



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 17th August, 2021

The House met at 2:34p.m.

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

PRAYERS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Honourable Members you may be seated.

[Silence]

STATEMENTS

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT BY CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MV 2035, HONOURABLE IBRAHIM OMONDI ON THE STATUS OF BURSARY IN THE COUNTY

Yes Honourable Ibrahim Omondi? Chairperson, Committee on Education, Information Technology and MV 2035.

Hon. Omondi: Yes. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, i would like to give a Statement response on the status of the bursary of the County. Honourable Speaker, i stand pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 41(2)(c) to give a response to a statement that was requested by Honourable Tobias Samba on Wednesday 29th July, 2021 at 2:30p.m during the 77th sitting on the Status of Bursary in the County. Honourable Speaker, the Committee wrote to the Department of Education on Thursday 5th August, 2021. The Department has responded that it has allocated Ksh.150Million for bursaries in the budget for financial year 2021/2022, and once the Finance Department confirms disbursement of funds the Department of Education will set up a timetable for the bursary exercise. Please find the attached letter for more information. Thank you Honourable Speaker.

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

Hon. Bwire: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to congratulate my brother Honourable Ibrahim for the good effort he has made to ensure that today he brings this response before this House.

Honourable Speaker, mine is just an appeal to the department of course as Honourable Members we are the ones to blame; we passed here the budget as per the response they only allocated Ksh.150Million for the bursary. The same amount that was allocated for the previous bursary we gave there was public outcry, of course out of this Ksh.50Million is for administrative purposes, so Ksh.100Million is for the bursary and so many people never got the last bursary that we gave. So we were hoping the Department will increase the allocation to at least Ksh.200Million or Ksh.250Million considering that the economy has hit the parents so hard. And again Honourable Speaker from the response you can see we still have Ksh.150Million of course he has stated the allocated is for the financial year 2021/2022 so as MCAs we are the ones to blame but Honourable Speaker if there is anything that can be done either through supplementary or any other means for the department to increase this amount we will appreciate as the representatives of the people. From this response or statement, again the Ksh.50Million will go for administrative, and only Ksh.100Million will go to the bursary. The previous public outcry we had..., still will have to witness next public outcry. So for us Honourable Mr. Speaker to serve our people diligently, I appeal to the Committee through our able Chair Honourable Ibrahim to kindly talk to the department to look for other means to increase this allocation. Thank you.

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

Hon. Kitula: Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika. Pia mimi niungane na Mheshimiwa Raphael Bwire kuhusiana na kumpa kongole Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Elimu na iwe mfano kwa Kamati nyingine husika. Mheshimiwa Spika, huu ni mfano bora kwamba majibu yametoka kwa Mwenyekiti mwenyewe na vile vile aliunganisha na majibu ambayo yanayotoka na idara husika. Kwa hivyo kongole sana Mheshimiwa Ibrahim Omondi na uendelee na juhudi hizo hizo. Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti, langu kuu ni kuhusu kutilia pondo tu vile Mheshimiwa Bwire ameweza kuzungumzia kwa sababu tukizingatia basari hii ya milioni 150 tukizingatia kwamba tayari milioni 50 zinakwenda katika maswala ya kununua karatasi, kulipa wale Makarani karibu gharama ya shilingi milioni 50 inakwenda hapo itabakia Milioni 100 na ukigawanya katika Wodi 30 itabaki Milioni tatu kwa kila Wodi! Hiyo itanufaisha wananchi wetu tukizingatia elimu inagusa kila Wodi sio suala la kubagua wala kuchagua. Kwa hivyo tunasubiri *supplementary* ijayo inayokuja tuweze kuhusika na tuhimize kila mmoja wetu mfano wawakilishi wa Wodi wa kata ndogo mbali mbali tuweze kuongezea hela hii ili kila Wodi iweze kupata angalau Milioni 20 au Milioni 10 Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti. Ahsante sana kwa hayo.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Yes Mheshimiwa Murfad Amur?

Hon. Murfad Amur: Ahsante Bwana Spika. Bwana Spika ni masikitiko tu ambayo tuko nayo kwa sababu wakati tukitoa basari, nitamnukuu Gavana akisema basari iongezwe kwa kitita cha shilingi milioni 150, iongezwe hakusema milioni 150. Namnukuu Gavana akiwa uwanja wa Makadara akisimamisha Waziri wa Fedha akisema, 'Nataka basari iongezwe kwa kitita cha milioni 150', ziada ya zile tulikuwa tumetoa tukiukuu maneno yale kama tulikuwa tumetoa milioni 150 Gavana akatoa mwelekeo kwamba iongezwe. Ilikuwa tutoe kabla ya Aprili mwaka huu, hayakutendeka hayo basi tulikuwa tunafahamu kwamba pengine ile milioni 150 ambayo ilikuwa ni *directive* ya Mheshimiwa Gavana ingeongezeka tuseme safari hii tunatoa milioni mia tatu.

Lakini ni masikitiko hii yaitwa funga macho Gavana yuatoa mwelekeo, idara yatufunga macho yatuambia milioni 150 katika mwaka wa fedha ambapo tulipewa kipao mbele sisi itaongezwa ifike hadi milioni 300. Sasa hatuelewi kwamba Mustahiki Gavana anapotoa *directive* yake ama wale wakubwa wa idara wao ndio wakubwa kuliko Gavana! Twataka tufahamishwe kikamilifu nani ni *executive order* hapo kwa sababu Gavana alitoa ahadi yuataka iongezwe ili ifaidi vijana wa shule za sekondari, za vyuo vikuu, za *college* na kadhalika. Leo ni masikitiko ikiwa tutapatiwa tena milioni 150 halafu milioni 50 ziende zikatumike katika finyala finyua halafu tena tupawe milioni 100 kwa Wodi 30 halafu tukose kuwapatia vijana basari. Mfano mzuri ni vijana ambao wameenda shule hivi majuzi kwa shule za mabweni wameenda ikiwa hawajapata basari, wazazi wamekopa, wengine wameuza vitu vyao ili watoto wao waende mashule, je Kaunti yetu iko wapi Mheshimiwa Spika ikiwa Kaunti za Lamu, Kwale na zengine zote zimeweza kutoa basari kabla watoto hawajafika mashule? Ni masikitiko Mheshimiwa, naomba tujikakamue ili tuweze kupeleka watoto wetu. Ahsante.

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

Hon. Thoya: Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi nina furaha ya kwamba Mheshimiwa Ibrahim ameweza kuleta hayo majibu ambayo yalichukua muda mrefu; nafikiria ikiwa tunazungumzia suala zima la kuongeza pesa tunazungumzia suala zima la kwamba mipango si matumizi, kizungu kimesema *they have allocated* na yote hiyo itategemea idara ya fedha kupata pesa na mara nyingi kumekuwa na hilo tatizo la kwamba idara fulani imepanga lakini ile idara inayohusika na hizo pesa yenyewe pia nayo inakosa kuitikia hiyo ahadi. Itakuwa ni vyema ile Kamati husika iweze kuunganishwa na Kamati ya Fedha kuhakikisha kwamba hili jambo ambalo tumelisikia leo litaenda kutimia. Mimi yangu sijaiona kwamba imetendeka mpaka pale tutakapoona hizo pesa zimeweza kutoka kwenye Idara ya Fedha zimeenda kwenye Idara ya Elimu kwa sababu hicho pia ni kizungumkuto chengine hapa katika serikali hii mipango sio matumizi. Kwa hivyo tunachotaka kusikia ni kwamba pesa zimetoka katika Idara ya Fedha zimeenda kwa Idara ya Elimu lakini tutabaki na hayo makaratasi yetu na hilo neno *allocation* na *allocation* ni kwamba wamepanga lakini hawajui kama hizo pesa zitaingia ama la? Kwa hivyo waheshimiwa upande wa Elimu na upande wa Fedha mungechukua hilo jukumu la kuhakikisha kwamba endapo ile mipango ya IFMIS itafunguka hizo pesa zitapatikana mara moja zikiingia ndio hapo hapo tunajua ni nini kitaongezeka lakini hata hichi kimekuwa *allocated* pia tuna wasi wasi nacho.

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

[Silence]

Ok Honourable Mwamwiri?

Hon. Athman Mwamwiri: Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika. Mheshimiwa Spika, kuna kilio cha samaki hapa baharini, mwisho wa siku machozi yetu yataenda na maji wala hakuna atakaye yaona! Ukizingatia uhalisia na mamlaka ya Bunge hili na majukumu tuliokabidhiwa kwa mujibu wa Katiba na kanuni za Ugatuzi, suala la bajeti ni suala la Bunge na Mheshimiwa Spika Bunge hili hili letu sisi ambalo leo tunatofautiana kuhusiana kiwango hichi sisi tuliopitisha bajeti hiyo, Mheshimiwa makadirio yaliyokuwepo pasi na kuhoji.

Leo hii Mheshimiwa Spika tunashangaa ya kwamba tuko na milioni 150; hii ni kinaya kwetu kama Bunge kwa kukosa kutekeleza wajibu wetu na kama tungekuwa na hoja, hoja hii ingekuwa wakati huo yamkini nihimize haswa kwa kuwa tumeiona athari kwamba mgao huu hautatunufaisha mashinani na hautatunufaisha vijana wetu tunao wakusudia kupata elimu bora na sio bora elimu, ya kwamba chini ya Kamati ya Masuala ya Fedha na makadirio ya bajeti tuanzishe mchakato kama Bunge ya kuitisha bajeti ya ziada kwa makusudi ya pesa mahsusi kwa ajili ya kuongeza mgao huu tukisubiria basari za ziada kutoka kwa *Executive* watazileta kwa dharura zao kwa masuala ya *pending bills* na sio suala la basari. Hii ni kwa sababu haijathubutu kwa miaka minne kufanya bajeti ya ziada na ndani yake ikawa suala la Elimu hususan masuala ya basari yamezungumzwa mle. Kwa hivyo *Supplementary* zitakuja kwa masuala mengine na sisi kama wawakilishi ikiwa mgao huu umetugusa ya kwamba hii ni hafifu au hautafikia malengo, mchakato huu wa bajeti ya ziada tuanzishe sisi kama Bunge kwa makusudi ya kusukuma pesa ziongezeke katika suala zima la basari kwa sababu Mheshimiwa Spika milioni 50 zinaenda kwa masuala ya utawala ambayo tunazo *Sub County Head Committees* kile kikao wanachokaa wanalipwa 5,000 katika kikao kile. Mheshimiwa Spika, kuna Makarani huajiriwa wakati wa zoezi hili la kupanga fomu na kupeleka fomu nyanjani na kuokotwa nao pia wanalipwa mshahara hizo fomu pia.

Mwisho, Mheshimiwa Spika hata hundi tunazo zipeana hatuziandiki hapa tumepeana kandarasi kwa benki mahsusi kufanya zoezi hilo kwa hivyo unakuta mwisho wa siku milioni 50 imeisha na milioni 100 imeisha na basari za sekondari na nini na nini! Ndiposa Mheshimiwa Spika kama Kaunti tunadai na vyuo vya anwai tangia mwaka 2015 wanatudai asilimia 15 kwa ile ada ya asilimia 70 ya masomo katika vyuo vya anwai ambayo Kaunti imekusudia kulipa lakini Kaunti kwa Milioni 100 tukilipa ada za sekondari na vyuo vikuu kule hakuna kitu watapata. Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa hivyo kama Bunge nihimize waheshimiwa wenza hususan Kamati yangu ya Elimu ikishirikiana na Kamati ya Masuala ya Fedha na makadirio ya Bajeti kuanzisha mchakato wa bajeti ya ziada ya kukusanya pesa katika idara zengine na kuwekeza pesa zaidi katika elimu na hususan suala zima la bajeti ili malengo ya vijana wetu mashinani yaweze kuafikiwa. Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Thank you Honourable Mwamwiri. Yes Honourable Tobias Samba?

Hon. Samba: Yes thank you Honourable Speaker. I would also like to join other Members first of all to congratulate Honourable Ibrahim Omondi for at least having some good records as far as the response is concerned. Honourable Speaker, I had requested for the statement on the status of the bursary and maybe I was late but actually I did because the status of the bursary is unknown and that is what prompted to me to come with the statement of the request. Honourable Speaker, I would also agree with the Members who had already given their views or rather suggestion; we are late Honourable Speaker and I think we should always be updated and current. By that I mean we had known that the schools were to be opened after the Corona Pandemic thing and the school children were to be issued with bursaries; it is late and with other colleagues they will agree with me that other offices have turned up to be a resource centre or rather one stop centre where people come and inquire whether there are bursaries. To some extent they are forced to do that and as an Honourable Member we are not supposed to be going around soliciting for funds so that we may take these kids to school and the response that has been given is that do not blame the Chairman no...! I cannot blame the Chairman because we have a back up letter from the executive!

But my concern is the letter is not even specific; it is the same response that we are usually given that due to the unavailability of funds and we do not know when the funds will be available and even if the funds will be available at least this department would have been given a priority that once immediately we have the funds at least even they should have started the process but like whenever they come for bursary issuances there are always some hiccups. At least now they should have started the recruitment and the whole exercise but for now we are just there. Children have reported to school, rather students but we are in the darkness Honourable Speaker, if we cannot take education matters seriously I do not know where we are heading as a County compared to other Counties. Most of the Counties have given out the bursaries and this one puts us as a County in bad light; so Honourable Speaker I do not agree with the response. I would request my colleague here, Honourable Ibrahim to at least come up with the accurate response that is going to tell us that as from this date we are going to start giving out bursaries otherwise we are heading nowhere as a County and I think the funds that have been allocated for bursary as per the response, that is a 150; that one is for the bursaries not a 100, its reading for bursaries 150 in the budget. Thank you Honourable Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Thank you. Yes Honourable Ibrahim?

[Silence]

Yes Honourable?

Hon. Omondi: Yes thank you once more Mr. Speaker...

[Interruption]

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Let him proceed then I will give you a chance. Yes Honourable Ibrahim.

Hon. Omondi: Okay thank you once more Mr. Speaker Sir. Indeed the concerns that have been raised by the Honourable Members in this House are very important it cannot be ignored and it is true that education is actually the backbone of everything even an economy is education so those concerns we have taken them serious and we are going to actually have a meeting with my members and then we are also going to consider sitting down with the finance Committee so that we should put our hands together to ensure that this issue of the bursary becomes...

[Interruption]

[Loud consultations]

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Order! Order! Honourable Members consult on a low tone, proceed.

Hon. Omondi: ...to ensure that Mr. Speaker this issue is done the way it is supposed to be done and indeed we are going to give a program like the Honourable Member of Tudor said, we are going to give a program how the bursaries are going to be issued.

But again it will be very wrong for us to start giving a program, recruiting members, recruiting the human resource who are going to deal with this before it is confirmed that we have received the money in our department. So it is only after we have received the money in our department that is when we are going to come with the timetable the way the response is Mr. Speaker thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Okay yes Honourable Athman.

Hon. Athman Shebe: Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Mwenye Kiti kunipatia hii fursa. Kwanza niko chini ya himaya yako manake naona waheshimiwa wenza hapa wanachachawizana kwa sauti wanaweza kuleta mkorogo katika mtiririko wa maneno ambayo nakusudia kuyasema. Kwa hivyo naomba waheshimiwa wenza waweze kushauriana kwa sauti ya chini, ahsante sana. Nimesimama na nashukuru umenipatia fursa ili niweze kuongea katika hili swala la masuala ya basari. Mimi nina sababu tatu Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti; kwanza kabisa naona ripoti ambayo imeletwa na Mheshimiwa mwenza wa Kamati ya Elimu kuwa serikali ya Kaunti ya Mombasa imetenga takriban milioni Kshs.150, 000,000 katika maswala mazima ya elimu. Halafu ni kinaya tukisema kuwa Kaunti ya Mombasa inazingatia na inapatia kipao mbele Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti maswala ya elimu ni kinaya! Kwa sababu hata hizi milioni 150 ukiangalia idadi ya wakaazi wa Mombasa hususan wazazi ambao wako na wanafunzi wao wako katika vyuo vya upili na vya kiufundi na vile vile vyuo vikuu Mheshimiwa idadi ya hii pesa iliotengwa hapa kwanza ni kidogo. Pili Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti anazidi kujitetea kusema kuwa wizara husika mpaka saa hii haijapata mgao; mimi saa zengine huwa nashindwa kuwa hii Kaunti ni Kaunti ambayo inaendeshwa na sheria ama ni kampuni ya mtu binafsi anaendesha vile anavyotaka? Kwa sababu haimkiniki Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti...

[Interruption]

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Honourable Athman it is understood that we are yet to receive money from Treasury.

Hon. Athman Shebe: Najua kufikia hapo Mheshimiwa.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Secondly, we as Honourable Members of Mombasa County we passed the budget so let us not discuss the budget because we are the ones who passed the budget of Ksh.150Million but let us discuss the response as it has come in this Honourable House.

Hon. Athman Shebe: Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa muelekeo wako ndiposa nilikuwa nakuja hapo nikisema kuwa bajeti ndio tumepitisha lakini kitendawili kikubwa mpaka leo kuwa hakijapata suluhisho ni kuwa je vipi siku zote Kaunti ya Mombasa hatujapata mgao na labda hii Kaunti ya Mombasa peke yake ndio siku zote inachelewa kupata mgao ama ni namna gani na kama sio Kaunti peke yake je katika hizi Kaunti zengine Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti wizara husika ishataka kujua ni kwa nini hawa watu wana mbinu mbadala ya kukua ikiwa pesa zimechelewa hawa watoto pia wakae Mheshimiwa? Mimi nina imani kuwa suluhisho Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti ipo ni vile tu wizara husika ina uzembefu wa kutisha katika haya maswala ya Elimu.

Tatu Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti nikimalizia kuwa mimi ninavyo zungumzia nawakilisha watu Wodi ya Jomvu Kuu na wewe Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti una Wodi yako ya Port Reitz na vile vile Waheshimiwa wenza wako na Wodi zao wanazo wakilisha. Nina imani mpaka hivi sasa ni takriban si chini ya mapendekezo ama maombi ya hili swala la basari katika hizi ofisi ni takriban zimefika fomu 500 Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti hakuna katika eneo langu la Jomvu Kuu ama maeneo ya Frère Town ambazo hizi fomu za maombi zimepelekwa kwa *Administrator*. Swali langu linakuja hapa Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti ikiwa sisi ambao tunawakilisha katika Wodi zetu ama maeneo kata wananchi wanatuletea sisi mapendekezo yao wazingatiwe katika serikali ya Kaunti kupata basari vipi ikiwa wakati hizi pesa za watu kusaidika Mheshimiwa hawa waheshimiwa wanatengwa mimi nikiwa mmoja wapo niliyetengwa kipindi cha fainali iliyopita Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti na waheshimiwa wengine ombi langu naomba Mheshimiwa kuwa unao uwezo Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti basari zikitoka iwe eneo kata zote...

[Interruption]

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): There is a point of order! Yes Hon. Mwamwiri? Have a seat Honourable Athman?

Hon. Athuman Mwamwiri: Ahsante Mheshimiwa. Mheshimiwa kwa mujibu wa kanuni za ugatuzi sehemu ya tisa inaangazia majukumu ya wawakilishi Wodi na wale *wodi administrator* na moja wapo Mheshimiwa ya majukumu yetu hatupaswi kuingilia majukumu ya *administrative* ama majukumu ya kiutawala ikiwemo kupeana ama kutekeleza majukumu ya basari Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwa hivyo la umuhimu Mheshimiwa jukumu hilisi letu lakini ni aula jukumu hili kutekelezwa katika Wodi wakilishi na wala sio kwa ajili ya kumbukumbu kwamba hili ni Bunge la sheria sisi ibainike kwamba kisheria ama kikatiba jukumu hili si letu lakini tunalihimiza jukumu hili liweze kutekelezwa katika Wodi wakilishi ili sisi tuweze kuliangazia na kuliona linavyo tekelezeka na watu wetu ambao tunawawakilisha waweze kunufaika moja kwa moja lakini si jukumu letu sije likanukuliwa kimakosa na kesho tukajikuta kama Bunge tumepelekwa kortini ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Thank you Honourable Athman Shebe?

Hon. Athman Shebe: Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti. Maana yangu Mheshimiwa mwenza ameweza kunielewa vibaya hatuna jukumu la moja kwa moja...

[Interruption]

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Honourable Athman Shebe please we are on the response that has been brought forward.

Hon. Athman Shebe: Namalizia Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): So if you have any other issue you can raise them in another forum or to the House Business Committee so that they can enter into this floor of the House and you can have access to discuss whatever you want to discuss but let us dwell on response that is in front of this House.

Hon. Athman Shebe: Ahsante Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti. Najaribu kukuelewa ila mimi namalizia nikisema tu sawa na haki kwa wakaazi wote wa Mombasa ndio kilio changu Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti, natumai maswala haya yataweza kuzingatiwa bila ubaguzi wowote, ahsante.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): Thank you Honourable Members. Through your concern and your submissions I will instruct the Committee on Finance and Committee on Education to sit and discuss whatever that has been discussed on this floor and bring back a report to this Honourable House of whatever you will discuss in your Committees because the concerns that have been raised by Honourable Members are really urgent concerns and they need your attention so the two Committees to sit and deliberate and bring back a report to this House. Yes Clerk?

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members, the House stands adjourned until Wednesday 18th August, 2021 at 10:00a.m.

The House rose at 3:11p.m.