November 15, 2022 and the end of March 2023 versus business generated.
- 2) To discuss on the proposed guide schedule of Committee Sittings outside the precincts of the Assembly for the Fourth Quarter of FY 2022/2023.
- 3) To discuss on Committees Fourth Quarter allocations of FY 2022/2023.
- 4) To generate a Report out of findings and recommendations out of the above exercise.

Mr. Speaker, on conduct of the workshop. The workshop was guided by a program of activities for each day on the following:

- 1) Presentations by the Committee Secretariat.
- 2) Contributions from Committee Members.

The following were the details presented and contained in the above referenced schedule. That is approved from November 16 2022. As you look, the Health Committee had a workshop and the venue in Nairobi on 18th to 21st to discuss on Murang'a County Health Policy. And the Report was adopted on November 2022. There was a joint Finance and Budget Committee workshop, also held on November 28 and December 1, 2022 to discuss the First Supplementary Budget for the FY 2022/2023. The Report was generated on both the First Supplementary and the Annual Development Plan (ADP) for the FY, 2022/2023. The Report adopted on December 6, 2022. Appropriation Bill passed and enacted into an Act on December 7, 2022.

Then on joint Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Legislated County Delegated, they went for a workshop in Nairobi, on December 7 to December 10 to discuss and complete a Report on Agriculture Farm Inputs and Subsidy Policy for 2022/2023 and also to discuss and compile the Report on Public Finance Management Act, Murang'a County Agriculture Farm Inputs Subsidy Fund. The Report was generated and adopted on December 13, 2022. Also, the Liaison Committee, on January 17 2023. They also had a workshop in Nairobi to discuss the following;

- 1) Committees Work plans for the period of October to June, 2023.
- 2) Committees' expenditures from September to December 2022 and budget allocation for the FY 2022/2023.

The Report was adopted on March 7, 2023. Also, on January 23, the Youth and Social Services Committee had attended KICOSCA games for 2022/2023 edition through invitation, through CECM Youth Affairs and Cultural Services. Those who participated were the Chairperson, Vice- Chairperson, six Committee Members and three Committee secretariat. We have not yet received in this Assembly the Report for that KICOSCA games. Also, in January 22 to 29, the Delegated County Legislation, held a workshop in Mombasa to attend an invitation by the CECM Member for Physical Planning and Urban Development, upgrading review of 33 Municipality By-laws prior to the publication submission to the Assembly. The participants were the Chairperson, Vice- Chairperson, three Committee Members, the legal officer, and the Clerk to the Committee. No Report generated yet. On January 25 to 27, 2023, Delegated changed the venue to Mombasa to discuss the Report on vetting of a County Secretary. The Report generated and Tabled to the Assembly on February 28, 2023. Trade and Industrialization also had a workshop in

Nairobi between February 2023 to discuss modalities of promoting traders through traders fair view and exhibitions and the County Assembly of generating policy of the same. The Report was adopted here in this Assembly on April 04, 2023.

Mr. Speaker, going as per the approved schedule, which is on January, as listed below, the approved meetings on February 07 2023 as listed below. You can see there is indicated that between February and 2023, Energy and Environment also had a workshop in Nairobi to discuss adoption of the County Executive Environment and Climate Change department work plan and projects for 2022/2023. No Report generated. The Lands and Housing and Physical Planning Committee also held a workshop in Nairobi between 12th and 23, reviewing of the framework of the establishment of the Municipality and interrogating Municipalities as decentralized unit of the service delivery and no Report given yet.

Mr. Speaker, the approved meetings for the February 2023 is as follows; the Budget Committee had one in Nairobi and a Report was presented in the Assembly and adopted on April 5. The Delegated County Legislation also had a workshop in Nairobi and no Report was presented to the Assembly. Public Investments and Accounts Committee 23rd to 26th, they also had a workshop in Nairobi and no Report yet given to this Assembly. They also approved from February 2023, Energy and Environment March 2 to undertake the fields visit at Gikono landfill to study the operation. The visit subtitled with the one conducted with the Mathioya River and 15, 2023 to identify activities that needed to be undertaken for rehabilitation.

We go to the approval for March 2023/2024 Budget and Appropriations, March 2020 to 2021 to discuss the Report on local revenue collection from the County Executive Committee (CEC) and Economic Planning. Report adopted by the Committee awaiting forwarding to the House Business Committee. Those were the activities that were being undertaken by the Committees during that period. The following proposed guide schedule for the Committee outside the precincts of the Assembly for the fourth quarter FY 2022 was presented to the Committee. The proposed guideline schedule of the Committees sittings outside the precincts of the Assembly for the fourth quarter financial year, 2022/2023 April to June and the dates are there in that schedule.

That the Public Works and Roads and Transport, between the period of April 6 to 7 2023. The second one is May 8 to 10, 2023 and June 3, 2023. The same is as listed below. The committees

budget allocations for the fourth quarter and balances for the third quarter of financial year (FY) 2022/2023. The fiscal analysis presented the budget allocation in the fourth quarter and the Business of third quarter as follows. The Committee on Agriculture third quarter balance had Ksh.27,400.00 the fourth quarter allocation Kshs.1,854,600.00 so the total budget of Agriculture Committee for the fourth quarter is Kshs.1,882,000.00.

Appointment Committee had a balance of Kshs.198,508.00 with an additional of the fourth quarter of Kshs.1,141,292.00 making a total of Kshs.1,339,800.00 Budget and Appropriation Committee had a balance of Kshs.384,585.00 they got an addition of Kshs.2,282,585.00 so they got a total of Kshs.2,667,170.00. And the Delegated Committee as listed below. The total balance of all the committees was Kshs.7,122,206.00 and Committees allocation for the fourth quarter was Kshs.43,226,453.00. Therefore, the total remainder for the first quarter is Kshs.50,348,659.00. After the Report the Committee came up with the following recommendations:

- 1) Committees which needed to change their agenda after an approval of the same was done were supposed to notify Liaison committee on such changes and recommendations and clarification on the same.
- 2) Committees which had generated reports which had been adopted at Committee level and not presented to House Business and Rules Committee for consideration and scheduling----

(Hon. Gerald Wambugu walked into the chambers)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Order. Honourable Member for Kamacharia Ward the Speaker can see that you are not properly dressed. Kindly leave the House and dress properly. Continue.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker,

- 3) The Leader of Majority Party should liaise with the county executive and ensure that statutory documents are presented to the Assembly as per the timelines stipulated under the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act.

- 4) The Office of the Clerk should organize a workshop for Powers and Privilege Committee in the fourth quarter so as to enable it considers its pending activities.
- 5) All Committees, Budget and Appropriations and Liaison taking the lead should be entitled to additional allocations either in much awaited supplementary budget or the budget for FY 2023/2024. This would facilitate them in enthusiasm in undertaking their mandates as stipulated in Murang'a County Assembly Standing Orders.
- 6) The secretariat to the committee should continue generating harmonized schedule of committee sittings outside precincts of the Assembly.
- 7) Committees should in future spend prudently in line with their work plans while undertaking their activities.

That is the Report for the activities of all the Committees and their budgets. I urge the Honourable Members of this House to support this Motion. I call upon the Leader of Majority to second the Motion.

Hon. Kibe Wasary: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to second this Motion. Among the mandate that are given to the Committee on Liaison, it is to deliberate and apportion annual operating budget among the Committees. From the Report we can see that the budget has been apportioned to the various Committees and it is well tabulated in the Report. Another mandate is to consider the programs of the committees including their needs to travel and sit away from the precincts of the Assembly and equally ensure that Committee submits Reports as required by the Standing Orders of this Assembly.

I note with concern that Liaison Committee approved committees in the month of January and various committees were allowed to sit outside the precincts of the Assembly and have not submitted Report. To mention just but a few, we have Youth Culture and Social Services that sat on January 15, there is no Report. Delegated County Legislation no Report on January 23. We also have other committees; we have Education Committee that sat on January 21. We also have other committees that sat on February and many have not submitted their Reports. For this House to be kept busy and have Business it is good once Committees are allowed to sit outside, they should always generate Reports.

Honourable Speaker, I second.

(Question proposed)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): The floor is open. Yes, Honourable Member for Gatanga Ward.

Hon. John Ngugi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the adoption of this Report. This Report brings transparency in the way our Committees work and now the various Chairpersons of the Committees will be able to share the budget and its utilization with all the other Members of the Committee who are represented in the Liaison Committee by their Chairmen.

I rise to support, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): It seems as if there is no more debate, thus I call the mover to respond.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, mine is to thank Members for supporting this Motion. And as liaison Committee, I promise Members that we are going to do our best to ensure that the operations of the Committees are in line with the Standing Orders.

Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON FIELD VISIT TO MITUMBIRI HEALTH CENTRE IN KAKUZI/ MITUMBIRI WARD.

Hon. John Kamau: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion; -

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Health Services Committee on a field visit undertaken at Mitumbiri Health Centre in Kakuzi/Mitumbiri Ward, laid on the Table of the Assembly on March 16, 2023.

Allow me to introduce the Motion by saying that the Committee undertook the field visit to Kakuzi/Mitubiri Ward on February 22, 2023. The visit was one of the random ones usually undertaken by the Committee to ascertain the status of county health facilities. The activity was also in line with the Committee mandate on consideration of county health facilities matters.

Syngenta Company formerly Kenya Cuttings has played a pivotal role in uplifting the status of Mitubiri Health Centre. This is due to the fact that it contributed to building and equipping a maternity, drilling a borehole in the facility to ensure constant flow of water, constructing isolation wards during COVID-19 pandemic, incinerator and a perimeter wall.

It is therefore a practice that companies that are within localities where our health facilities are located should be encouraged to adopt so as to promote that partnership. The facility mostly serves residents from Delmonte, Kihiu-Mwiri, Kabati, Mitumbiri and Kimorori-Wempa areas with an approximate total population of 11,600 persons. This is a very wide coverage that warrants Mitubiri Health Centre to be elevated to a Level 4 Hospital with also the support that there is a newly established Sub-County known as Ithanga/Kakuzi.

On findings, the committee generated the following findings;

- 1) Mitubiri Health Centre does not offer dental services. This is despite the services being listed as a requirement for level 3 facility.
- 2) There are two isolation Wards in Mitubiri Health Centre built by Kenya Cuttings during COVID-19 which were not in use and could be converted to offer maternity services.
- 3) Mitubiri Health Centre does not enjoy close proximity to other neighbouring facilities since Kirwara Sub County Hospital is 17 Kilometres and Maragua Sub County Hospital is 46.7 Kilometres away.
- 4) Patients were usually referred to Kirwara and Maragua Level 4 and Murang'a Level 5 Hospitals in case of advanced treatment.

The following were the outlined challenges that resulted to poor service delivery at the facility;

- 1) Understaffing.
- 2) Lack of funds.
- 3) Lack of power backup in case of power breakdown.
- 4) Low equipped laboratory and maternity.
- 5) Poor positioning of the maternity and the comprehensive care clinic.

- 6) Laboratory, pharmacy and maternity were reported to have the lowest equipment rating at 40%, 50% and 30% respectively.
- 7) The facility had not received funding for the last financial year thus unable to solve operational challenges.

Mr. Speaker, these are the recommendations. The Committee made the following recommendations.

That the County Executive Member for Health should undertake the following;

- 1) Liaise with the County Public Service Board on hiring of additional staff at the hospital as below listed;
 - 1) Six Nurses.
 - 2) One pharmacist.
 - 3) One lab technician.
 - 4) Five clinical officers.
 - 5) Eight cleaners and grounds people.
- 2) Facilitate a process in which patients could be allowed to use their NHIF cards in line with Kang'ata care in all hospitals across the county in an effort to solve the challenge of lack of funds. It was noted that hospitals had NHIF codes which allows them to treat patients using NHIF cards. This would make hospitals to at least benefit from 30% of the NHIF reimbursements while 70% goes to the county for purchase of medicine and equipment.
- 3) Organize a manner in which the facility could establish kiosks and shops for hire within its precincts as a way of having an income generating project in the hospital.
- 4) Spearhead installation of a solar power back-up to address the challenge of power breakdown which affects the operations of the facility and especially the maternity.
- 5) Ensure that there was budgetary allocation in the next financial year for equipping the laboratory and the maternity.
- 6) Enhance privacy through re-positioning of Comprehensive Care Clinic as well as the maternity which continuously lack of it have discouraged many patients to visit

the facility. The maternity could be moved to isolation wards which are spacious, offer privacy and have self-draining floors.

7) Facilitate the following so as to improve service delivery at the facility;

- 1) Prompt reimbursement of DANIDA funds on quarterly basis.
- 2) Proper provision of the following in various units;

Laboratory.

- 1) Bio-Chemistry machine to undertake full haemogram.
- 2) Designate a reception for the unit.
- 3) Ample storage space for lab equipment.
- 4) Autoclave machine to sterilize lab equipment.
- 5) A hood to manage fumes from reagents.

Maternity.

- 1) Moving the maternity to isolation wards to enhance privacy.
- 2) Ensuring that labor room has a self-draining floor.
- 3) Resuscitating machine and an oxygen cylinder.
- 4) Designating an observation room for new born.

Pharmacy.

- 1) Room for expansion.
- 2) Waiting bay.
- 3) Managing drugs stock outs.

8) Establish a dental care unit at the facility in line with the requirements of a level 3 hospital.

Mr. Speaker, I humbly request Honourable Members of this House to adopt this Motion.

At this point, I wish to call upon Hon. Boniface Mbau the Vice to second this Motion.

Thank you.

Hon. Boniface Mbau: Mr. Speaker, I am one of the Members that happened to visit Mitumbiri health centre. I want to confirm to the Members that even the road itself to Mitumbiri Health Centre is very pathetic. Mr. Speaker, we request to have a proper budget for that facility.

We visited the facility and found the building itself, it needs a lot of work especially the renovation. We request the House to support this Motion and have a proper budget for that.

I beg to second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes, honourable member for Kamahuha.

Hon. Kabera James: Thank you Mr. Speaker, as the Chair has said about this Health Centre, if we can take a lot of care to this Health Centre, I am sure the Health Committee will be very happy because this is a Health Centre that is very far from the level five hospitals. Most of the people from this place get a lot of problems accessing the level four or five hospital because as you can see all the way. The chair has said it is a lot kilometres, over 45kilometers and going up. If it is possible, we should put more resource to this Health Centre. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Member for Muguru.

Hon. Moses Muchiri: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion. It is good to support the Motion so that Mitumbiri Health Centre can have the additional staff. It is good to note that the issue of under staffing is cutting across almost all health centres across Murang'a County. It is good as we support for Mitumbiri Health Centre, also to come up with other measures because we know in our health facilities, they need additional health workers. Also, the assisting staff, they need cleaners and watchmen. Because most of them do not have the required staff. Even in my ward, Muguru ward. If you go to Kangema you will find many dispensaries and you will find the only staff employed is a nurse. There are no cleaners, there is no health recorders, and there is no watchman. You find them in a very bad condition.

Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Member for Kanyenya-ini.

Hon. Grace Nduta: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion and I have a few issues to add. I urge the Honourable House to support the Motion and also urge the executive and the County Government to put more effort to the health services in our county. I have worked in a health facility before and the things I see here that lacked in Mitumbiri dispensary quite a disturbance. For example, if a dispensary does not have a biochemistry machine to undertake a

haemogram. This is a very important test; this is a blood test that checks the operations of the whole body. If that is not there and even if that patient is treated it will be a half-baked treatment. I can also see sterilizing lab equipment. I don't want to imagine a patient being attended with machines that are not well sterilized. I have also seen there is no facility for resuscitation. This is where a person when you get to a health facility and is almost losing life and there is a way you can resuscitate that soul. This happens mostly happens to child who convulse and even mature people.

I would want to urge this Honourable House to be very serious on Motions that concern health. A healthy nation is a wealthy nation. I will also urge the executive of this county to be serious on matters health and to allocate more fund to our health facilities and to be more vigilant and observe of matters medicine, equipment and all things that help human beings to survive.

Mr. Speaker, I support the Motion.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Honourable Member for gender top up, Hon. Gladys Waikau.

Hon. Gladys Waikau: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I stand to support this report. Having gone through it I have seen there is a problem in the maternity. Being a mother, I know what goes on in the maternity. I feel that the facility is in a pathetic situation and I would like to request that this facility be supported because we would not like to lose our mothers and children in the maternity wards. We want to have healthy babies. I support. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes, Honourable Member from Kariara.

Hon. Gichobe Clement: I come from Gatanga consistency and I am privileged to work before in Mitumbiri in a different capacity so I understand that areas pretty well and I know the situation on the ground. I want to congratulate the Health Committee and their Chair for the good Report that they have presented. I have gone through the Report and I have seen the recommendations that you have made and Mr. Speaker I can confirm that this will come in handy and will go a long way in helping the people of Kakuzi Mitumbiri because this is one of the areas that are referred to as marginalized. In our County.

Mr. Speaker, if you visit the area and you see the road network in the area and you also consider the proximity to the health facilities, I will tell you without fears of contradiction that the

people of Mitumbiri are in dire need of a working Healthy sector. The health facility in that area are in bad condition if any are available anyway, because this is an area that has been marginalized for a long time. It is not a very populated area and it is my guess and I do not know whether this is one of the reasons it has been abandoned for many years. Through this Report I can now see light at the end of the tunnel. Therefore, I support and once again congratulate the Health Committee for the good work you are doing and I will urge them to continue doing so in other parts of the county. Unless the committee goes to these areas that were unreachable before some of these issues may not be highlighted well enough. So, the more the committee goes to the ground and finds real issues, the more we are going to be able to come up with solutions. So Mr. Speaker, I support.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): I saw the member for Gitugi before the other Members, so Member for Gitugi, continue.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: I stand to support the Motion, however there are some issues that I would like to raise on the same Report. It is good to realize that according to the World Health organization in the definition of health, Mr. Speaker I am addressing the House.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Honourable Member, the Speaker is able to multi task.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: I proceed, Honourable Speaker, I said that I stand to support the Motion but I also need the Members to know that according to the World Health Organization, the definition of health does not really mean the absence of pathogens in our bodies but it also entails even the mental health. In this case the committee which has done a very good job should go ahead and talk about mental issues because what they are limiting themselves is on Maternity and the normal things that we see in hospitals but we need to incorporate mental issues because this is among the things disturbing a number of our population.

Again Mr. Speaker, the issue of laboratory, it means if we do not have a laboratory in any hospital, it really infringes on the right of the community, we cannot just go to a hospital or a counter and be given drugs without any test being done. Mr. Speaker, in this case, I suggest as we adopt this Motion it is good to work more and see to it that there is budgetary allocation for these

hospitals to see to it that these issues particular the laboratories we have those machines to take care of our people.

I also think about the maternity, what I have given here is really challenging we can see the rating is 30% meaning that most ladies on that side have a problem, they may be giving birth along the roads as they go to Maragua. Or some other level 5 hospital we need to make sure that this facility has good equipment to enable our mothers to give birth without issues and I believe when we do that, we are going to raise our maternity issues from 30 % to around 90%. I will request this Honourable House to maybe expunge, you go to page number 14 you realize that in their recommendation number three says organize a manner in which the facility could establish shops and kiosks for hire within its precincts, as a way of having an income generating project in the hospital. I stand to say that if we allow this and this is a public institution and a public institution should not do business. If we allow this to go as it is, and I request your office, let the committee expunge this, this will set a bad precedent because these institutions belong to the government. If I go to Gitugi and tell them that you can now start selling *Mandazis* here, the question now is who will be the manager of these Kiosks, who will be supervising these Kiosks, who will be collecting the money, are they the doctors? Are they the nurses? In this case if we adopt this. As we do representation, I will suggest and for me I go details by details and that is my problem. I look at the grey areas and I was trained in law that you have to check, in this case I will say that number 3 should be removed from this Report we are setting a very bad precedent for someone like me who would want to Hon. Mwangi you have done a very good job for your committee if only you make that rectification through the guidance of the Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): The Honourable Member for Gitugi, you have addressed the Chair Health as Doctor, he is not a doctor but an Honourable Member.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker for catching my eye and giving me an opportunity to contribute to this Motion. Mine is to thank this committee for the job well done and for the work they are doing in the entire county, barely 7 months they have visited most of our health facilities and this being one of our flagship projects, we thank the committee for the recommendations that they are coming with especially with this visit for Mitumbiri Health Centre in Kakuzi Ward.

(Hon. Steven Muigai rose on a point of order)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Point of order, but clearly quote the Order that has been violated.

Hon. Steven Muigai: Mr. Speaker I just rise to seek your indulgence, although I may not point out the exact order, I just seek to know whether it is in order for the Member to claim that you have caught his eye.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Honourable Member the Speaker looked at the Member for township, I think the Honourable Member wanted to inform you that you did not catch the eye of the Speaker, the Speaker does not catch your eye it is the Member who catches the eye of the Speaker.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Honourable Speaker for that correction it is well noted, Mr. Speaker, as I continue contributing to this Motion. Mine is to urge this committee whatever kind of recommendation that they have given are very good recommendations and now that we are formulating the budget for 2023/2024, I urge these Members all these recommendations they have given; they make sure that we have enough allocation in order for the CEC to implement this. Also to the Implementation Committee it is now your work that these recommendations directed to the CEC it is now the work of the implementation committee to make sure that they see the implementation for these good recommendations for this committee. Members I also request you to support this Motion.

Hon. John Ngugi: I rise to support this report, first the recommendation on the accession of this health centre to a level 4 hospital. Mr. Speaker, you are aware the geographical constitution of this county. The County is subdivided into sub counties and we have 9 sub counties. Gatanga constituency is a vast constituency, in deed Gatanga constituency is the largest constituency in terms of square kilometres in Murang'a. We have the upper Gatanga and the Kakuzi Mitumbiri sub county. Mr. Speaker, you realize that Gatanga is the only sub county that does not have two level 4 hospitals and we now have a regime that wants to bring equity in the affairs of this county and it is only fair that Gatanga being one of the biggest constituencies in Murang'a County gets its rightful share of the county revenues.

Mr. Speaker you also understand that the road network in Kakuzi Mitumbiri are pathetic and the distances to other referrals are quite huge as enumerated by the committee have Kirwara which is almost 40 Kilometres and Maragua is 46 kilometres away. If this health centre was elevated into a level 4 hospital it would help the people of Kakuzi Mitumbiri area, the people of Ithanga and also the people of Makuyu and lower Kambiti to access healthcare.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to cite that in support of this Report I have not given any bird neither have I faced censure, so I support this Report on my own freewill thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Honourable Member you could have elaborated; we are not aware whether there is any Member who have been coerced maybe apart from what the mover is trying to persuade the Members. Please clarify. You are on record.

Hon. John Ngugi: I said so because I heard that in different committees' Members were given birds so that they can ...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Hon. Member, you are out of order. Remember what we are debating today will be retrieved a hundred years. So I think those are allegations. Hon. Member you are out of Order, kindly Hon. Member resume your seat.

Hon. John Ngugi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I oblige.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): It is good Hon. Members as we debate, it is good for us maybe to note that once you make allegations to Hon. Members, it might look like a joke but it normally goes on record. And it is always good for us when we are debating may be to try as much as possible to remain Honourable in our debate. Because we might implicate other Members on hearsay. So, something that has not proved it is good for us maybe we be observing democracy in debate Hon. Members. Hon. Member, the Speaker is never ruled out of Order. Hon. Member for Kakuzi/Mitubiri.

Hon. Steven Muigai: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am a Member for Kakuzi/Mitumbiri where the said facility lies. I will move with the same spirit that is in the House today of supporting the Motion. First of all in recognizant of the Health Act of 2017 which clearly spells out that health care is supposed to be given to all which should be emergency and even the specialized care.

I would like to give a short history of the mentioned health facility because I have grown up in the area and my mum tells me that during her prenatal care when I was still in her womb, she

used to visit the facility when it was still a dispensary. In my imagination I would have thought for the years that I have lived in this world this facility would have evolved from being a dispensary...

(Hon. Charles Machigo passed in front of the Member contributing to the debate)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Hon. Members, because we say every day is a learning day, there is no Member who is supposed to pass in between the Chair and the Member on the Floor. Just to note, what the Hon. Member for township has done, it is good for us to note between the presiding Chair and the Member who is on the Floor. Continue, that was just for noting and learning.

Hon. Steven Muigai: Ofcourse that caused some disruptions but I will still continue Mr. Speaker.

I was saying this facility in my view should have been up lifted or given some face lift to either a level 4 hospital by now seeing the years that it has been in existence. Mr. Speaker, we are talking about a facility that is serving over 7000 households in Mitumbiri area. We are talking about a facility that is serving over 2000 students who are in a few meters proximity from the facility.

And Mr. Speaker looking at the Report that has been tabled by the Health Committee which I sit in and participated, it tells you that it is really ailing, it is telling you that it is not really serving the purpose. If you look at Article 21 of the Health Act 2017 the responsibility that have been given to the government and allow me to mention the County Government is to protect, to promote and to fulfil all the health care needs to its population. And the fundamental duty that has been given to the state and knowing that this House is full of State Officers is to make sure that we give and we offer quality healthcare systems which will offer curative, preventive and even palliative care in our health facilities.

Through the Report you might have noted that it is said that the facility lacks water. Mr. Speaker if you happen to and that you enquire from your dictionary that the word lack means completely without. It goes ahead and says that sometimes may be available but not enough. In this case when we say lack, we mean not even a drop of water in that facility.

I hereby want to support this Motion and maybe persuade you that this doesn't just become a Motion like any other that we see, we follow-up to the implementation of this Report. Because I do not want to say much, allow me to also to say that we have suffered as Kakuzi or Mitumbiri ward. We have suffered the wrath of the boundaries review in every of the years that the activity has taken place and may be this is the reason why we have not been able to get proper attention from the Government be it County Government or the National Government.

It is my prayer; it is my hope that this Report is going to be adopted and it is going to be followed up to the implementation. Thank you so much Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Before I give the Member for gender top up I hope the concerns of the Member for Kakuzi/Mitumbiri, the Chair is the one to follow the implementation not the Speaker. I am sure he is taking some notes. Hon. Member for Gender top up.

Hon. Julian Njiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion and I urge Members to support it because by supporting this Motion it will be the first step of ensuring that very many hospitals in this County are going to be facilitated, they are going to get equipped in order to offer efficient services for the people of Murang'a. Also, statistically a maternity performing ten deliveries in a month is a very small number and considering that the hospital has two isolated wards, they only have beds and they do not have equipment, I urge Members to support this Motion so that those two wards can be sued as maternities. I stand to support.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): I now request the Mover to respond.

Hon. John Mwangi: Thank you Hon. Speaker. First, I would like to thank Members who have made their contributions to this Motion.

Secondly, I would like to congratulate my Committee because of the commitment and goodwill which they have shown for our County.

Thirdly, I would like to congratulate our Governor Hon. Irungu Kang'ata because he has shown a great effort. If we go around different hospitals from Maragua, Kirwara, Nyakianga we can see there are some renovations being done and new wards or facilities being constructed there. So, I congratulate him.

Then for the side of the kiosk, the point has been raised by the Member for Gitugi, once we sit down with my Committee and we will discuss about that point number three we will know how, either we will move or how it will be done.

I urge my Hon. Members to support this Motion to make our County more better from where we get it. Then Hon. Speaker, I would like to advise Hon. Member from Kakuzi this will not be the business like any other. I will make follow-up with my Committee and we will make sure what we have recommended has been fully implemented.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker: Honourable Members, that being the case, now this House stands adjourned until today May 2, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 10:50 a.m.