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[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware) In the Chair]

PRAYERS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISIT BY CAROL ACADEMY

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): I want to take this opportunity to welcome Members to this session and also take the opportunity to welcome pupils from Carol Academy and at this juncture I want to invite Honourable David Muraya to welcome the pupils.

Hon. David Muraya: Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity. Today I am privileged to have one of the schools from my Ward, which is Carol Academy. I am with them today and I can see them in our Gallery here. So *Karibuni Sana Katika Bunge yetu ya Kaunti ya Nakuru*, you are most welcome, thank you Honourable Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Members let us appreciate Carol Academy.

(Applause)

Thank you. Next Order

MOTION

VISIT TO BONDENI MATERNITY HOSPITAL

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): I want to take this opportunity to welcome Honourable Njuguna Mwaura to move the Motion.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Thank you Honourable Speaker, I rise to move a Motion on the issues of Bondeni Maternity. The Health Committee has a mandate established in the Second Schedule of the Nakuru Standing Orders and its Mandate is to deal with all matters relating to County Health Services including the County Health Facilities, which include also the Private Facilities and Pharmacies, Ambulance Services, promotion of Primary Health Care, Licensing and Control of Undertakings that sell Food to the public.

Secondly are Funeral Parlors and Crematoriums, licensing of Dogs and facilities for Accommodation, Care and Burial of Animals, Water Sanitation Services, Refuse and Solid Waste removal.

1.3 OBJECTIVE OF THE VISIT

The Objective of the visit was to ascertain the quality of services offered to the Members of the public, the achievement of the Hospital, the Challenges and areas of improvement as far as service delivery is concerned. Allow me Honourable Speaker to thank Members of the Committee for their commitment and contributions during the Committee Visit to the Bondeni Sub County Hospital held on 28th February, 2023. I also thank the Office of the Clerk and the Speaker for the facilitation during this Visit. On behalf of the Committee it is my pleasure and duty to present the Report of the Committee visit to the Bondeni Sub County Hospital. Honourable Speaker, allow me to give the background information about this Hospital.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT BONDENI SUB COUNTY HOSPITAL

Bondeni Sub County Hospital is a Level Three (3) Hospital with an 80-bed capacity. It was established in 1952 and it lies in a 2.1 Acres of land. It is in Bondeni area, opposite Bondeni Police Station, near Menengai Social Hall within Nakuru East Sub-County in Nakuru.

The main catchment area includes Bondeni, Kisulisuli, Kambi Somali, Paul Machanga Kivumbini, Kaloleni and Shauri Yako, serving a population of 44,000 people.

The Hospital is located in an area of high-density population of low-income earners. The Facility has no Title Deed. The Members of the Committee interacted with the Board Management of the facility and they discussed a lot of issues as far as the Hospital is concerned, and majorly they discussed about the services that the Facility offers.

3.0 THE INTERACTION WITH THE HOSPITAL BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

The Committee held a consultative meeting with the Board and Head of Departments to understand the quality of Services offered at the facility, achievements and challenges that need to be addressed for the hospital to operate optimally. It was noted that there exists a public perception that the Hospital only offers Maternity Services which has remained a big challenge.

The Hospital compound during the visit was clean. The Hospital is fenced with a sub-standard perimeter fence, while the pathways are chirped with potholes. There are asbestos iron sheets in the hospital compound next to the kitchen.

The Hospital has a number of blocks with offices distribution as follows;

The 1st Block has the Nursing In charge Office, the Cash Office, M.C.H, Radiology, and Family Planning Room. There are two make shift offices that serve as NHIF Office and Triage Area.

The 2nd Block has the ANC room, Nutrition Office and Comprehensive Care Unit.

The 3rd Block has the Consultation Room, with the Pharmacy next to it followed by the Lab. The same block has a Small Store, H.T.S and two Cloak Rooms that are used by gents.

The 4th Block has Washrooms for Ladies, the Public Health Office, the Accounts Office, the Administrator's Office, Records Office, Library and a small kitchen.

The 5th Block hosts the Maternity Wards, Delivery Room together with the Theatre which is not operational despite being 98% complete.

The 6th Block serves as the Physiotherapy/ Occupational Therapy Department, Psychology/ Counselling Department, Hospital Store and County Store. However, this block should be the Postnatal Ward and Admission Ward. A major challenge has been insecurity from thieves within the community and inadequate staffing.

The 7th Block houses the Kitchen and the Laundry Room for the facility. There is a Parking Shade that accommodates five cars including the Ambulance. The facility has two Linda Mama Cars, one Waste Management Vehicle and a Salon County Car which needs repairs to be functional.

4.0 DEPARTMENTS OF THE HOSPITAL

The Hospital has two major Departments. They are;

a) Non Clinical

It covers Administration, Accounts, Procurement, Records and Information Technology.

b) Clinical

It covers Outpatient, Inpatient, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Maternity, Nutrition, M.C.H, Public Health, Family Planning, C.C.C, ANC, H.T.S, Physiotherapy and Clinical Psychology.

i) Pharmacy

The Pharmacy is used to manage the use of medications in hospitals and other Medical Centers. Its main mission is to include the Selection, Prescription, Procurement, Delivery, Administration and Review of medications to optimize patient outcomes.

The Board of the Hospital noted that KEMSA supplies are not sufficient and they take time before they are supplied.

ii) Post Natal and Well Child Clinic

The Hospital Well Child Clinic is where Mothers are taken care of during pregnancy and after delivery. They are advised on proper diet and nutrition during pregnancy and when nursing their Babies. The Board noted that the Room is too small for the services.

iii) Laundry

The Staff in this section collect soiled linen from various sections. They do inspection and repairing or replacing damaged linens. Further, they distribute clean linen to the respective Departments.

iv) Kitchen

The Hospital has a Kitchen which serves the In-Patient clients admitted in the facility for observation and treatment.

5.0 HUMAN RESOURCE ESTABLISHMENT

The Bondeni Sub County Hospital has a total Staff Establishment of 83 Staff. They are distributed as follows;

CADRE	NO OF STAFF	REMARKS
Medical Officers	4	2 on study leave
Administrators	1	Permanent & Pensionable
Clinical Officers	4	1 PNP 2 Fixed Term Contract 1 UTJ Contracted
Nurses	27	10 PNP 2 UTJ Contracted 1 Hospital Contracted 14 Fixed Term Contract
Nutritionists	2	Fixed Term Contract
Public Health Officers	3	2 PNP 1 Community Health Assistant
Medical Laboratory	1	Fixed Term Contract
Pharmacist	2	Fixed Term Contract PNP
Physiotherapist	1	Permanent & Pensionable
Radiotherapist	1	Fixed Term Contract
Mentor Mother	1	UTJ Contracted
HTS Counsellor	3	UTJ Contracted
Clinical Psychologist Officer	1	Fixed Term Contract
Clerical Officers	3	All PNP
Accountants	2	Fixed Term Contract
Drivers	3	2 PNP 1 Fixed Term Contract

Labourers	4	Permanent a& Pensionable
Cook	1	Permanent & Pensionable
TOTAL	64	
Casuals	19	17 Hospital contracted 2 County Contracted
TOTAL	83	

6.0 THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF BONDENI SUBCOUNTY HOSPITAL

The Hospital takes pride in the following

- a) Increase in daily revenue collection from Kshs.200, 000- 450,000 per month on average.
- b) Bondeni Sub County Hospital is NHIF accredited. Capitation is done quarterly based on application.
- c) There is improved numbers of daily skilled deliveries.
- d) Introduction of Lamaze Classes for expectant Mothers.
- e) Renovation of Theatre that is approximately 98% complete.
- f) There is a successful Baby Friendly Community Initiative Program- support groups in the community and hospital that currently has 639 Women in Mother to Mother group, 100 Men in Father to Father Support Group and 61 Teens in Binti Shujaa Support.
- g) There is introduction of Toto Smart Book Club
- h) Introduction of Physiotherapy services, Occupational Therapy Services, Specialized Clinics and Clinical Psychology Services.
- i) Introduction of a Specialized Clinic for Diabetic, Hypertension, Pediatrics and Primary Gynecological and Obstetric Cases
- j) Introduction of Diabetic and Hypertensive Support Groups that include clients being seen in other facilities that do not have such support.
- k) Introduction of Inpatient Services
- l) Introduction of Temporary Isolation Wards during Covid-19 Pandemic era and identified as possible Isolation Wards to support Nakuru PGH and Naivasha Sub County Hospital in case any other outbreaks overwhelms the two.
- m) Upgraded Laboratory services to include Biochemistry Tests (i.e Full Hemogram, Liver Function Test, Kidney Functional Test, Lipids Profile, HB1AC test)

- n) Upgraded the Ultrasound Machine to increase services to all clients rather than pregnant Mothers only as was the case before.
- o) Well established Kitchen to allow specialised meals to different groups of clients as guided by the Nutritionist.
- p) Improved Defaulter Tracing.

7.0 FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS IN BONDENI SUB COUNTY HOSPITAL

The following Challenges were highlighted by the Board of the Hospital

- 1) THAT, there exist Kshs of supplies at the Hospital. Further, there is no Store for the Drugs purchased by the Hospital.
- 2) THAT, the Hospital has no Stand by Generator
- 3) THAT, the Hospital Theatre is complete. However, it has not being equipped and has no Staff thus unable to operationalize it.
- 4) THAT, the hospital needs a Perimeter Wall to enhance security.
- 5) THAT, the Hospital Management System is not fully automated.
- 6) THAT, there exist a huge Debt that NHIF owes the Facility. At the time of the visit the Hospital Management Board said that the NHIF declined to pay Kshs. 27 Million but paid Kshs 4M.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, there is a crisis on the issues of the reimbursement of the facility by the NHIF. And we want the Department and through her Excellence Office, through the Council of Governors to intervene on these matters of Huge Debts that the NHIF are declining to reimburse our facilities that is crippling service delivery at our Hospitals.

There is only one old Ambulance which is Kshs among the seven Facilities around town. Mr. Deputy Speaker, Ambulance is also a facility at Level One and that maternity only having just one, and not only just one, but also old Ambulance It means that it is critical. And actually, I would say it cannot be able to serve that facility alone and the other facilities that around this Facility.

There is inadequate staffing levels in the facility as we have Kshs shown, Mr. Deputy Speaker, those Staff are not enough for that facility and therefore need to support them with staff.

Inadequate resources to fund the Community Outreach Services. There is Outdated Electricity and Power System in the Hospital. Some of the facilities and establishments Mr. Deputy Speaker were done in 1952 and therefore, there is a need for proper refurbishment of the State Facility so that it can give proper services to the Members of the public.

Lack of Waste Disposal System in the Facility. Those are the findings of the Committee and the Committee had the following recommendations:

That the County Government of Nakuru should ensure that there is adequate supply of drugs in Health Facilities within Nakuru County. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I know the outcry for all the facilities

across the County is that there are no drugs. And indeed there are no drugs Mr. Deputy Speaker, despite that we have the budget.

We want to interrogate and we want to request this House to pass this recommendation that the County Government of Nakuru can supply those facilities with drugs, otherwise we will be doing nothing. But if they will not be supplying Mr. Deputy Speaker, we be told how many Level Twos and Level Threes that we have, so that even we can slash that budget, so that it can be only to support the Level Twos and the Level Threes. However, currently we do not have drugs in all facilities across the County and we need those drugs to be supplied as soon as possible.

That the County Government of Nakuru should appropriate funds in the Financial Year 2023/2024 which we have already done, to purchase a Standby Generator, equip and employ staff for operationalisation of Theatre and other services in the Facility.

Erect a perimeter wall to enhance security at the Facility, automate Systems or services at the Facility and purchase an Ambulance for the facility. I will not belabour on that.

That the County Government of Nakuru should liaise with NHIF to ensure that the amount owed to facility is paid in full.

That the County Government should create awareness to the Members of the public on the services offered at Bondeni Sub County Hospital, so as to curb the notion that the Hospital only offers Maternal Services. Mr. Deputy Speaker, this one will also be addressed by the Referral Systems and Referral Systems Bill that this House ought to generate, so that that Bill can put a capping to the Members of the of the public who usually end up at the PGH and they end up queuing there for a whole day or two days before they have been attended.

Therefore, we need to establish a Referral System Mechanisms Whereby Members of the public should go to the facilities that are just onto their doorsteps so that they can be given referrals to the bigger facilities for Specialists' treatment.

The other issue Mr. Deputy Speaker is that Nakuru County Government should renovate the Electrical and plumbing Installations and Systems at the facility to reduce constant break down.

The other issue is that the County Government of Nakuru should have a proper Waste Disposal System in the Hospital; and not only that Hospital, but in all Hospitals Mr. Deputy Speaker. We have been using the archaic systems of burning whereby we are having Burning Chambers whereby we have been disposing our waste Mr. Deputy Speaker, but there is one of the Microwave Shredders that you have at the PGH that were supposed to support not only the Public but also the Private Facilities across the County Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Therefore, they need to operationalise that Microwave Shredder so that all the wastes from the Public and Private Facilities can end up at the Microwave Shredder for sterilisation so that it can be disposed properly in our environment.

Mr. Deputy Speaker this Bondeni Maternity is one of the Satellite Facilities, that if given proper support, I believe we are going to decongest the PGH, and the members of the public are going to enjoy the services that will be offered at that Facility.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I also want to give a disclaimer, that the Health Department is in ICU and needs the rescue of these Members, and when I say it is in ICU Mr. Deputy Speaker, we want this recommendation that we have been giving to the Executive to be implemented to the latter. And Mr. Deputy Speaker this time round, I want to see a response from the Executive as far as these recommendations are concerned. We want to see the receipt that they are in custody of these recommendations so that after six months Mr. Deputy Speaker, we are going to invite them to account whether they implemented whatever we recommended as a Committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker we can keep on generating Reports and Reports that is wasting our time. Mr. Deputy Speaker, we really need actually this recommendation to be put in use so that we can see the value of money and the members of the public can enjoy the services that they ought to enjoy as per the Constitution of Kenya. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move this Motion. And I wish to request my able Chairperson Honourable Bernard from Mariashoni to second.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Honourable Bernard.

Hon. Bernard Langat: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker, I second.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Thank you. The Motion is open for debate. Honourable Stanley.

Hon. Stanley Karanja: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker. Let me first of all, congratulate the Chair, because he has ably taken us through the Report. And I feel that he has tackled almost everything. But also I congratulate Honourable Duale; I am seeing he is here and he is also a Member of our Committee. And I am seeing on Social Media that now he is the President of Young Parliamentarians in this Republic. Maybe Mr. Deputy Speaker you will give him a chance because we do not know whether it is rumours. And you know, there are so many Presidents, President of sijui Football Club but he will tell us what that Presidency contains of Mr. Deputy Speaker, if you do allow so that we can congratulate him and he tells us what he will bring on the board.

Therefore, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I was just concerned that whether it is true that he is the President, or just masquerading as such. Therefore Mr. Deputy Speaker, you will give him a chance.

Secondly, let me first of all start by what Honourable Njuguna said. He said the issue of Health is becoming a problem in this County. So Mr. Deputy Speaker, there is a critical problem in the Nakuru County. And I do remember as Honourable Njuguna has said after the death of the late Chief Officer Dr. King'ori, and I know everybody and may God rest his soul in eternal peace. Since then, Mr. Deputy Speaker, the issue of Health in this County has been nosediving. Mr. Deputy Speaker, and I know the Chairperson maybe when he will be answering to the Report, he will say from that particular time we have been having problems. And maybe we thought that we

the government that we are now in, we will we will be doing better. But Mr. Deputy Speaker, there is a problem that I am seeing and I am foreseen. We started by coming up with a Report last time in Naivasha and then we went to PGH.

The issue of the PGH and the Cancer Center. Mr. Deputy Speaker, we came here, we deliberated the Report; we thought that the CO and the CECM and the people concerned will do something. After we did dispense with that Report of Naivasha. Mr. Deputy Speaker, we went back again, to meet that situation, other than improving became worse. And when the press covered, I have heard some people really complaining.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, the Media is part of the society. And you know, each and every Committee ought also to be covered if the Press thinks so, therefore, I feel that the Chairperson and the Committee and the Implementation Committee ought to be a little bit more serious because people are taking the Report for granted. Mr. Deputy Speaker the Reports are not meant for Academic reasons, they are supposed to be acted upon and therefore I do concur with the Chairperson that we needed to do something.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, when you go to the Observations that we did get from Honourable Munna's Bondeni, I think it is him because we were with him, you will see that we talked about an Ambulance, which ought to be a vehicle that can make sure that it rescues people. But when you have an old rugged vehicle in the name of an Ambulance, Mr. Deputy Speaker, when you are put inside you get harmed by the metals.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am telling you that the situation is worse. And because even the Member is here, he will talk about it. the Ambulance looks more of an accident than a rescue vehicle, it is like a wreck. And you know maybe the Chairperson lacked adjectives to explain. That thing is a wreck. And you know, Mr. Deputy Speaker, and then that wreck in the name of an Ambulance. It is used in the whole of this County to do the rescue mission.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ng'ang'a): Order Honourable Stanley! What is the point?

Hon. Stanley Karanja: The point is that Mr. Deputy Speaker, we are dealing with something that masquerades as an Ambulance. But it is like it is not.

I do not know how to put it and I want to ego massage the adjective. But Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is more of an accident in the name of an Ambulance. And maybe the Chairperson will do that. Therefore, Mr. Deputy Speaker that is what we wanted removed in that Hospital. When you are put inside, you look more dead than alive. You are not even sure whether you will get out alive.

Mr. Deputy Speaker the other one is the issue of a Generator. You know, Mr. Deputy Speaker, we have been talking of a Generator all the time, including what we talked in Naivasha and I think that the budget is there, because we are putting more budget in Health. But Mr. Deputy Speaker, we are not seeing what the Executive is doing. Now Mr. Deputy Speaker, I do urge that next time

the Chairperson invites the CECM Health and CO to the Committee of the Whole House rather than a Committee because everywhere we are suffering.

When we go to number three on the issue of drugs. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am wondering whether KEMSA became a pedestrian to Nakuru or something of the sort, because the issue of drugs is becoming like “*Hekaya Ya Abunwasi, Haifiki*”, therefore, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I do encourage that something may be done. And Mr. Deputy Speaker, you know, when we did vet some of these CO’s and CECMs we did so because we loved the Governor, but the people we vetted, they have become Merchants of Interests other than Servants of the People. And that is why I wanted the Assembly to interrogate because Mr. Deputy Speaker, we are in a deep Hole and I think something ought to be done.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I also take this chance to ask you the Leadership here that we should be merciless to people who are not doing service to our people. Currently, Mr. Deputy Speaker, as we are talking here, we are still having a problem with issue of Municipality which also Mr. Deputy Speaker should make sure that they do check how our Hospitals are doing. We have people who are being put in Hospital Boards and I think the Chairperson will talk about it. In Naivasha we have people of questionable character. And yet they are now the Managers of the Boards. They are people who are implicated in Vampire Wood and I know people know that vampire and yet that person now...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ng’ang’a): Order Honourable Karanja! Kindly summarise.

Hon. Stanley Karanja: Mr. Deputy Speaker when it became fiery you come up with a summary of summarizing, let me now summarize, Mr. Deputy Speaker there is a need that we should not be fearful, we should talk the truth and the Boards of the Hospitals are very important, I was telling the Chairperson that the Board Chairpersons must be vetted by the whole Assembly and I think that is where we should be going because some of these things that are happening here are so dangerous. We are talking about health, we are talking about life; can we be serious.

I have summarised with, can we be serious?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Thank you. Hon. Kamau.

Hon. Eliud Kamau: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker sir. I would like to commend Hon. Njuguna on the Committee on Health for the good work they are doing. They are challenging the other Committees because if I am not wrong, this might be the fifth Report that the Committee on Health has tabled in this House. Allow me to commend Hon. Njuguna and the Committee for the good work. Kongole Bwana Chairman *kwa sababu ya kazi nzuri unayoifanya*.

When we are talking about matters of Health and you have heard the Chairperson of Health lamenting. I happen to be a friend of the Committee last week. They had invited the mother Department, the CO and the Director. The issues of Health in our County is completely deteriorating. People are taking these Reports, the Committee is doing a great job; a tiresome job

and people are taking this as novels. They are taking these Reports as songs and somebody must be responsible and I am urging the whole House, let us join hands together with the Committee on Health because matters of Health is a matter that is cut across the whole County. Everywhere you go in our hospitals, our people are crying.

If you talk on the issue of medicine, it is unfortunate. I visited my health center last week. *Zile dawa ziko huko ni za minyoo*. I wonder, *kwa hii economy tuko nayo saa hii, ni dawa za minyoo watu watakunywa kweli? Ni chakula gani tunakula ndio tunywe dawa za minyoo?* It is something that is hurting and we cannot allow it. I am urging the whole House and the whole Assembly, let us join hands and look in-depth to this issue to do with health in our County.

The Committee on implementation must make sure that all these recommendations, each and every one of it, must be fulfilled because if Hon. Njuguna comes with other Reports, *tutakuwa tunamumaliza*. I urge the whole House, let us take this matter to do with health very seriously; let us know what is not happening to medicine.

I thank God because last week, I talked to the Chief Officer when I was a friend to that Committee. Most of the things is to do with human resource. Some of them are discipline cases. There are people who are neglecting their work. Some people are arrogant. If you go to those hospitals, sometimes you go to the hospitals and they do not know us and the language they are using even to our Members is not in order and appropriate.

Mine is to commend and support Hon. Njuguna and the Committee of Health and saying that from today, I will make sure that I am available in that Committee because it is a matter that is touching on each and every area.

To our Governor, if matters to do with health are looked into, they are issues which are going to affect our political future; to the Governor and to all of us. It is not a laughing matter; it is a matter that needs to be taken seriously. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Hon. Alex

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker sir. I start by congratulating the Chairperson on Health. He is a very hardworking gentleman and I can tell you that I am a Member of that Committee and most of the time, he calls us very early in the morning and ensures that each and every person reports to each and every hospital that he has assigned us to be and we come up with the Report that we have.

I also want to congratulate Hon. Hassan on the position that I have seen that he has been elected to. On the same note, let me recognise pupils from Carol Academy from Flamingo Ward. I encourage them that this is what we do for the sake of our Country and that the future can only be brighter. Ensure that you learn something from this Assembly and ensure that in the future, you also do justice to the people because you are the future leaders of this Country and be encouraged that you can be what you want to be.

I am touched by the state of health within Nakuru County. I am a Doctor and I feel so saddened by some of the things that we find within Nakuru County at the moment. A week ago, we visited Naivasha Level 4 Hospital and the state of affairs within that hospital was so deplorable, so disheartening and I imagined that the overwhelming nature of Naivasha Level 4 hospital and the other hospitals around the County. How are we as a County? This should be a debate that should be engaged at all levels. I would urge that those within the Executive that do give advice on health matters to the Governor to give the Governor the correct report on the status of some of these things that are happening because I know she is a willing Governor and a willing person to help.

There is one part that has been quoted on the ambulance that ferries people in Bondeni area. It serves Bondeni and 7 other Institutions around Bondeni. The state of that ambulance is not one that one can smile in. Hon. Karanja has referred it as an accident itself. I would state that that ambulance should not be used to ferry people.

In the last budget, we read a budget of Kshs. 7.8 billion on Health and this money, I will urge the Committee on Health to interrogate how these monies are being used because like yesterday, someone sent me a text from my own Dispensary and asked me, 'sincerely Mheshimiwa, are we supposed to be served with piritions? I am sick but the only thing available in the hospital at the moment is piritions.'

We might be fortunate enough as Members of this County Assembly that we can access Healthcare from wherever we want would afford but the level of desperation within the people is so much. We must speak it out. Otherwise, even God himself will judge us when time comes.

I am touched by the Theatre in Bondeni Hospital. It is complete but not operational. A Level 3 hospital should be able to perform minor surgeries but without equipment, we cannot. Let us say, Bondeni is a Level 3 Hospital. Naivasha is a Level 4 Hospital and we only have one functional Theatre within that Hospital. You will remember of a recent accident that happened involving one University bus and the major injuries that were there required that these students were to be operated on. Without a proper Theatre, we would not be helping our people. It is time that we ask us to be serious as a County and manage our health in a way that will serve the people well.

I also want to note major achievements of the Bondeni Level 4 Hospital. On point number 13, we have Laboratory Services, including biochemistry test, which is full hemogram, liver function tests, kidney functional tests, lipid profiles and also the HBA1C test. The HBA1C test is one test that is very crucial and more so when it comes to pregnant mothers because this is one test that will save our ladies from diseases such as placenta previa. This is a test that will help us study the blood sugar levels between 2 to 3 months before a woman gets to the hospital that you can tell the profile of that patient.

It is time that the Committee of Health is functioned, because the Committee of Budget has made it clear that we shall give enough monies to different Committees and the different Departments so that within the time that God has given us within this Assembly, we serve our people well.

Thank you for the chance and congratulations to the Assembly for the new Mace, the symbol of power that I see in the Assembly. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Hon. Virginia

Hon. Virginia Gichaga: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker sir. First of all, I would like to welcome the pupils that we have at the Gallery. It is a good initiative coming to learn and to see what the Assembly does on its every day duties.

I rise to contribute on this Motion, especially on the issue of NHIF. Most of our facilities, Level Threes and mostly Level Fours depend on Facilities Improvement Fund and when the Committee had visited the facility, NHIF owes the facility Kshs. 27 million and by then, they had only paid Kshs. 4 million.

Having said that, how will our hospitals or facilities work if NHIF are not paying and yet, we are encouraging people in our community where we come from to pay NHIF so that they can go to the hospitals and be treated without paying anything considering our economy the way it is and considering most of the people are not employed?

As we hand this Report to the Executive, we would like to urge them to get a committee or form a small committee which would be handling the issues of NHIF from the County level so that they do not accumulate such debts whereas our people are suffering. You do not expect Bondeni to be able to buy drugs yet NHIF has not paid.

The other thing is about the purchase of the generator. We know the issues of Kenya Power. Sometimes we have blackouts. The Executive should be thinking of how the facility can operate without power if there happens to be a black out. It is high time we had standby generators and not only generators but generators which can serve the entire hospital even if it is both Level 5 and Level 4. I rise to support this Motion as a Member of the Health Committee. Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Hon. Muraya.

Hon. Joseph Muraya: *Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika Kwa kunipa fursa hii niweze kuchangia Mswada huu. Kwanza nataka kumpa pongezi Mwenyekiti wa Kamati hii ya Afya kwa sababu ya kazi nzuri mnayofanya, maana alianza na hospitali ambayo iko katika Ward yangu na nafikiri ni vyema Mheshimiwa Njuguna angekuwa daktari. Pia nataka kukaribisha wanafunzi ambao wametutembelea, karibuni sana ili mkaweze kuona jinsi ambavyo tunafanya kazi hapa kwa Bunge.*

Jambo la tatu ni kupongeza Mheshimiwa Duale na kumjulisha Mheshimiwa Karanja kwamba hakuna kukuru kakara hapa ambazo zinaendelea. Kiongozi, kijana mwenzangu ametunukiwa nafasi ya kuunganisha sisi vijana in different Political Parties. Ninaposoma habari hii na zingine ambazo zimeletwa kwamba hakuna hospitali ambayo inamilikiwa na Kaunti yetu because in the first place there are no title deeds. Serikali inahofia kupeleka wafanyakazi kwa hizi Zahanati na hospitali kwa sababu sio zetu. Hatujazimiliki.

Na la pili ni kwamba ni kama kuna mzaha unaoendelea. Tumekuja hapa tukapeana recommendations kwa hospitali zingine lakini kuna watu ambao wamezembea katika kazi zao na sijui tuwafanye nini kwa sababu tunapo sema na tunapoleta uchunguzi wetu tunafanya kazi ambayo tumepewa na mwananchi.

Juzi kama vile Mheshimiwa Karanja amesema, tulirudi tena Naivasha kuangalia kama tulivyo recommend ndivyo inavyoendelea na Mheshimiwa Spika sio sisi tulikuwa tunasema bali tulikuwa na media. Tulikuwa tunaita daktari mwenye anasimamia maternity, lab na hao ndio walikuwa wanatupa hali ilivyo na vile wanahitaji; lakini kufika hapa, kila mtu anasema tulifanya vibaya na hatukusema vile hospitali kuko. Tulisema na hata sio sisi tuliripoti ni daktari wenyewe ambao wako kwa hiyo hospitali ndio walituambia. Pia wewe Mheshimiwa nakumbuka kuwa ulikuwa na uliona vile hali ilivyo. Ningependa kumshukuru Virginia kwa sababu tulipofika pale tuliambiwa hata the fetal doppler hawana, something that is just worth Kshs 400. Namshukuru kwa sababu tulipotoka pale alienda kununua mbili na tena akanunua five metallic stethoscopes akapeleka kwa hiyo hospitali.

Sio kwamba tunasema mambo ambayo hatujui bali tunasema vile tulivyoona na vile tulivyoambiwa. Sijui watu wanataka tufanye nini ama kuinamia wapi, tupitie njia gani ili waweze kuskia malalamiko ambayo tuko nayo kama wakilishi wa hizi Kata.

Katika hizi hospitali zetu tumekuwa na usimamizi ambao umekuwa na watu ambao sijui kama hawafahamu kazi yao ama nini. Unakuta Medical Superintendent ameketi tu hataki kushugulika. Kitu ya mia nne hamsini na haiwezi kununuliwa. Unashindwa kuma anataka kupewa ruhusa na nani na amepewa mamlaka ya kusimamia hospitali lakini hawezi kufanya juhudi ya kuona vitu vikifanyika kwa hivyo kama vile Mheshimiwa Karanja amesema, tuna Hospital Boards ambazo zitaletwa na zitaidhinishwa zikifanya kazi. Hata pia Mimi nina recommend ziwe zinaletwa hapa mbele ya hii Bunge ili tuwapitishie na pia tuweze kujua ni kina nani tunapitisha kwa hizi hospitali maana wamekuwa kero kubwa katika kuendeleza hospitali zetu. Ninaskia kuwa Bondeni imekuwa under insecurity alert na unakuta mwenye amepewa jukumu la kuendeleza hiyo hospitali anaendelea kujenga na kurenovate ICU ambayo ikiwekwa vifaa havina security so first things first. Tunafaa kuanza na ukuta ili tuweze kujua kwamba chochote kiko ndani kiko salama lakini wengine hapa hata sijui waelekezwa na nini na ndio maana ninasema lazima tuwe na watu ambao wanatambua kazi yao ni gani katika hiyo hospitali ama katika kila idara ili kila mtu ajue ni kazi gani ameletwa kufanya kwa sababu sisi tunajua kazi yetu ni kwenda kuangalia na tuje kufanya mapendekezo. Mwenyekiti wa Bajeti yuko na ametuambia kuwa kuna billioni saba. Ili tuweze kufanya kazi ningependa sote tuwe rafiki wa Kamati ya Health kwa sababu hii ndio kero kubwa kwetu. Ukienda kwangu watu wanalia hata sasa hivi ninapigiwa simu, Mheshimiwa mwengine pia anapigiwa simu. Tunafaa pia kujua kazi ya NHIF ni gani? Pesa imekuwa remitted pale kwa system kuwa hiyo kadi imelipiwa kwa hivyo sio kwamba ninaenda kuomba pesa. Mimi nimelipia kadi yangu, wewe pia umelipia yako. Ukienda hospitali pesa yako inakatwa kwa nini ichukue mda wa miezi minne hiyo hospitali ilipwe, ilhali hospitali za kibinafsi hawana deni kwa system ya NHIF hata ya shilingi kumi? KEMSA nayo, kwani hao Chemist Dealers hutua wapi dawa zao? It is

either they have a Manufacturing Industry *ya dawa kwa sababu ukitibiwa katika hospitali ya umma lazima uende ununue dawa huko nje na utapata dawa same na ile umeandikiwa kwa hospitali. Hao wanatoa wapi ambapo serikali haiwezi kutoa hizi dawa?*

Naunga mkono haya mapendekezo ambayo yamewekwa na hii Kamati na ninaomba sisi sote tuwe rafiki wa hii Kamati na wakati mwingine ningeomba Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti, tumefanya recommendations mengi, tuitie Chief Executive Committee Member (CECM), Chief Officer (CO) na the whole Department as a full House ili tukae nao hapa na watueleze na kama hawawezi waondokee kwa hii kazi, watu ni wengi ambao wanataka hii kazi na watu wengi wamesoma. Asante sana.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): *Asante sana Mheshimiwa.* Maybe before we proceed I want to take this opportunity to appreciate Carol academy once again and I do want to give them permission to go and engage in other things outside the Assembly kindly. Permission granted. The debate continues, Hon. Francis Kuria.

Hon. Francis Kuria: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to commend the good job done by my Chair Health Committee Hon. Njuguna. I am a Member of the Committee and just a word to my Chair that genuinely he is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus; keep the good work and we are in support.

I was looking at this Report hoping that we have a budget for health on matters concerning the ambulance. We are going to make sure that we have a budget so that this facility can have a good ambulance. I do not know whether there was a typing error and I would like the Chair to clarify whether Bondeni is a Level 3 or Level 4 hospital because according to our Report here they have indicated that it is a Level 4 but he has stated it is a Level 3 Facility.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Maybe before you proceed, Hon. Njuguna can react on that.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Thank Mr. Deputy Speaker. According to papers it is a Level 4 but according to reality it is a Level 3. *Mambo ni tofauti kwa ground.*

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Proceed.

Hon. Francis Kuria: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I have understood his message. It is very discouraging when a facility is on Level 3 or Level 4 but the services rendered there do not meet the status. As a Committee we have a lot of work ahead of us in making sure that if the facility is a Level 4 all the services offered there should be Level 4 standard and if a facility belongs to Level 3 we need to also make sure that the services that are being delivered there are of a Level 3.

I would also like us to support and have a Consultative Meeting with the County Executive, reason being most of our facilities, although they have employed more staff we are still running out of staff and still we have unqualified staff but through the guidance from the County Executive I hope that things will change. We are planning on how to visit those garages so that we can identify those

service vans that have been stalled and that lie on my Department of Public Works. We might be able to visit and identify those ambulances. We have the same case in Naivasha where there is an ambulance from the County that has stalled there for a very long time.

It is my humble request, I do not know and I would like to seek your guidance there, whenever a Committee is going to do an investigation sometimes the media might destroy everything and the reason why I am saying this is we visited Naivasha Level 4 Hospital and Hon. Deputy Speaker, it is true the message that we got there was totally true but if through the guidance of the Chair, once we do a research...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Order! Order! Hon. Member let us debate what is contained in the Motion. Kindly.

Hon. Francis Kuria: Thank Hon. Speaker. Let me stop there. I have floated the idea in one way or the other. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Thank you the Hon. Member. Hon. Doreen.

Hon. Doreen Korir: Thank you so much Mr. Deputy Speaker. I would also like to congratulate the Committee on Health led by our able Chair. I am also a Member of the Committee and I visited the Bondeni Sub County Hospital and also the PGH Hospital and what got me by surprise is the management issue at the hospital. The issue of the Hospital Management System which is not fully automated.

I was shocked because in this era where people are moving from analogue to digital, the hospital is still using the manual way to offer their services. You realise that most of the movement of drugs in the hospital are done manually so you can imagine the loss that we are encountering as a County. We need to move from the issues of manual and go the digital way of management. At this point Mr. Deputy Speaker, you realise we are losing a lot of revenue in the hospitals that could have been generated and also serve the people at the County. So Mr. Deputy Speaker sir, that issue of automation in the hospitals should be put into consideration because you realise that we could have saved a lot and also improve on our services if you automate our services at the hospital.

The issue of security also touched me at the hospital; you realise that at the Bondeni Hospital we do not have a perimeter wall and this is very crucial because in our Country at this point, you realise that we are losing so many babies, they are being stolen from hospitals and we need to improve on the issuers of security at the hospital by installing a perimeter wall.

Also, the issue of understaffing in the hospital is a matter that needs to be looked into because I realised that most of the critical services being offered in the hospital like the issue of medical laboratory, physiotherapy, radio therapy we realised that we only have one staff that serves that purpose and we need to improve on that so that we can improve the services being offered. I witnessed at the Physiotherapy Room we had only one staff and the queue there was so long and

therefore Mr. Deputy Speaker sir those are the issues that should be considered and looked into so that we improve our services at the hospitals. Thank you so much and I beg to support.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Thank you. Hon. Tallam.

Hon. George Tallam: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity to discuss about Health Services. One, I want to support the Chair Health Committee for doing a commendable job. If you visit this hospital, you will find it is in a pathetic situation and you find that whereby the In-Charge of this hospital are running this facility as if it is theirs. I do support the Committee fully so that the hospital can discharge their work effectively.

Let me give an example of my place, Kabazi Ward, where when you go, there is sabotage by staff or workers. So it is also good or we put it in a way that these hospitals can be run in a manner that they can also help and render services to the residents effectively. Another thing is that you find that the Board Members and it is good also to involve the local Honourable Ward Members when choosing these Boards. When you attend their meetings, the In-Charge tends to sabotage the area MCA and I do fully support the Chairman of this Committee so that local residents can get better services.

Another thing is about the availability of drugs; you go to these facilities you get that the facilities lack drugs but when you insist or talk to CO's and CEC's, they normally say they have delivered drugs to these facilities; then you wonder where do this drugs go? Who is accountable for them and so I do support this Report fully Mr. Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Thank you, Hon Kanyere and then Hon. Nene.

Hon. Anthony Kanyere: Thank you so much Mr. Deputy Speaker for this chance. First may I commend the good work that has been done by the Committee on Health and also may I join my fellow Members of this County Assembly to congratulate the young brother Hon. Ali Hassan for being elected the President of the Young People in different Parties. Congratulations.

Also, may I say now according to this Report, personally it is nostalgic in a way; firstly I was born in that facility, Bondeni, and recently just before I became the MCA, I was a Member of the Board running that facility. Having engaged with the Report and the observations and recommendations that have been put across by the Committee, to me I cannot agree more and say that indeed this facility like any other facilities in our County needs to be helped by the Executive because one of the observations that we can see, I remember I was in that meeting when we were pushing for Kshs 27 million owed by the NHIF. You can imagine Kshs 27 million owed by NHIF to such a small facility; they can hardly do anything with whatever is there.

So, it is upon now the County Government of Nakuru to formulate away on engagement with NHIF. It has been echoed by my colleagues that when you delay to pay as an Institution your deductions to NHIF, there are some penalties that are there, but when NHIF delays to remit some revenues to our facilities, there is nothing that happens to them. So, I may want to support the

recommendation that has been given and also to say in particular to this facility, Bondeni Maternity, it has a very big catchment area and it has been explained in the Report. As a Government, let us put more resources and promote it.

Also in that Report, I may want to differ a little with the Chair when he says that on the ground it is a Level Three but on papers it is not. This is a House of records and I want to take this House to Kenya Gazette Notice dated 30th July 2021; this facility was among the Level-Four, that were there and you know if you say it is a Level Three, there is an effect that can come out of that because when a facility has been graded as a Level Four, there are some remittances that come from NHIF and if it is a Level-Three, there is nothing that comes from NHIF.

So we need to be very careful when we say it is a Level-Three and yet on records it is a Level-Four. So I want it to be on record that let us go by what is on Kenya Gazette until and unless the Kenya Gazette Notice is repealed, that is when you can refer it to a Level-Three. So Chairman, I just want to support and to say that indeed in matters health in our County, there is nothing to smile about. Let us be serious, do our oversight role and particularity in my area I have a facility called Mirugi Kariuki and tomorrow in the afternoon I am going to ask for a Statement because there is nothing to smile about in matters health. Thank you so much Mr. Deputy Speaker for that chance.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Thank you; Hon. Nene,

Hon. George Nene: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity; first I feel very privileged that I am given permission to talk when I even do not want to contribute, that means you take my comments very seriously. I was not even intending to talk because I think when Hon. Njuguna brought a Report to this House, whatever other Hon. Members have contributed, we are duplicating because the issue of drugs, understaffing it is the same thing that we have been repeating here; we have visited those Departments many times but nothing has been done. So I want to agree with other Hon. Members that it is time for this Department to act on these recommendations and if they will not act then we should act as Honourable Members because we are the ones who vetted them and if they are not ready to work they should vacate those Offices. We can even sit on those Offices and Mr. Deputy Speaker I do not want to talk much but let me conclude. Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Thank you, Hon. Member, you know I always take you as an opinion and that is why I always give you time to speak even if you do not raise up your hand. May I take this opportunity before we end the debate, to welcome Hon. Duale and you know he is blessed and we take this opportunity to thank you for the great steps that you are taking in the Leadership of Youth in this Country. So, Hon. Duale may I give you this opportunity to interject on the Motion of today and maybe say something.

Hon. Ali Abdi: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, first of all let me take this opportunity to thank all Honourable Members for your goodwill messages that you have sent me. It is true over the weekend I was attending a Program called Program for Young Politicians in Africa; the Program

is funded by EU through Program for Young Politicians in Africa and it brings together all young political players from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania and Congo, of course East Africa. We were having the meeting in Mombasa like for five days and Mr. Deputy Speaker, I was elected as the President of the Interparty Political Youth Forum of Kenya in Mombasa.

(Applause)

So Mr. Deputy Speaker, you can now call me President because I am the President of Young Political Players in Kenya and we will also have another election of course the East Africa elections. So maybe God willing I am still going to be elected as President again. So, Mr. Deputy Speaker we had a very good time, the program is very important for young political players especially Members of the County Assembly here in Nakuru because it increases the participation of the youth in the political arena. This is something that we have always been told that *siku yenu bado haijafika* so *siku hiyo imefika*; this is our time, this is what young people are supposed to do. Mr. Deputy Speaker I have invited the Secretariat that is spearheading that Program, I have invited them to come to the Assembly of Nakuru. I know we have young Members of County Assembly here who are under 35 years.

Mr. Deputy Speaker I am going to confirm the time and the date that they are willing to come because they will be travelling from of course across the East Africa, Uganda and Tanzania and some of them are in Kenya; I have invited them to come to County Assembly of Nakuru and of course through the Program that they took us from Mombasa to the Young Players of Political Parties here at the Assembly and young Members of County Assembly of Nakuru.

Therefore, Mr. Deputy Speaker thank you so much and thank you for the goodwill messages that I have received and while I am walking around you can call me Mr. President.

(Laughter)

Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Congratulations once more. May I take this opportunity to maybe invite the Chairman because I think we are all in agreement that we have a problem in Health Sector in our County.

Hon. Joseph Muraya: I just wanted to ask the President whether we can add the His Excellency or just the President.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Order Hon. Muraya! Chairman Health, the platform is yours to give your parting shot.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker. Indeed, it is true that ambulance is old and we look forward to seeing that if it is not about buying a new one, refurbishing the one we have and servicing it to be for that status so that it can rescue our mothers and our patients while at that facility.

Secondly, I would wish to respond to Hon. from Nakuru East who has raised the issues of Bondeni. There is no single day I will call a spade a big spoon and I have two facts. Let facts speak for themselves; we might tend to negotiate and to beat around the bush while actually describing things, that is why the health status of our County is nose-diving. It is because we have refused to accept our true status. Let us go via true status so that tomorrow we can be challenged to improve from where we are to where we are supposed to be. I want to reiterate that and I would wish that we will be coming up with training one of this good days when we will be having a Whole House training., we request the Department of Health from the National Government to come and train us on the issues of status and accreditation of facilities because whoever accredited our facilities, I think there is a challenge somewhere because a Level-Four that does not have a Theatre, that is not a Level Four. A Level-Four that does not operate 24 hours, that is not a Level-Four facility. Therefore, there are many things that can be put on the table to substantiate facts and also to make sure that we have proper information that ought to be. That is why I said *kwa ground mambo ni tofauti*.

On the issue of drugs, the Department is saying that the drugs should be purchased; they have already raised the Purchase Order with the KEMSA and we are waiting and I am requesting that when the drugs will be flagged off, it is the responsibility of every Member to countercheck with their facilities whether the drugs have been delivered to their facilities because that is part of representation role.

Mr. Deputy Speaker the other issue pertaining health in our County, we are going to follow-up and make sure that all these matters will be put to rest because of the proper Leadership that this House is going to show and the kind of oversight that this House is going to show and actually to disseminate to the Executive so that things can change. I have hope because we have enough resources; this song is going to change. I have hope because we have proper Leadership in our County, the song is going to change and therefore the members of public are going to enjoy the services that are going to be rendered by this County Government.

As a parting shot because Hon. Duale interjected, he said he is the President of Interparty, I and the rest here we do not belong to Parties and therefore they should take us as equals. Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, we are independent minded and we stand for that.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Thank you Hon. Mwaura for the good Report and maybe before I put it to question; I want to direct that the Committee on Implementation through its Chair, Hon. Mwangi, to follow-up on the implementation of this Report and report to the House on its progress within fourteen days. I will also liaise with the Office of the Speaker for a meeting of the Whole House to discuss matters of Health to the whole County as a matter of urgency.

(Question proposed that this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Health Services on the visit to Bondeni Sub-County Hospital on 28th February, 2023 tabled on the floor of the House on Wednesday 19th April 2023 during the morning sitting).

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The House stands adjourned up to today in the afternoon session at 2.30pm.

The House rose at 12.00PM