

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**THE HANSARD**

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018

The House met at 2:45 p.m.

*[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**STATEMENTS**

**REQUEST ON DEFILEMENT/**

**KILLINGS OF MINORS IN THE COUNTY**

**Hon. Lucy Ngugi:** Thank you Temporary Speaker, request for statement on defilement and killing of minors in the County. Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2) (c), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chairperson Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-Government on the following;

1. Is the Chairperson cognizant of the rampant cases of defilement and killings of minors in various parts of the County?
2. Can the Chairperson establish and furnish this Assembly with accurate data on reported cases of defilement and killings of minors in the County and the impact that these vices have had on families?
3. Further to this, can the Chairperson follow up on the status of reported cases and any legal action that has been taken up on the issue and report to this Assembly?
4. Finally, will the Chairperson inform this House, what the County Government Department of Education and Child Welfare is doing to ensure the safety of children enrolled in ECDE centers and if there are there any interventions being put in place to curb the vices?

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** Chairperson Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-Government.

**Hon. Waithira Ndung'u:** Thank you Temporary Speaker, I wish to request for 14 working days to come up with a comprehensive response on the---

*(Hon. Wambui Njoki rose on a point of order)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** What is your point of order? Have your seat Hon. Waithira Ndung'u.

**Hon. Wambui Njoki:** Is it in order for Hon. Moses Murigi to---- *(inaudible)* ----

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** Hon. Moses Murigi so that we can ensure there is no doubt just do the necessary, Hon Waithira Ndung'u you can proceed.

**Hon. Waithira Ndung'u:** Thank you Temporary Speaker I beg to repeat my statement. I wish to request for 14 working days to come up with a comprehensive response on the same

after liaising with the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of the department. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** Hon. Lucy Ngugi, are you okay with that?

**Hon. Lucy Ngugi:** That is okay, Temporary Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** 14 days granted next order.

RESPONSE ON THE  
DAIRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

**Hon. Jecinta Ng'ang'a:** Thank you Temporary Speaker, I request that you grant my Committee more time to compile a comprehensive response on the statement. The Committee is yet to receive a comprehensive response from the CECM but he is optimistic that if granted 14 more days a comprehensive response will be ready. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** 14 days granted.

TENTATIVE BUSINESS OF THE ASSEMBLY FROM  
THE WEEK COMMENCING TUESDAY JULY 10 TO  
THURSDAY JULY 12, 2018

**Hon. Elizabeth Mwangi :** Thank you Temporary Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2) (a), I beg to issue a Statement on the business that shall come before the Assembly for the period commencing Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 morning sitting we have Notice of Motion on: one, formulation of County boda boda ambulance policy, two, youth support in information communication and technology and three formulation of fishery policy.

On Tuesday July 10, 2018, schedule of Statements, it is notified that pursuant to the Standing Order 46(2)(a) and (c) the Speaker has approved the following requests for Statements on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018: one, request for Statement on the establishment of the Alcoholic drinks control fund. Two, notice of motion, establishment of cottage industries in wards, Notice of Motion, formulation of a County BodaBoda Ambulance policy, that is all for Tuesday afternoon

Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup> 2018, afternoon sitting, schedule of Statements, still in the Standing Order 46(2)(a) and (c) that The Speaker has approved the following Statements on Wednesday July 11, 2018: Statement, response to request for Statement on the laboratory services and clinical officers at Gitura and Kabati dispensaries. Two, request for Statement on Technical and Vocational Training Institutes TIVETs. Number three: Motion on youth support in Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

Now we come to Thursday July 12, 2018, afternoon sitting, still in the Standing Order 46(2)(a) and (c) and The Speaker approved, one request for Statement on landslides in Murang'a County. Two, Statement on tentative business of the Assembly for the week commencing Tuesday July 17 to Thursday July 19, 2018. Number 3 is a motion on formulation of Fisheries policies. Thank you Hon. Speaker

**MOTION****FORMULATION OF A COUNTY HOUSING POLICY**

**Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi:** I beg to move the following Motion;-

Aware that every person has the right to accessible and adequate housing pursuant to Article 43(1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, further aware that provision of affordable housing is one of the agendas of the national government, recognizing that County planning and development including housing is a devolved function pursuant to Part 2 (8) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, informed by the fact that the County has under-utilized land parcels in the major urban centres, concerned that Murang'a County only has 47 low grade and 13 middle grade houses as captured in the CIDP 2018-2022; this House urges the County Executive Member in charge of Land, Housing and Physical Planning to;-

1. Formulate a County housing policy to address housing standards, amenities access, spatial planning, drainage and waste management.
2. Develop low cost housing for the County residents living in informal settlements
3. Spearhead issuance of land ownership documents to enable private housing investments.

Thank you,

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** Do you have a seconder?

**Hon. David Macharia:** As it has been said by Hon. Gachuhi, housing is a big challenge in our County, I have come upon instances whereby maybe a developer is willing to develop a piece of land but due to the challenge of ownership that normally do not happen, a case in particular is where we have certificates instead of title deeds, it is actually a big challenge and you cannot put up a residential house in a certificate parcel of land unlike when you have a title deed.

**Hon. David Macharia:** So I think if this case is addressed we will be doing a lot to our County. I rise to second, thank you.

*(Question Proposed)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** Members the Floor is open for contributions.

**Hon. Sospeter Nyoko:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion as there are some few issues that need to be addressed. As a matter of fact the ownership of land hinders development because once you do not have a title deed of a plot, you cannot put up a good structure, which can be called a house. If all said can be done, this can enable people live in a decent manner and also the standards of living can be uplifted. Also some other people can come and invest in this county where they can build private houses for rental purposes. That one also can improve the livelihood of people in Murang'a County. When one comes from a good house that is an indication that also in your place of work you are going to perform better but when you come from a rainy and a house which is torn, then you will have hindrances which will make you not work in the best way. I stand to support, thank you.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** Thank you, Hon. Wambui Njoki.

**Hon. Wambui Njoki:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Issues to deal with land have been a thorn to the people of Murang'a especially on the issues of community land: it has remained to be an

issue on ownership. I would commend that Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi for bringing such a policy to this House.

Mr. Speaker, we need to settle the issues that are there in the ministry of Lands, there are so many issues in terms of inheritance of land so many communities are crying because they do not have title deeds. As much as we want to have a housing policy, we should try and integrate it with land policy so that we deal with matters inheritance, matters of widows whose land has been taken. We would recommend that the members of Lands Committee to investigate through the ministry of Lands, to know the cases that are pending in the land reclamation, either it could be community land or in terms of inheritance. We would like the Committee to tell us if they know the queries that are lying in the ministry of Lands so that as much as we want to have the County Housing policy, we should also integrate it with the issues lands; land ownership and settlement. I support.

**Hon. Milkah Ngare:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am a nominated Member of Murang'a County Assembly (MCA). I thank *Mheshimiwa* (honorable) Nahashon for this Motion and I am in full support of it. However, I kindly want a clarification on where you have a request to the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Land, Housing and Physical Planning to first formulate a County Housing Policy to address housing standards, amenities access, spatial planning, drainage and waste management. If he is to develop a policy for that, I would want to get a clarification if drainage and waste management are in his department or does it belong to Environment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** Yes Hon. Sarah.

**Hon. Sarah Njoroge:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am nominated to represent gender and my concern is on number three whereby the Committee is promising to deal with land ownership. In fact, it is a great concern for the people who own plots in the towns but the County Government still owns the land: you are given a lease. We have people in our area that have been given a lease but *imeandikwa* (written) Murang'a County. It was a concern for those Members who were telling us that we are the ones who represent them and requested that we tell the County Government to give the titles so that we may be able to develop the area and it will bring good development of the town.

I therefore urge the Chairman and Hon. Gachuhi who has brought the Motion to follow up on this. After we pass this Motion, please implement because it will be of great help and the town will be developed because there are so many plots that people have bought without titles. I stand to support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** Hon. Morris.

**Hon. Morris Thuku:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Kiru ward and I stand to support the Motion. I first echo the words of my fellow colleagues that housing matters go hand in hand with land matters. For this County to achieve low housing models, land matters need to be addressed thoroughly. Today, we are talking about housing policy and the Motion is timely since a low cost housing policy will ensure that the County provides alternative housing measures, especially to those families that live in informal sector, since we shall have monitoring and we shall involve experts.

The policy should explain on who should do the monitoring, experts that should do the work thereby ensuring that there is safety as we do the low cost housing. At the same time, the policy will ensure appropriate use of materials that is the construction knowledge through engaging different stakeholders in ensuring that as we deliver one of the agenda four of the

Jubilee Government, a policy is there to do the regulation. At the same time, prioritizing on subsidies and incentives will enhance construction of low cost housing and, therefore, encouraging investors to come to this County and, at the same time, improve on innovation in the kind of housing that we should do. I stand to support the Motion.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** Hon. Lucy, your hand was up sometimes back.

**Hon. Lucy Ngugi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to support the Motion and also, being in the Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement Committee, confirm that the Department of Land in the County has engaged and, in fact, issued quite a number of title deeds. I know that the MCA for Township ward can confirm about some of the places like Mjini where they have almost received all their title deeds. I support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** Yes, Mover you can respond.

**Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Members who have supported the Motion. I have taken the sentiments of each Member. About the land ownership, it has been an issue in our County and entire country because there have been succession issues that have been pending in our courts and in our lands registries. We shall have to pursue them and tell our CECM that we need these cases confirmed and solved once and for all so that these people can have their parcels to build their houses and continue developing our County and country.

**Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi:** *Mheshimiwa* (Honourable) Wambui you have talked about the pending cases and those are the ones that I have addressed.

*Mheshimiwa* (Honourable) Milkah, the issue of formulating a County housing policy to address housing standards, amenities, access, spatial planning, drainage and waste management . You see waste management passes on parcels of land and it involves the construction of the drainage systems so they must touch on the issue of lands. And again as we develop those houses, you see many people will be developing their houses and they shall require a comprehensive waste management system whereby it will be developed by our own County including the National Government. I hope I have answered you correctly.

The other one is *Mheshimiwa* (Honourable) Sarah, if you somebody who has a lease, he has a parcel of land, it is only that, it is their responsibility now, whoever has a lease to go and process their titles because with a lease or with an allotment letter that is a proof that, that parcel of land belongs to you, all you need to do is to go and process it with the land registrar in the various Ministry of land offices and you will get your titles. That one is as good as a parcel of land. I hope that is very clear.

The other issue, thank you *Mheshimiwa* (Honourable) Morris, because you have added an input that we should involve-----

*(Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni rose on a point of order)*

**Hon. Morris Thuku Gathoni:** I can see he is using Swahili and English at the same time, I stand to be guided Mr. Speaker sir.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ruoho Wangechi):** Like we ruled previously, to ensure that there is no doubt, use one language.

**Hon. Nahashon Gachuhi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I apologize for that, I am almost finishing, in fact I was even congratulating him and thanking him for giving us an input that we

should involve experts in the formulation of our policies so that we can do a good job for our people. Thank you Mr. Speaker and thank for everyone who has supported the Motion.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The House rose at 3:15 p.m.*