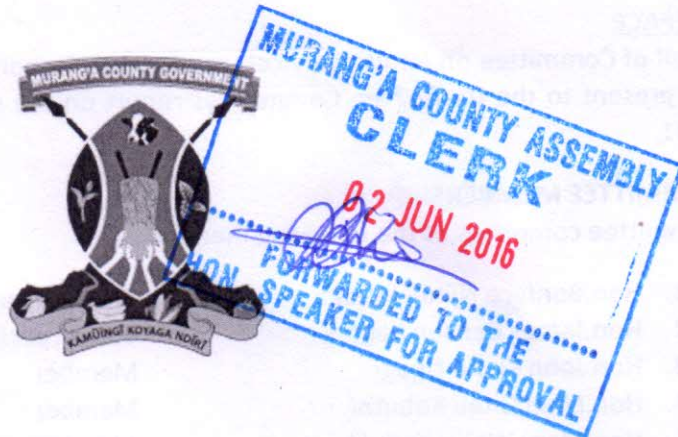


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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MURANG'A

THE FIRST ASSEMBLY

FOURTH SITTING (2016)

THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES

REPORT ON STATE OF KAMAHUHA DISPENSARY MFL NO.10441

27 APRIL 2016

## **REPORT ON KAMAHUHA DISPENSARY**

### **1.0 PREFACE**

On behalf of Committee on Health Services, pursuant to Standing order No. 191, 5(g), it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committees report on the state of state of kamahuha dispensary MFL no.10441.

### **1.1 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

This committee comprises of the following members:-

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| 1. Hon.Bonface Njihia Mbogo   | Chairperson   |
| 2. Hon.James Benson Kagoni    | V.Chairperson |
| 3. Hon.John Kiarie Ngugi      | Member        |
| 4. Hon.Eliud Gitau Kabuthi    | Member        |
| 5. Hon.Mary Watiri Kariuki    | Member        |
| 6. Hon.Peter Mweri Maina      | Member        |
| 7. Hon.Peter Murigi Ngugi     | Member        |
| 8. Hon. James Njoroge Kariuki | Member        |
| 9. Hon Peter Kariuki Njogu    | Member        |

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Hon .John Njoroge Gitau   | -Mca Kamahuha Ward         |
| 2. Mrs.Faith Wangui          | -Nurse Incharge            |
| 3. Mr.Duncan Njoroge Gitau   | -Facility Manager          |
| 4. Mr.David Mungai Ngigi     | -Committee Treasurer       |
| 5. Mr.Samuel Marubu          | -Facility Committee member |
| 6. Mrs.Mary Wanjiku Kariuki  | -Facility Committee member |
| 7. Mrs.Poly Kimani Kanyi     | -Facility Committee member |
| 8. Mrs.Janet Wanjiru Ngugi   | -Facility Committee member |
| 9. Mr,Peter Ndung'u Mbugua   | -Facility Committee member |
| 10. Mrs.Jane Wairimu Ndung'u | -Facility Committee Member |

### **COMMITTEE STAFF**

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| 1. Mr.Reuben Maina | - Assistant Clerk |
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### **1.3 COMMITTEE MANDATE**

The Departmental Committee on Health and Water Services derives its mandate from provisions of standing order 191 (5) which outline functions of the

1. Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned Ministries and departments;
2. Study the programme and policy objectives of Ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
3. Study and review all legislation referred to it;
4. Study, assess and analyze the relative success of the Ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
5. Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned Ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House;

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- 6. To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 204 (Committee on Appointments) ; and
- 7. Make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

Further, Pursuant to Standing Order 195, the Committee on Health Services is mandated all matters related to county health services, including, in particular county health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care, licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public, cemeteries, funeral parlours and crematoria.

**1.4 Acknowledgements**

- a) The Committee wishes to sincerely thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Murang'a County Assembly for the necessary support extended to it in the execution of its mandate.
- b) The Chairperson takes this opportunity to thank Committee Members for their diligence and commitment to making this exercise successful.
- c) The Committee wishes to record its appreciation for services rendered by the Committee Clerk attached to the Committee his efforts and input made the work of the Committee and production of this Report possible.
- d) Committee wishes to extend special acknowledgement to Kamahuha dispensary Nurse incharge and their other staff, Health facility Committee members who warmly received and cooperated very well with the Committee members in all aspects of data collection.
- e) It is now my pleasant duty on behalf of the Sectoral Committee to present this report for adoption by this house.

Thank you.

SIGN  DATE .....

**HON. BONIFACE NJIHIA MBOGO**  
**CHAIRPERSON HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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### **2.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

Health is an essential component of human development and it is enshrined in the Kenya Constitution of 2010, Committee on Health Services has made deliberate efforts toward improving and strengthening Health systems in Murang'a County.

### **2.1 BACKGROUND**

During Assembly plenary sitting held on Thursday March 10 2016 Hon. John Njoroge Gitau requested for a Statement from the Chairperson, Health Services Committee on the following:

1. Whether Murang'a County Government was aware that there is serious need to for maternity Wards at Kamahuha Dispensary which was the only Dispensary in the entire Kamahuha Dispensary.
2. That the maternity division was started over 5 Years ago and had not been completed
3. When will it be completed given the dire need?
4. When will an ambulance be assigned to the facility to serve the vast area?
5. Why is the Dispensary not upgraded to operate for 24 hours given population it serves, road conditions especially during rainy season and the fact that there is no other Health facility anywhere near?

The Committee resolved to forward the Statement requested in the Assembly to the County Executive Member in charge of Health and Sanitation, this was in order for her to investigate on the matter.

The County Executive Member responded in form of a correspondence and submitted the following before the committee:

- A. That the County Government was aware there was need for maternity Wards at Kamahuha Dispensary that was started 5 Years ago and has not been completed However budget has been done on the same and it will be factored in FY 2016/17.
- B. The maternity was not yet operational due to a number of uncompleted works
- C. An Ambulance for Kamahuha was not in the priority list, since there is one stationed in the neighbouring Hospitals (Makuyu and Maragua)
- D. On upgrading and being operational for 24 hours, the Health and Sanitation Department would wish for such operational, however, this is determined by Finances. Translated into more workforce meaning an increase in the wage bill and medical commodities, thus required for the County Assembly to increase budgetary allocation for the Department.

Following the submission of response to statement Committee resolved to visit the facility on April 25 2016 for a fact finding mission.

### **3.0 ENGAGEMENT WITH NURSE INCHARGE AND FACILITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

Committee visited Kamahuha Dispensary where they engaged the Nurse in charge and facility Committee members who submitted the following before the Committee:

- I. That Kamahuha Dispensary is the only facility in the entire Kamahuha ward.
- II. That the construction of maternity wing was started on January 7<sup>th</sup> 2003 through community contribution and goodwill, later the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) came in and it has been a sole financier.
- III. That the facility attends to minimum number of not less than 150 patients per day.
- IV. That the facility's maternity wing is not yet in use due to the following:
  - a. There is no water supply to the facility.
  - b. The facility does not have maternity equipment and appropriate furniture.

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- c. All doors are made of low quality timber hence they are all warped and cannot be locked properly.
- d. The paint used in the entire building was water soluble and hence it fades easily
- e. The hand washing basins are of substandard since they are the normal house wash hand basins.
- f. There were no worktops in the delivery room.
- g. The sluice was substandard.
- h. The floor had no tiles for easy cleaning.
- i. No instant shower or any hot water facility.
- j. There was no placenta pit
- k. The cubicles were not adequately ventilated and lighted.

### **3.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND CHALLENGES FACING KAMAHUHA DISPENSARY**

1. Inadequate personnel-Facility had only 2 Nurses, 3 support staff and 1 lab technician taking care of the entire Kamahuha Ward.
2. Committee noted poor infrastructure –There was poor fencing, open walkways and existence of Asbestos roof that are dangerous to human health.
3. Inadequate supply of Non.pharmaceuticals and drugs-FY 2015/2016 facility only received 2 quarter supplies.
4. Water shortage-This was caused due to lack of water storage equipment.
5. Patient's congestion-Committee noted the dispensary had congested space/rooms for consultation and general administration of patients.
6. Incomplete Maternity wing-As far as Health matters are concerned Committee noted with a lot of distress that lack of maternity services was a major problem facing residents of Kamahuha ward.
7. Road networks was observed as the major determinant of access to Health Services in Kamahuha ward-Most of patients prefer to seek medical service in Makuyu Health Centre which is at the neighboring Ward.

### **4.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Following the various information gathered and consultative meetings held, the Committee makes the following recommendations to this honorable House

1. That, Kamahuha dispensary which is the only facility in Kamahuha Ward should be upgraded to a Health Centre with a 24hours operating schedule although it requires additional face lift, the facility meets all the requirements as outlined in the National Health Act 2014.
2. That, C.E.M in charge of Health and Sanitations to ensure sufficient and equitable supply of Non-pharmaceuticals and drugs in all Health Facilities in Murang'a County.
3. To be able to offer prompt and efficient service, there is need for more staff to be employed in Kamahuha Dispensary. These should include two nurses, and one Pharmacists
4. That the Committee on Budget and Appropriation to allocate funds to cater completion of maternity wing which requires substantive renovations/makeover with respect to the tiling the floor, painting of walls, replacement of Asbestos roof, and putting up walkways roofs.
5. That, C.E.M in charge of Health and Sanitations should ensure involvement of the Nurse incharge,Support staff and Facility health Committee in decision making process regarding renovations /construction of new structures within their respective facility.

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6. The facility serves large catchment area and lack of enough water and water storage facilities makes the facility unhygienic, the CEM In charge of Health and Sanitation should ensure that enough water is supplied as soon as possible.
7. That there is dire need to establish another facility in Kamahuha ward this will help the populations of far end of Kamahuha ward who often are forced to seek medical services from facilities in the neighboring wards.

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1. The facility personnel - staff and support staff and I had a discussion during the site visit regarding the facility's water supply.
2. Committee noted poor infrastructure - there was poor lighting, open walkways and existence of asbestos roof that are dangerous to human health.
3. Inadequate supply of non-pharmaceutical and drug - by 10:00 AM, only received 1 quarter supply.
4. Water shortage - this was caused due to lack of water storage tank.
5. Patient's congestion - committee noted the dispensary had congested queue for consultation and limited administration of patients.
6. Inadequate staff - as far as health matters, the committee noted with a lot of distress that lack of primary services was a major problem facing residents of Kamahuha ward.
7. Good network was observed as the major determinant of access to health services in Kamahuha ward - most of patients prefer to seek medical services in Kamahuha Health Centre which is at the neighboring ward.

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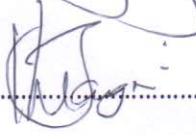
- Following the various information gathered and consultative meetings held, the Committee makes the following recommendations to the responsible bodies:
1. That Kamahuha dispensary which is the only facility in Kamahuha ward should be upgraded to a health centre with a 24-hour operating service. Although it requires additional fee, the facility meets all the requirements as outlined in the National Health Act 2014.
  2. That CEM in charge of health and sanitation to ensure sufficient and equitable supply of non-pharmaceutical and drug in Kamahuha Health Centre.
  3. To be able to offer prompt and efficient service, there is need for more staff to be employed in Kamahuha Dispensary. The staff should include two nurses and one pharmacist.
  4. That the Committee on Budget and Appropriation is allocated funds to cover completion of necessary work which includes asbestos removal, replacement of roof, and painting up outdoor work.
  5. That CEM in charge of health and sanitation should ensure involvement of the ward residents, staff and facility health committee in decision making process regarding renovation/reconstruction of new structures within the facility.

5.0 APPENDIX

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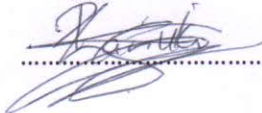
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