

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANGA COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 2nd May 2017

The House met at: 2:31 p.m.

(Temporary Speaker Hon. Beth Nguni in the Chair)

PRAYERS

MOTION

**ADOPTION OF REPORT OF THE HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE ON THE
STAKEHOLDERS MEETING TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY LED TOTAL
SANITATION PROJECT (CLTS)**

Hon. Boniface Njihia: Honourable Speaker I beg to move the following motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the report of the Health Services committee on the stakeholders meeting held on December 14, 2016, at Nokras Hotel, to discuss the Community Led Total Sanitation Project (CLTS) being Implemented in Gatanga sub-county under the Kenya Sanitation and Hygiene Improvement Project (K-SHIP) laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday February 14, 2017.

Hon. Speaker, following an invitation from the County Executive Committee (CEC) member on health to attend a stakeholders meeting at Nokras where issues regarding sanitation in this county were discussed, the committee attended and came up with following report.

The meeting had several objectives among them to update the stakeholders on the Community Led Total Sanitation Project (CLTS) being implemented in Gatanga sub-county. We also prepared the Community Led Total Sanitation work plan and the formation of implementation structures.

We also discussed on how we can accelerate the implementation of the said project to include the other sub- counties.

Number four is to solicit for the support of County Assembly in funding the Community Lead Total Sanitation activity.

Hon. Speaker most of the time when we get the water borne diseases; it is because of poor sanitation in the county and the county tends to use a lot of funds and resources when we try to cure these diseases.

When we think about sanitation in this county, we tend to believe that it is always good to prevent rather than cure. We, therefore, together with the County Executive Committee (CEC) member discussed many activities with regard to sanitation in our county.

The status of the CLTS project in Murang'a is as follows; that, in 2011, the government of Kenya wrote a project proposal by AMREF for funding of the sanitation project. Currently, the project is being implemented in 11 counties within Kenya, and Murang'a is one of those counties.

In Murang'a, the project is being implemented in Gatanga sub-county as a pilot project to see whether we can implement the sanitation and hygiene improvement project in that sub-county. With time, it is going to be extended to other areas. We also have the objective of training the residents on the use of the locally available materials to construct and maintain hygienic toilets.

Hon. Speaker, you tend to see that there are many areas in our county whereby some homesteads lack proper way of disposing their waste products. There are areas where you will find homesteads with no toilets and that leads those people to defecate in open areas and when the rains come; these waste products are carried to the streams leading to waterborne diseases. Those are some of the areas that we are trying to cater so that we can eradicate the open defecation in most areas and that is why we have started with that area.

During that meeting, we deliberated many things to see to it that the right of sanitation for this community has been achieved. We looked at some areas to see how things have been in other parts of the country so that we can implement them in our county.

We saw that in the year 2011, the government of Kenya, aimed at eradicating open defecation in the country. In the period between 2011 to 2013, open defecation rural Kenya framework was developed with the objective of guiding the country attain 100% open defecation free status by 2013.

That framework was also meant to accelerate achievement of MDG No. 7 on ensuring environmental sustainability.

The framework was based on the Kenya National and Hygiene Policy, 2010 to 2014 as a result of national campaign on open defecation in rural Kenya.

That the implementation of the project goals was to make the country Kenya, free from open defecation. Attaining of the Millennium Development Goals No.7 was missed.

Out of the targeted 59,591 villages only 12,073 villages, that is 2% were delivered to be open defecation free. This decimal percent was attributed to the change of implementing environment in enhancing of the Kenya Constitution 2010 which placed sanitation as a devolved function.

I will not want to go to the country level but in Murang'a county I would like to say that there are several areas we need to look at so that we can know the way forward and ensure our county is free from diseases that are being got as a result of unhygienic behaviours.

As the forward the committee and the Executive concluded that the county public health should prepare county Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) road map budget for 2016/2017.

I want to urge the members in this House that we need money so that we can be able to lobby for this program to cover other sub-counties so that we can be able to see that those kinds of diseases are prevented before they get to the 'Wanjiku'.

We also have to see that the road map and implementation is sent to the County Assembly Finance and Planning committee for allocation of the funds in the county budget estimates for 2017/2018.

The sub-county health officers should involve the Members of the County Assembly during implementation of the Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) activities in different areas where they are working.

All sub-counties should accelerate CLTS activities to enable the county attain Open Defecation Free (ODF) by 2020, that is part of performance contracting which each health officers will be expected to deliver three villages to be open defecation free.

With those few remarks, those are the major issues that we can be able to work on with the Executive and the Assembly. We will be able to see that most of these killer diseases like typhoid, amoeba and others resulting out of taking contaminated foods will be eliminated. You can remember that time when there was cholera outbreak in our county due to waterborne diseases. This was due to lack of proper sanitation.

I urge the members of this Assembly to support this motion so that we can set up the fund and ensure that we do not exhaust our resources in treating these diseases. I call upon hon. Eliud Gitau to second this motion.

Hon. Eliud Gitau: I second the motion

(Question proposed)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth Ngugi): Since there is no response, let the mover respond

Hon. Boniface Njihia: I presume that silence means consensus so that we can deal with this menace.

I am glad that this Assembly supports this motion and we will work together to implement this program so that we can move forward.

I rest my case smiling that the county will move forward as we work with the County Executive Committee (CEC) member

(Question put and agreed to)

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

PAPER LAID

MURANG'A COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/2018

Hon. Joseph Ndung'u: I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today Tuesday, 2nd May 2017;-

The Murang'a county government (county executive and County Assembly) Budget Estimates for the financial year 2017/2018.

Thank you Madam Speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Beth Ngugi): There being no other business this House stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 2:48p.m.