
REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 7th March 2023.

The Assembly met at 9:50 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha) in the Chair]

PRAYER
PAPERS

**REPORT OF LIAISON COMMITTEE ON WORKSHOP HELD FOR
CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE WORKPLANS AND BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR
FY 2022/2023**

Hon. Gachui Mungai: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, March 7, 2023; -

The Report of the Liaison Committee on a workshop held in Nairobi for consideration of Committee work plans for Financial Year (FY) 2022/2023 and budget allocations for the third and fourth quarters and modalities of tracking business. Thank you.

(Hon. Gachui Mungai laid the Paper on the Table)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Next Order.

**REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE ON A
CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP**

Hon. Samson Ngigi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly;-

Report of the sectoral Committee of Public Works, Roads and Transport on a capacity building workshop held in Nairobi from November 25 to 27, 2022. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Yes Hon. Engineer, please lay the Paper on the Table.

(Hon. Samson Ngigi laid the Paper on the Table)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Next Order.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE ON
INDUCTION WORKSHOP.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper; -
The Report of the sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee on
induction workshop held from November 29, 2023 to December 01, 2023. Thank you.

(Hon. Charles Machigo laid the Paper on the Table)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Next Order.

NOTICES OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF LIAISON COMMITTEE ON WORKSHOP HELD FOR
CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE WORKPLANS AND BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR
FY 2022/2023

Hon. Gachui Mungai: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following
Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Liaison Committee, on a workshop held for
consideration of committee work plans for FY 2022-2023 and budget allocations for the 3rd and
4th quarter and modalities of tracking business laid on the Table of the Assembly today, March 7
2023.

Thank you.

NOTING THE CONTENTS OF REPORT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND
FISHERIES COMMITTEE ON INDUCTION WORKSHOP.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to give notice of the following
Motion;-

That, this Assembly notes the contents of the Report of the sectoral Committee on
Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on induction workshop held from November 29, 2022 to
December 1, 2022, laid on the Table of the Assembly today, March 7, 2023.

Thank you.

NOTING THE CONTENTS OF REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND
TRANSPORT COMMITTEE ON A CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

Hon. Samson Ngigi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give the following notice of Motion;-

That, this Assembly notes the contents of the Report of the Sectoral Committee on Public
Works, Roads and Transport on a capacity building workshop held in Nairobi, laid on the Table
of the Assembly today, March 7, 2023.

Thank you.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE ON A TRAINING ON STRENGTHENING OF HEALTH SERVICES IN KENYA AND THE ROLE OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE COUNTY.

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

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of sectoral Committee on Health Services on training on strengthening of health services in Kenya and the role of Health Services Committee in the County, undertaken at Eastern and Southern African Management Institute (ESAMI), Nairobi, laid on the Table of the Assembly on February 28, 2023.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to introduce the Motion by saying that, the overall objective of conducting the training at ESAMI was to increase the capacity of the County Health Committees through know-how to effectively play their role in providing oversight and thereby increasing accountability of the institutions which they oversee, thereby, steering counties towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

County Health Services Committees were found to have a critical role towards strengthening health systems in the entire country. Health Services Committees especially from the central region could champion in their respective health facilities for better procurement of drugs, collective acquisition of equipment which would save costs, sharing of having common specialists in various medical fields. The trainings were being conducted in clusters whereby Murang'a was grouped together with Nyeri and Kirinyaga County.

Mr. Speaker Sir, through support from statistics; health outcome indicators in Kenya which were observed to have been deteriorating in the 1990s have improved over time as demonstrated in the Kenya Demographic Health Survey. For instance, there was a reported decline in infant mortality rate from 52 to 39 with respect to child under five declining from 74 to 52 per 1000 live births in the period between 2009 and 2014.

Other milestones achieved since independence in health sector are in reforms such as; increased enrolment in National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) in terms of households, free maternity services through Linda Mama programme especially in various public hospitals and launching of Universal Health Care programme, aimed at improving primary health care in counties; undertaking health care financing reforms through NHIF premiums, private insurance and donations, grants and aids; improved pooling to public resources such as NHIF, Ministry of Health, sub-pools such as Linda Mama programmes.

There are however some of the gaps identified in the County health sector such as following;

1. From July 2021 onwards, there were only 9,084,780 individuals and 2,300,439 households which were covered and 38,479,515 individuals, nine million without health cover countrywide. 88.8% of the above who are in formal sector are under NHIF.
2. Medical personnel and other staff in public health services are faced with low morale while performing their duties. This contributes to poor performance of their duties especially when attending the patients.

3. There were cited challenges in procurement of medicine and other pharmaceuticals in the counties.
4. Health Services Committees of County Assemblies had not conducted numerous benchmarking especially to best performing counties in matters health care.

Mr. Speaker Sir, health services in counties could be strengthened further by eliminating existing gaps through the following recommendations out of the presentations made during the training;

1. The County Executive Member for Health should ensure the following is undertaken;
 - i. Making National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) contributions mandatory amongst residents in the County.
 - ii. Hold consultations with the County Executive Member (CECM) for Finance and Economic Planning to ensure that a fund is set aside in every annual budget. This would provide insurance medical fund to County residents who are unable to enroll for one due to financial challenges.
 - iii. Hospitals are empowered to procure independently. The Member should also work towards ensuring that other medical suppliers other than Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) are sought so as to improve on efficiency and effectiveness in procurement process.
 - iv. The County Executive Members for Health and Sanitation especially in the central region should look forward to establishing a diagnostic center for instance a common regional laboratory among others. This would cut costs on personnel operating in other facilities which are part of the region.
 - v. Health Services Committees of County Assemblies in collaboration with County departments of health should conduct numerous benchmarking exercises to best performing counties in matters health.
 - vi. The county government should empower community health volunteers in terms of trainings and remunerations. This is to facilitate them to undertake proper outreach services to the local community.

I humbly request the Honourable Members of this House to adopt the Motion. At this point I wish to call Honourable Member Boniface Mbau the Vice Chairperson of this Committee to second this Motion.

Hon. Boniface Mbau: Mr. Speaker I beg to second the Motion. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honourable Members the Floor is now open for debate.

(No debate arose)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): In absence of debate, I call the mover to respond.

Hon. John Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to thank all Members for accepting this Motion. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you Honourable Members, there being no other business, this House now stands adjourned until this afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 10:08 a.m.