
REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 5th July 2023

The House met at 10:00 am.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanah Wairimu) in the Chair]

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

**REQUEST ON GAKIRA MARKET SECURITY LIGHTS, KANGEMA AND KARUGIA
TOWNS STREET LIGHTS AND MUGURU WARD HIGH MASTS**

Hon. Antony Marubu: I am standing on behalf of member for Muguru Ward Hon. Moses Muchiri. Honourable Speaker, I beg to issue the following Statement; that pursuant to Standing Order 46(2) (c), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chairperson Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee on the following; number one, is the Chairperson aware that Gakira market security lights, Kangema and Karugia towns street lights and high masts in Muguru Ward were turned off months ago due to pending electricity bills? Is he further aware that some have been stolen and others damaged due to lack of repair and maintenance?

Number two, is he aware that in the past few months, there has been increased insecurity resulting to reported murders, theft of business premises among other crimes due to lack of security lights? Number three, is the Chairperson cognizant that due to the prevailing darkness, businesses have been greatly affected especially bodaboda, taxi, matatu, shops and mama mboga sectors since they are forced to close early.

Number four, can the Chairperson clarify whether the County Executive has the capacity to repair, replace and maintain security lights, street lights and high masts in the mentioned areas and measures it has put in place.

Five, can he provide information on if the County Executive is able to clear pending electricity bill for the afore mentioned areas and plans in place to ensure it is done.

Six, can the Chairperson ascertain if the County Executive has the capacity to hire an electrician in Muguru Ward for managing electricity bills, monitoring, operating, repairing and maintaining of security and street lights in the mentioned areas. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker: (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): I have given 21 days to the chairperson Public Works, Road and Transport to respond to the Statement.

RESPONSE ON THE STATE OF MARAGUA LEVEL IV HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARIES IN THE COUNTY

Hon. John Kamau: We have a Report or a Statement for Maragua Level IV and dispensaries in Murang'a County, the Statement requested by Hon. John Munyua from Gaichanjiru Ward. We have a response from the CEC. The Committee received the response from the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health on April 18, 2023. The response addressed questions posed as follows: Is the Chairperson aware that Maragua Level IV hospital is in deplorable state in terms of service delivery? Is the Chairperson aware that Maragua Level IV hospital is in deplorable state in terms of service delivery? Response was, yes, I am aware of the challenges in the service delivery in Maragua sub-County hospital.

Is he also aware that on March 16, 2023, due to an unexplained occurrence, a lady by the name Caroline Wanjiku Murigi, lost her life at the facility during child delivery? Yes, I was aware, the national guidelines by Ministry of Health have been followed to the latter. The guidelines involve audit and reporting all maternal deaths in the country in confidential report to Ministry of Health.

Am I further aware that no action has been taken and no person has been held accountable since the incident occurred? The response; action has been taken concerning the death noting that maternal mortality audits are not criminal investigations by the health department, but are a thorough review of circumstances surrounding the death with an objective of preventing such further occurrences. No mother should lose life occasioned by human error during delivery or associated with delivery. Routine disciplinary procedures have been followed with the Human Resources (HR) department to identify if any of the clinical team member(s) were culpable.

Number four, is the Chairperson also alive to the fact that dispensaries and health centres in the County have no medicine? Response dispensaries and health centres have no medicine. This has been occasioned by exhaustion of the votes as per the item. Health products are accorded only Kshs450 million which is only 35% of the requirement translating to only four months of stocks and the rest (8

months) out of stock. During the process of appropriation in the supplementary budget, this was reduced to Kshs300 million, this was down from Kshs800 million in FY 2020/21 and Kshs1.1Billion in FY 2021/22.

Question number five; what action is the Chairperson undertaking to ensure that the above matters are addressed? Response; in regards to Maragua sub- County hospital, infrastructure rehabilitation and construction of wards, frontal parking area, gate and fence are already planned for, procurement process completed and contractor was handed over the site on April 19, 2023 so as to commence the said works.

Concerning lack of medicine in hospitals, the CECM Health pleads for additional budget in financial year 2023/2024. Recent quantification exercise conducted by the USAID across the county has realized that appropriate budget for health products was approximately Kshs1.3 billion per every financial year. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Next order.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF YOUTH, GENDER, CULTURE AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

Hon. Gathe Wa Njeri: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the sectoral Committee on Youth, Gender, Culture and Social Services on the welfare of persons living with disabilities in the County, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

Hon. Speaker, the hall mark of the Constitution of Kenya is the bill of rights which is one of the most elaborate and advanced in the universe. The chapter addresses rights of every Kenyan minus any biases. The rights there in are human rights and as the fate would have it, our society just like any other society across the globe we have differently abled amongst us. It is our obligation to protect and ensure that differently abled amongst us enjoy equal treatment, if not better than the fully abled humans. It is morally right to be concerned with welfare of the persons living with disabilities and it is legally binding to give them a friendly environment. Hon. Speaker, this triggered the Committee to address the welfare of persons living with disabilities in the County.

Hon. Speaker, Article 54 of the Constitution enumerates the following amongst others as rights granted to the persons living with disabilities;-

- a) A person with any disability is entitled to access education institutions and facilities for person with disability that are integrated in the society to the extent compactible with the interest of person.
- b) To a reasonable access to all places, public transport and information.
- c) To use sign languages, braille or any other appropriate means of communication and to access materials and deficiency to overcome constrains arising from the person living with disability.

The Committee focused on the following areas:

1. Access to education. Where it is noted that the right of education for people living with disability is facing challenges if not quickly addressed. The majority of them will be shut out of formal education.
2. Accessibility to public places and information. Majority of public amenities like markets, public offices and such facilities are not friendly to differently abled.

It is the mandate of the County Government to ensure before granting approval to building, the design cater to free and easy movement of persons living with disabilities. Further, most of public information is stored and can only be retrieved in a manner that is not friendly to people who are visually challenged. This is an area that require improvement.

The Committee made the following recommendations:-

1. That the County department of Social Welfare should withing 60 days from adoption of this Report sensitize and facilitate assessment of people living with disability and update their data base in line with the current subcounty.
2. It recommend that the CECM in charge of Youth Affairs and Culture and Social Services should within 90 days from the adoption of this Report initiate and collaborate agreement with the National Council of People With Disability to address the welfare of people living with disabilities in the country as per provision of part III of Persons With Disability Act, which emphasizes to education, special education and non-formal education with emphasis to health, access and mobility, public building sports and recreation.
3. It recommends that the CECM in charge of Youth Affairs, Culture and Social Services together CECM in charge of Trade should within 60 days after adoption of this Report identify sections of various markets within the County, rehabilitate them to be user friendly to persons who are differently abled and assign them to entrepreneurs with disability to carry out their businesses.

Similarly, they should ensure that all markets are accessible to differently abled persons. Finally, as I urge honorable members to support this Motion, let me conclude with a quote from Mahatma Gadhi “The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members.” I beg to move this Motion and I call Hon. Mwangi who is a member of Youth Committee to second the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. John Kamau: Thank you Madam Speaker, I congratulate the Committee for the good job that we done. We met our County in a very bad state, you well know there was no policy which was guiding people living with disability. As a Committee, I know we will work hard and join hands so that people in our society who have disability get better services. I can urge honorable members in this House when they go back there in their wards, they try to find those people living with disability and they have no cards, make sure they have registered for them to benefit with the services or the small amount being given by the county. I rise to support the Motion and urge honorable members to support this Motion.

Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Honorable members the Floor is open for debate.

(No debate arose)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): If there is no one to contribute I will put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT**NOTIFICATION OF SHORT RECESS**

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Hon. Members, I have a notification of short recess from today, Thursday July 6, 2023 to Monday July 24, 2023. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 29 and No. 30 relating to regular sessions and calendar of the Assembly, the Speaker notifies that upon the rise of the House today at the appointed time, regular sittings will resume on Tuesday July 25, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

The House rose at 10:20 a.m.