



## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA

### OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2020.  
The House met at 2:53p.m

*[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu) in the Chair]*

### PRAYERS

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Have your seats.

*(Loud consultations)*

Yes Clerk?

### STATEMENTS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT BY HON. AMRIYA JUMA TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION ON RISING CASES OF TEENAGE PREGNANCIES IN MOMBASA COUNTY

Yes Hon. Amriya?

**Hon. Amriya Juma:** *[Inaudible]*.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Use your microphone.

**Hon. Amriya Juma:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing order number 31, I wish to bring a Statement and request the Chairperson on Education to respond on whether the department is aware of the rising cases of teenage pregnancies in Mombasa that have been out in the media amounting to over 2,500 cases and what the County is doing about it. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Yes, any Member from Education Committee? Yes Hon. Charles Kitula.

**Hon. Kitula:** Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika. Kama Kamati ya hili Bunge tukufu, hatuwezi kujadili hoja kutokana na mitandao ya kijamii; kama kuna ushahidi, tuweze kujadili zaidi, lakini mambo ya mitandao ni sehemu ya *propaganda* nyingi.

Atuelezee ni kama imetoka katika Wizara husika; kama ni USAID, kuna mashirika ambayo yanatambulika kiserikali tutaweza kuichambua kupitia sehemu hizo lakini mitandao Mheshimiwa Spika kuna *propaganda* nyingi katika mitandao. Ahsante.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Yes Hon. Raphael Bwire?

**Hon. Bwire:** Shukran Mheshimiwa Spika. Mheshimiwa Spika Waswahili husema lisemwalo lipo, na haya maneno yamezungumziwa sana katika vyombo vya habari vinavyo heshimika na inakuwa ni jukumu la sisi kama wawakilishi na mwakilishi tayari amelea swala hilo katika hili Bunge. Inakuwa ni jukumu la idara husika Mheshimiwa Spika kuchukua jukumu hilo kuhakikisha kama maneno haya yanayozungumzwa ni ya ukweli na ni jukumu letu kama wawakilishi. Huwezi kusema kwamba yale ni maswala ya vyombo vya habari sasa tusiyazungumze. Shukran.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Yes Hon. Kitula, you want to respond?

**Hon. Kitula:** Mheshimiwa Spika nataka nieleweke vizuri. Mimi ni Mwanachama wa Elimu na pia niko na dada zangu Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti lakini kuhusiana na swala hilo hilo nataka Wanachama wachukulie jambo hili kwa sawa kabisa kwamba Waziri mwenyewe wa Elimu alisema ya kwamba hayo madai sio ya ukweli, hiyo ilikua ni njia ya mashirika yasiyo ya kiserikali (NGOs) kujitafutia biashara kupata kuelimisha kina dada katika mashule. Alisema hakuna hata mwanafunzi mmoja alielea ushahidi katika Idara ya Elimu ndio tufahamu kuwa Waziri Magoha mwenyewe alisema kuwa ni tetesi. Kwa hivyo ikiwa kuna stakabadhi ambayo imetoa taarifa hiyo mimi pia niko na dada na ni uchungu nitaishughulikia lakini mambo ya mitandao hatuwezi fanya mambo kulingana na tetesi za mitandao. Ahsante.

*[Interruption]*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Yes, you are on a Point of order or what? Use your microphone.

**Hon. Thoya:** Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika. Nafikiri swala ambalo limetolewa na Mheshimiwa Amriya ni swala ambalo hata wale wenye ulemavu wa kuona washaanza kulipata ukweli wake. Hili sio swala la mitandao, tuko na macho na tunaona yale yanaendelea, kwa hivyo nafikiri ni swala ambalo linahitaji kujadiliwa katika Bunge hili. Wasichana wetu wako katika hali ngumu; kila utakae muona anakwambia bwana kijana sisi tuko maskani yale tunayaona wao wanabebana. Hii sio ya mitandao Mheshimiwa ni kitu tunaona na macho, kwa hivyo mimi nafikiri hili ni swala ambalo latakiwa lizungumzwe kwa mapana na marefu.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Yes Mheshimiwa Milka?

**Hon. Ngare:** Thank you Mr. Speaker and the Chair of today for giving me this opportunity to also give my voice on the same. I want to thank Hon. Amriya for bringing that issue to this House, it is something that we cannot push away and we cannot say it is only appearing in social media and therefore we have no evidence.

In fact the WHO has already acknowledged that there is an upsurge of teenage pregnancies in the world and Kenya is greatly affected. What this means is that our girls' education future is at stake and we are going to have so many dropouts of the young teenage girls who are getting pregnant and that is going to affect the education and to another extent the education of women in Kenya and when women lag behind in education everything lags behind because women are pillars of economic development and also other social spheres of life.

So it is a topic that must be discussed; it is an issue that must be addressed so that we save the lives of very many girls who are lagging behind and getting so many problems; probably because of this COVID 19 we also must ask ourselves, as parents ask ourselves very many questions, have we delegated our responsibilities to teachers because within a very short time the girls have been home and the parents are overwhelmed they are unable to control these girls at home. So does it mean we have delegated our responsibilities to teachers? That teachers are the ones who are supposed to take care of our children? These are hard questions that we must address as a House and as Mombasa County especially the women Legislators please let us stand up and rise against this vice and ensure that our girls are safe and we put a stop to this upsurge. Thank you so much Hon. Members.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Yes Hon. Hamida?

**Hon. Noor:** Thank you Mr. Speaker and I thank Hon. Amriya for bringing up this Statement. I do emphasize on this thing so much because we have seen teenage pregnancies, we have seen it has gone high it seems it is the teachers who are looking after our children because they are at home for only three months and this thing has really escalated.

As women representatives in Mombasa County we should all stand up like one of my colleagues has just emphasized on it and we have to do it and come out and talk about it and educate our girls because the education of girls especially in Mombasa is going down. Women and men in this House I think this Statement is very important for us and we have to talk about it and every one of us must be part of this thing. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Yes Hon. Nyiro?

**Hon. Nyiro:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Indeed I wish to reiterate the voice of Hon. Amriya concerning the pregnancies that are really on the rise, evidently Mr. Speaker. I have a friend who has a relative, who has fallen the worst victim of this Covid19 maybe, a brother 17 years old, Members may I have your attention, am giving you a very good evidence that these things are really on the rise. A brother at the age of 17 years in these three months of quarantine has impregnated his two sisters; I do not think whether most Members have that report, that a brother 17 years old has impregnated his two younger sisters just because of them living close in the same house. So these things are really happening in our villages but again I want to ask Hon. Amriya do we also engage the department of Gender, Youth and Social protection because such things cannot only be under the department of Education. We need also to put together the Health department, the department of Youth, Gender and Social protection so that we come up with a very good team. And also I and Hon. Milka and I think the Honourable from Mwakirunge we had a conversation with the County Youth Officer...

*[Interruption]*

**Hon. Nzai:** Point of information Mr. Speaker!

**Hon. Nyiro:** Yes, inform me, let the Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Yes Hon. Nzai?

*[Consultations]*

**Hon. Nzai:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker to have given me this opportunity on a Point of information. Mr. Speaker maybe I seek your clarification, we are at a Statement hour; I do not think it is debated and I believe the Hon. Member who has given that Statement has clearly indicated that she requested the Chairperson of Education to bring that information. So I do not know whether it is a Motion to debate or? I seek your clarification Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Thank you Hon. Nzai. Hon. Nyiro you can proceed; Hon. Nzai as the Speaker I allowed the Members to react on that Statement and it is a precedence even in Senate it occurs as well. Yes Hon. Nyiro?

**Hon. Nyiro:** Hon. Nzai unless you want to tell us that you are among the people who are impregnating our girls in the villages to contribute...

*[Laughter and applause]*

But I know you cannot do that because you are a good father and a Hon. Member. So I also speak as a teacher, as a parent and also a Hon. Member of the Education Committee, so I did have all the rights to be able to contribute because even if this goes to the Committee level, we are the same who are going to be engaged there and the Speaker is here if you want also to take his job you can also apply because the Speaker is there and is definitely able.

Mr. Speaker I want to conclude by saying that we had a conversation with the Kisauni Sub-County Director of Education on something like that and he was really concerned about the issues that are coming up, so these things are really on the ground and some of the offices are aware that these things are happening. So as an Assembly I think it's good for us to constitute the Committees that are concerned and call the offices concerned so that we can also have a sitting we have a discussion as soon as possible so that things don't go to the worst side of it.

So Mr. Speaker, Hon. Amriya this is a very good idea that you have seen as a Lawyer you are advocating for our girls and boys. Remember we are not only talking about girls getting pregnant, we are also talking about the issues of the boys who are getting the girls pregnant because all of them are being affected in a way or the other. So they are our children we should be able to have a conversation and this thing is very helpful. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Yes Hon. Mwamwiri?

**Hon. Athman Mwamwiri:** Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika. Mheshimiwa Spika wanene waliamba, heri maumivu yaniuwe au yanikomaze kulikoni upumbavu uniliwaze. Mheshimiwa Spika nasadiki taarifa ama suali limeletwa na Mheshimiwa.

Mheshimiwa Spika nikiwa Mwanachama wa Kamati husika kwa niaba ya wanachama wengine ningekuomba uturuhusu suala hili lirudi katika Kamati kuweza kutathmini na kuchunguza inavyostahiki na kuleta jawabu sahihi kwa sababu singizio la suala hili limekuwa limetendeka katika kipindi hiki ambapo shule zimefungwa kwa sababu ya swala la msambao wa virusi vya *Corona*. Lakini Mheshimiwa Spika kwa wataalamu wa kiafya na humu ndani nina imani wapo madaktari tutakubaliana kwamba tangu mwisho wa mwezi wa tatu hadi sasa hivi ni takriban miezi mitatu katika majira ya uja uzito hio inakuwa ni *1<sup>st</sup> trimester* wenyewe wanasema hivyo ambapo hata kliniki hazijaanza ili tupate yakini ya kwamba mimba hizi ni za kipindi hiki ama walizipata wakiwa shule muhula wa kwanza ndio tuwe na taarifa na takrimu sahihi.

Ni muafaka na ni wajibu wetu Mheshimiwa Spika kama Kamati kulizamia swala hili na tunakuahidi na kukuhakikishia nikiwa mwanachama wa Kamati ya Elimu tutaregesha jibu sahihi kwa Jumba hili ndani ya juma moja linatutosha kutekeleza hilo kwa ruhusa yako na hekima na busara ya Kiti chako. Na nikimalizia Mheshimiwa Spika namkumbusha Mheshimiwa mwenza wa Kamati ya Elimu pia ametupa taarifa kuna kijana alitunga mimba dada zake wawili ajue kwamba katika Sehemu ya 87 ya Kanuni za Bunge hili inapaswa awe na ushahidi wa kutosha au toshelezi unapotaka kutoa taarifa sawia na hiyo. Kwa sababu mengineo Mheshimiwa Spika ni *propaganda* za mitandao na Wakenya tunajua, tunafahamiana tulivyo wabunifu katika kuzua na kusambaza yasiyo stahiki. Ni juzi tu Mheshimiwa Spika tumeshuhudia mambo mengi mengi kuhusu miongoni wa viongozi wetu wakiwekelewa; kwa hivyo tuweke heshima yetu ya kiuheshimiwa na tusiendeshe Bunge na hoja na misingi ya *propaganda* na taarifa za mitandaoni, sisi ni watu wazima, wakomavu ndiposa nikasema, wanene walisema. Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Thank you. Yes Hon. Aran?

**Hon. Oindo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I just need to inform the House and also know from you and to seek advice from you Hon. Chair. Are we really following the guidelines and measures that are put place by the Government or by the World Health Organization (WHO)? Because Mr. Speaker we know the pandemic is real and the way we are sharing a...

*[Interruption]*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Are you introducing another Statement?

**Hon. Oindo:** No, I seek guidance, I need to be informed Hon. Chair.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Then you are out of order Hon. Aran! People are reacting on the Statement that has been allowed on the floor of the House. Yes Hon. Leyla?

**Hon. Nyache:** Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii na mimi kuweza kutia mistari yangu hapa. Na nimesimama kuunga mkono hio taarifa iliyokuja na Mheshimiwa Amriya na Mheshimiwa Spika mimi nasikitika Waheshimiwa wenzangu kusimama kupinga jambo kama hilo ambapo ni jambo limetokea ulimwengu mzima...

[Interruption]

**Hon. Kitula:** Point of information Mr. Speaker!

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Yes Hon. Charles? There is an information.

**Hon. Kitula:** Mheshimiwa Spika hakuna mtu aliyepinga watu wanaleta maoni yao, kwa hivyo tukubaliane na viongozi stahiki wa Bunge hili.

**Hon. Nyache:** Niruhusu Mheshimiwa Spika.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Proceed.

**Hon. Nyache:** Sawa nimekuelewa lakini ilikuwa ni sawa nakupinga vile usemavyo...

[Consultations]

Haya nisha *withdraw*. Mheshimiwa Spika ni kweli wasichana kipindi hichi cha miezi mitatu wasichana wetu wadogo wameweza kushika mimba kwa wingi na mimi nimesimama hapa kama mama sitoficha hilo inaonekana walimu walikuwa wakifanya kazi nzuri sana kutulindia watoto. Sisi wamama ndio tumekuwa na utepetevu wa kuweza kufanya nini... kulegeza kamba kwa wasichana wetu mpaka ndipo hii miezi mitatu ikatangazwa kuwa watoto wengi wameshika mimba na watoto tulikuwa tumbaki nao majumbani ni sisi wazazi tujirekebishe hata huko mashinani pia sisi viongozi hapa inatakikana twende tukazungumze na wazazi waweze kujirekebisha na wawe karibu na watoto wao hizi shida zote hazingepatikana. Sasa kama sababu inakuwa ni *Corona* sio *Corona* wazazi wenyewe ndio wamelegeza kamba kwa wasichana wao. Ahsante.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Thank you. Yes Hon. Naliaka because Hon. Milka you have already reacted on this issue...

[Consultations]

Yes Hon. Naliaka?

**Hon. Naliaka:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. Mr. Speaker Sir I would like to congratulate my fellow Hon. Amriya Juma Boy for bringing this Statement in this Honourable House. I would like to share this with the Honourable House that during our days I remember very well we used to have motivators coming to school sharing with the girls, mentoring them especially the ladies who had excelled in life. Unfortunately nowadays we do not see such things in our schools and I also think this is one of the reasons that some of the ladies it is like they do not have the urge to motivate the students. This is because the moment they indulge in pre-marital sex that means they are following two birds at a go, so of course one bird has to go but still during our days we used to have social workers who used to go about also trying to give sex education in schools.



Even at home in *barazas* the parents will be urged to take their girls in schools and take care of them but nowadays it is like man for himself and God for us all, so the government is to be blamed here, also because as a government it is like we are not caring more about our girls and it is for the parents because all of us i believe are parents in one way or the other, we are parents and therefore I urge the Honourable House whenever we are outside there as Hon. Members please let us urge our girls and sons and let us be role models to them and let us always tell them to live a life with a meaning. This is because it is like people are just living for the sake of it and that is why you see some of them abuse these drugs because they do not have an intention to live. So it is our responsibility as leaders, as parents, as brothers and sisters to take care of our boys and girls for the future generations. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Hon. Milka you have already reacted.

**Hon. Ngare:** I am not reacting on the same, the form that came up I just want to [??] to supporting may be it is very important to our health. I am even scared of that, just give me a chance.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Okay for the purpose of Hansard react in half a minute.

**Hon. Ngare:** Yes now I remember very well that this one is not working...[Technical hitch].

*[Laughter]*

Now Mr. Speaker...*[Off Microphone]*.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Use your microphone.

**Hon. Ngare:** Thank you for re-allowing me again to do some contribution. As much as I really support 100 per cent what we are debating about the teen pregnancies, a health concern come in between that as we are debating and we are sharing this microphone round, touching it and you know there are some particles that might be imported from one person to another. Are we following? Are we adhering to the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization protocols?

*[Interruption]*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Yes Hon. Bwire?

**Hon. Ngare:** I do not want to be informed.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Hon. Milka.

*[Loud consultations]*

Hon. Milka have a seat, it has seen as you are introducing another issue.

**Hon. Ngare:** As a Member I have refused to be informed.

**Hon. Bwire:** And I do not want to inform you. I have not said anything about...

*[Interruption]*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Hon. Milka I had already ruled on the same issue.

*[Interruption]*

**Hon. Bwire:** Yes.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Yes Honourable?

**Hon. Bwire:** Hon. Speaker, thank you. I was just reminding this House that you have already ruled on that issue that we do away with the first statement then Hon. Aran was to introduce what the Honourable Member is discussing. That is all and no hard feeling Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Thank you Hon. Bwire. Hon. Members I now instruct the Education Committee as mentioned by Hon. Amriya plus Committee on Youth, Gender & Sports and Health Committee to sit together and come with a comprehensive report for it to be debated in this Honourable House.

*[Applause]*

**Hon. Ngare:** Mr. Speaker what is the timeline?

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Hon. Members the Committees concerned are supposed to bring back the response to this Honourable House in the two weeks' time.

*[Applause]*

*[Consultations]*

Yes Clerk?

## ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members there being no other business the House stands adjourned.

The House rose at 3:23p.m.