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***[The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri) In the Chair]***

**PRAYERS.**

**STATEMENT**

**MIRUGI KARIUKI HOSPITAL**

**The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri):** There is a request for a Statement by the Honorable Member for Nakuru East, Honorable Anthony Kanyere.

**Hon. Anthony Kanyere:** Thank you Honorable Speaker for giving me this chance to request for a Statement that pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (C) I rise to request for a Statement from the Chairperson for the Committee on Health Services concerning the status of Mirugi Kariuki Hospital which is domiciled in my ward. Honorable Speaker Mirugi Kariuki Hospital is located in Nakuru East Ward and serves as a critical Health Facility to the residents and it surrounding.

It should be noted that every person has a right for the highest attainable standard of health which includes the right to Health Care Services. For a long time, the residents of Nakuru East have been denied these rights owing to factors that can be addressed. Currently the Facility is experiencing acute shortage of drugs, further it lacks basic infrastructure including an appropriate building that so critical in its operations. This has forced the Management to convert some of the spaces including Wards for unintended use. Honorable Speaker, the problem is further compounded by the fact that the categorization of the Hospital is not known therefore making it difficult to ascertain the level of compliance with the set standards based on the category of the Hospital. Honorable Speaker, it is worth noting that the Hospital benefited from the construction of two Houses by the Nakuru Town East Constituency Development Fund (CDF) to act as a residence for the key Staffs. To date the Houses have never been occupied instead they have been vandalized and are in dilapidated state. I therefore request the Chairperson to respond to the following-

1. What is the County Government doing about the drug shortage and inadequate Health Infrastructure at the Mirugi Kariuki Hospital?

2. Can the County Government clarify on the categorization of Mirugi Kariuki Hospital bearing in mind that there is an existing gazette notice on condition to be met for each category of the health facilities.
3. Which measure is the County Government is putting in place to ensure the two Hospitals Staff Houses are occupied to avoid further vandalisms

Thank Honorable Speaker, that is my Statement

**The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri):** Thank Honorable Kanyere, the request is made to the Chairperson for the Committee on Health Services, take note and we require a response to that request in 21 days. Next order.

## **MOTION**

### **NJORO SUB COUNTY HOSPITAL**

**The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri):** There is a Motion by the Honorable Chairperson for the Committee on Health Services Honorable Njuguna Mwaura

**Hon. Njuguna Mwaura:** Thank you honorable Speaker, I rise to move a Motion that this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Health Services on the Visit Njoro Sub County Hospital held on 24<sup>TH</sup> May, 2023 and tabled on the floor of the House during the Morning Sitting. The Committee on Health is Sectorial Committee established under the second schedule of the County Assembly of Nakuru Standing Orders and is mandated to deal with all matters related to the County Health Services including in particular County Health facilities and Pharmacies, Ambulance Services, proMotion of Health Services, Primary Health Care, Licensing and control of Undertaking that sells Food, Public Crematoriums, Funeral Parlours, Licensing of Dogs and Facilities for the accommodation, Care and burial of Animals, Water and Sanitation Services, Refuse Dumps and Solid Waste removal. The objective of the visit was to check on the status of the Health Facility, ascertain the quality of services offered to the Members of the Public and analyze the achievements and challenges and areas of improvement as far as delivery of services is concerned.

The Background Information

### **2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR NJORO SUB-COUNTY HOSPITAL.**

**Honorable Speaker,**

Njoro Sub County Hospital is located in Njoro Sub County in Nakuru County. The facility was officially opened at around 1970 by the Catholic Church as a Dispensary and then later improved to a Level IV Referral Facility in 2010. The facility was then later gazetted as a Sub-County Hospital in 2015. It lies on a 7.2 acres piece of land. In 2019, the then Governor H.E Lee Kinyanjui opened the upgraded construction of Njoro Sub-County hospital. The construction is still

underway and is about 70% complete. It currently offers services to the public all over Njoro Sub-County under the County Department of Health Services.

The Facility however has no Ownership Documents (No Title Deed). Allow me to elaborate and say that facility where is currently located, that land was donated by the Catholic Church and it was a Dispensary area but currently owned by the County Government of Nakuru and in that facility it Houses the OCPD (Officer Commanding Police Department) and the DCC within the piece of land.

There is a tag of war between the Board and the National Government as to who should reside within that compound because currently the OCPD and the DCC Njoro reside in that land and which we believe since it is a County Land, there can be arrangement whereby even the Medical Staffs can be accommodated in the said land.

## **2.1 Services and Patients Served at Njoro Sub-County Hospital**

The facility offers Outpatient Services, In-Patient Services, Laboratory Services, CCC/TB Services, MCH, ANC and Family Planning Services. The facility has a catchment population of about 70,000. The Hospital serves approximately 200-250 patients per day and 160-250 deliveries are done per Month. The facility has a bed capacity of 26 Patients. It was noted that the Outpatient cases vary on the various seasons during the year as few patients visit the facilities during the planting season. This because much of time farmers are on their work and much of the time do not appear because they forego to take medicine during that time because they are busy on the farms, that is a notion that is there currently.

The top most cases Reported include: Urinary Tract Infection, Upper Respiratory Tract Infection, Diarrhea, Typhoid, Pneumonia, Tuberculosis and few HIV cases. The service delivery in the facility is good despite struggling with acute shortage of Staff. Services are offered on 24-hour basis as cases from other Level II and III facilities around Njoro Constituency are referred there.

There still exists an incomplete construction of the upgraded construction that is about 70%. The hygiene levels of the facility are limited by the squeezed spacing. The waiting bay is too small compared to the too many patients it receives per day. The structures in the facility are dilapidated. Free delivery services are offered as it is facilitated by the FIF and NHIF. There is inadequate Infrastructure and the Hospital offers Maternity Services and Laboratory Services.

The facility has no Theatre and no Mortuary. The facility has one Ambulance that services emergencies from all over Njoro County and therefore not adequate to respond to all emergencies in good time. There is a complete Constructed Maternity Ward with the intention of easing the congestion in the Old Maternity section. Njoro Sub-County Hospital refers extreme cases or when congested to the Nakuru Level 5 Hospital. The Hospital has no pending bills and NHIF owes the facility about 5.2 Million. The facility is well equipped with drugs as 1/3 of its budget is used to buy drugs. The Facility has a Bore Hole that is serviced by the FIF. Honorable Speaker, allow me to commend the facility because other facilities across the County have huge Pending Bills but this

facility has nil Pending Bill and they are doing extremely well and that is a case study or case example of how the facilities should be run across the County. On the other page we have the Service Charter, this are the services that they offer and how they charge them.

## **2.2 Staff Establishment at Njoro Sub County Hospital**

The facility has a current Staff Establishment of 33 Staff some on Permanent, Contractual Staff and Casuals. The County Government has employed majority of the Technical Officers and Contractual Staff. The facility has 1 general Doctor who handles complicated cases. Honorable Speaker this is alarming, this a Sub County Hospital that receive all referrals from other Tertiary Facilities or Sate Lite Facilities including Naiswet, Lari, Mau Narok and also Mauche but all those facilities end up referring their patients to Njoro Sub County Hospital that has only one Medical Superintendent. It is critical and it does not augur well. This facility ought to be given the support that it deserves so that all those cases that end up at Nakuru County Referral Hospital (PGH) can now be domiciled at that facility so that the specialist cases and attentions can be offered at that level where the residents of Njoro can be able to rich. The facility also has 7 Clinical Officers, 16 Nurses, 3 Pharmaceutical Managers, 4 Lab Technicians, 1 Nutritionist, 1 Administrator and 1 Accountant. That number is too low because a Level 4 Facility must have at least 5 Medical Doctors, 33 Nurses, 5 Pharmaceuticals Technicians and a Pharmacist so that they can dispense drugs appropriately.

There exist acute shortage of Staff and the Staff available do not perform their duties to the maximum thus poor service delivery. The facility lacks a clinician as the emergency room is managed by a Nurse. Njoro Sub-County Hospital accommodates Internship Programmes and currently has interns from Botswana who are international Students from Egerton University.

The Nurses and Lab Techs work in shifts and Computers are used as records. That means they have automated their records management way.

## **3.0 PHYSICAL VISIT AT NJORO SUB-COUNTY HOSPITAL**

### **3.1 Consultation Room**

The facility has a very small Consultation Room which doubles up as an Injection Room, Examination Room, Procedure Room and an Outpatient Room. When we went there to some extent we felt for the facility because we realized that if we can see the kind of rooms that they are using as injection room or outpatient room, they are very squeezed. In fact, even the Medics or the Nurses and Clinicians are not conformable even to turn in those rooms. Therefor we really need the County Executive to expedite.....

### **B AGNES**

At the completion of the outpatient block that we have in that facility, so that the status of that facility can commensurate the revel that actually it has been gazetted for that facility and if such

will be done Mr. Speaker even more patients will feel comfortable to procure services from that facilities.

The facility charges

100 shillings for registration fee,

100 for wound dressing

200 for stitching

100 for injection

free consultation

100 for the nutritionist counselling

they also offer free CCC services,

all the money is paid via M PESA. Therefore, there is nowhere that individual actually Tamper or come into contact with money. So, I can say they have semi-automated themselves as far as the issues of funds are concerned.

Due to the wide range of service offered and the many cases it receives per day. The consultation room is often stuffy and patients have to wait for hours to be attended to.

#### **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH.**

The facility has two maternity wards where one is within the facility and an improved one on the separate building where mothers receive post-natal care and support for new mothers and their newborns.

The in House MCH has seven beds. While the improved one has eight beds. Despite the facility receiving around 160 to 200 deliveries per month. The facility has one delivery bed situated in the improved maternity ward and deliveries are free of charge.

Mr. Speaker You have pictorial documents are in this Report so that members can see the way that ward is, it is too small. Even the mothers I do not know how they coexist there. Sometimes you are told mothers here share beds, which is actually not good. And we really need a lot of improvements in that area.

#### **DELIVERY ROOM.**

This is where childbirth takes place, providing a safe and controlled environment for labor, delivery and immediate medical care for the newborn.

The facility has one delivery bed in the delivery room. You can imagine a situation whereby two mothers or three mothers want to give birth and is only one bed, they will be forced to actually

offer birth on the floor, at this age Mr. Speaker, I think we are somehow retrogressive currently, despite the funds that are there, we need to do something.

Mr. Speaker, they have a laboratory where they do a lot of screening, including the cancer and the rest. they also have counselling room and they also have the store But they are very small. They really need Mr. Speaker the upgrading of the maternity wing. And because that building that we have there, the new building is 70% complete. If it can be completed, I believe there will be a lot of reprieve in that facility. That facility is there and we have the pictorial attachment still. And that building is just awaiting some small completions works, so that the art facility can now be moved to that new building That is there. And I believe with that new building all the members of the public from Njoro and from the country can be able to enjoy services from that building.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

so far, the hospital is NHIF accredited. they have no pending bills to its suppliers and service providers.

There is adequate supply of water in the facility.

The facility has so far planted 320 trees around the facility among the 24 are fruit trees. Mr. Speaker this is the only facility that actually is environmental considerate. it has planted trees and if this can be emulated Mr. Speaker, I believe that actually even the County will look green. And by so doing, I believe we are going to conserve the environment.

Njoro sub-County has a vaccination tent, adequate supply of drugs and this is the only facility that we realized that has drugs and Mr. Speaker they have bought these drugs for themselves with their small budgets that they have, which is a third but the rest of the facilities they need a lot of prayers, if not intervention of this House Mr. Speaker.

### **FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS.**

During the visit to the hospital the Committee observed the following:

That the facility has only one ambulance which serves the entire Njoro Sub-County.

There is an acute shortage of staff in the facility.

That the Maternity operates on a 24 hours basis, but lacks adequate equipment, and staff to facilitate the high number of births.

The Hospital Board is in the process of processing the Facility's title deed. And Mr. Speaker, I would wish that actually the Committee on Lands to intervene on this matter, so that that facility can be given its title deed, so that they can now operate and even construct a perimeter wall around its boundary so that at least the security can be enhanced.

The facility has inadequate and dilapidated infrastructure, which includes inadequate laboratory and laboratory equipment, inadequate toilets, poorly ventilated rooms due to improper positioning

of the windows, in adequate space to accommodate Cash Officer, records and the office of the administration. you realize that if you could see where the records are, where the cash officers are, and the administrator, it is like a allow me not to call it a kennel, it is like where Mr. Speaker the table clerks are and where you are, Mr. Speaker, a very small office that cannot actually House two individuals at a time. to some extent was because we found the revenue clerks in that facility, they serve patient standing, Mr. Speaker, which I believe it requires some improvements.

the hospital has shortage of supply of HIV testing kits Mr. speaker in the morning we had a statement that was sought by Hon. Ann and we said the cases of HIV among our teenagers is increasingly it is alarming, but you find that our facility like Njoro facility does not have the testing kits, which actually does not actually sound nice, Mr. Speaker, and therefore, something more has to be done.

the facility lacks systems mechanism of tracking drug movement, we realize Mr. Speaker that we have been complaining about drugs, but when they go to the hospital's chemist Mr. Speaker, the way they dispense the drugs you cannot be able to track, so therefore there lacks security of our drugs and therefore the drugs can end up actually spilling out to the entrepreneurs around the facility and therefore they ought to have proper tracking systems of the drugs.

The facility does not have a Specialist Doctor such as Gynecologist Mr. Speaker, despite all the births that are offered at that facility. We do not have a Specialist Mr. Speaker who can offer Antenatal services that is Post and Pre-Natal services to our mothers. And therefore, that is why you find that all patients from Njoro sub-County, they end up at the PGH Mr. Speaker, which is not good Mr. Speaker because we have that facility that is supposed to be offering those services.

The Facility has no Theatre and no morgue, Mr. Speaker again, there was an issue that was raised by one of the Honourable Members from Nakuru Town East about their accreditation of our facilities. And Mr. Speaker a Level Four that does not have a Theater, that is not a Level Four, that is a Level Three or a Level Four that does not have a morgue that is not a Level Four Mr. Speaker, that is A Level Three Mr. Speaker, and therefore as far as the accreditation of that facility, we believe that actually something ought to be done Mr. Speaker, so that they can acquire their proper status so that even when the members of the public goes to those facility, they can be freely knowing that they are actually going for certain services, while other services ought to be procured somewhere else Mr. Speaker.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the County Government of Nakuru should allocate more resources in the Financial Year 2023/2024. To recruitment of staff, such as nurses, doctors and lab technicians.

The County should construct a morgue and a theater in that facility.

The County should equip the facility with essential equipment's, buy an ambulance for the facility, refurbish the facility and ensure completion of Maternity Wing.

The Department of Health should work with the Department of Lands, housing and physical planning to fast track on the issuance of the facility's title deed.

That the County Department of health should ensure adequate supplies of HIV testing kits in the facility.

That the County Department of health should come up with a tracking system to monitor the movement of drugs supplied in the facility for accountability purposes.

Mr. Speaker, if this will be implemented. We are sure that, that facility, and other facility will have proper systems of ensuring that service delivery will be realized. And the members of the public are going to enjoy the services that are going to be offered by those facilities.

Mr. Speaker, once again, allow me to request that once this House approve, or pass this Motion, we ought to see implementation. Mr. Speaker, I am on record that that in this House I have passed more than 50 or 30 Report. But we have never seen implementation of those Report. And therefore, Mr. Speaker, it means the authority of his House has been compromised. Mr. Speaker, it is time whereby if I use analogy let us use the analogy of a biting dog. Mr. Speaker, currently, we have just been barking dogs that cannot actually bite Mr. Speaker. We really need to invoke our authority. And make sure that once we pass these Report, after three months of a speaker or six months, when we go back to counter check whether our recommendations are implemented, we ought to find that these recommendations will have been implemented Mr. Speaker and this cuts across to all Departments, not only the Health Department. Because Mr. Speaker, we can be doing a lot of work. But at the end of the day, our work will be trivialized by Departments.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, allow me to request the relevant Departments and the relevant Committee to take over this matter. And follow up to make sure that these recommendations and these Report are not going actually to gather the dusts onto the shelves or the archives of this Assembly. But we need to see its implementation being actually reflected onto the force facilities or at the relevant Department Mr. Speaker.

I beg to move and request honorable Alex from Naivasha to second.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, honorable Chair for Health Services. The Honourable Member for Lakeview.

**Hon. Alex Mbugua:** Mr. Speaker, sir, allow me to take this opportune moment. First of all, to thank the Chairperson health Committee for taking us through such a Report, Mr. Speaker, and Mr. Speaker also to commend him for the good work that he has been doing. He has taken us through various Report and across various hospitals Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker the status of our hospitals at this moment, Mr. Speaker is mostly wanting yesterday we were discussing a Report from Bondeni hospital and a fortnight ago Mr. Speaker, we were discussing a Report on Naivasha level for hospital Mr. Speaker. for us to be discussing Njoro sub-County Hospital of which we are told it is accredited to be level four hospital without a Theater is



something that should worry the County at the moment Mr. Speaker. Without a Theater, Mr. Speaker and we are told that we can see mothers within that hospital and even the size of the cubicle which they are being treated in Mr. Speaker. We should be worried as a County. However, Mr. Speaker

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**Hon. Alex Mbugua:** ... we must say that we find there is a big building in there being developed and the request from the Chair and the Committee, which I am part of, is that we should commit amounts that will be able to complete such a building for the service of this people.

Sometime last month, we had an accident at Londiani and that accident led to the spilling of so many patients within the Nakuru Level 5 Hospital. The patients who had come from Njoro could not get enough attention that time. Sometimes, you find that all these patients trickle to the Provincial General Hospital, we even compromise the hours of working of doctors and nurses at this Level 5 Hospital. To decongest this Level 4 and Level 5 hospital that we have here, it is good that each and every Sub-County have a functional Level 4 Hospital as we have been asked. It will also help in the accreditation of NHIF. With that, we shall get more money for the patients who will be admitted here.

I wish to support this Motion by saying that let us arise to the Motion as a County and support such Report. As the Chairperson has indicated that many times, we have given Report but they have not been acted upon. We know our Governor is of goodwill but the people who might be at the Departmental level might not be willing to work at the pace that we would want them to work. This Assembly should rise to occasion by ensuring that those who have been given the mandate by the Governor have performed very well.

Yesterday, we saw the President doing Performance Appraisal to the Cabinet. I think this one shall come even to the Committee levels within the Assembly and also to the Members of the County Executive because it is justified.

I rise to support that Motion. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Motion is seconded and the Motion is that this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Health Services on the visit to Njoro Sub-County Hospital that was held on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2023, tabled on the floor of this House during the morning sitting.

The Motion is open for Debate

Honorable Member for Viwandani.

**Hon. Mwangi Muraya:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. As my colleagues have just said, we have had several Motions, recommendations and observations in our hospitals.

Prior to the Motion, there was a Statement that was asked by Hon. Kanyere from Nakuru East Ward. I do not want to say that Members have nothing to say but clearly, we need to see

implementation. As I support and recommend the good work that is being done by the Chairperson Health Committee, we need to see this happening and I want to beg this House that this Motion is just like the one that we had yesterday and we are going for County Assemblies Sports Association preparations. Put this Motion into question so that we can start seeing implementation.

I beg that you put this into question because recommendations have been made so that we can now start following up as Members of this House and see that this happens. It is across the County that we are experiencing the same problems in our hospitals. Put this into question and we will go into other business.

Order!, Honorable Member for Maiella Ward. The Honorable Member for Viwandani Ward, you are preempting the business after this. We are not able to be sure that if we have not completed this business, that even if we go to the other business, we are going to be thorough.

Honorable Member for Maiella Ward.

**Hon. Jane Gituku:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I suspect the Honorable Member for Viwandani Ward is really summarising for all of us but I believe we all have something to input just before you put the question.

**He Chairperson Health Committee,** we appreciate the good work you are doing and when we look at this Report, I would request to recommend and to also support it but with a few amendments, especially when you look at this particular Report that we have been given. You realise that in this Report, they have not given us a recommendation on what you are supposed to do on the Kshs 5.2 million that the facility is owed by NHIF which is a very big sum of money, owing to the fact that this facility also requires finances so that it can continue going forward.

The next one I would like also to recommend; they say that the facility lacks clinician but they also say that they have got a number of Clinical Officers. I do not know because I am not in that Department, whether a Clinician is the same as Clinical Doctor because they say they have some Clinical Officers; they have mentioned a number there, and then they say somewhere there that the facility lacks a clinician as an emergency.

I would also want to bring to attention the issue of digitising our system. Whenever Her Excellency the Governor flags off medicine, we really wait at the local level to receive the same medicines that have been flagged and when you go round the hospitals, you are told that the drugs were flagged but we only received one carton of panadol. That has been the case in my place.

The digitisation of these facilities, especially medicine, should be taken seriously.

Finally, the Chairman has told us that they need an ambulance but the visual part of this document has an ambulance. We would like to know what is that that looks like an ambulance somewhere in those photos and they still require another ambulance or whether the facility requires two more ambulance. Maybe, they can tell us it is in a garage that requires a bit of mechanical repairs but do not ask us for another ambulance because I think we have from your document. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Member for Naivasha East Ward.

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I do belong to this Committee. The one thing that I am really afraid of is that both us and the Chair are very busy making some documentaries to fill some shelves because even from the lamentation of the Chair, it is as if we are being asked for a thesis by a certain Department or University because we are doing so many and yet, we are still complaining of non-compliance.

I come from Molo and when I went to Molo with the Deputy Speaker today, some things have really struck my mind. Remember we had shared some of these things, that why do we have Assemblies in the Counties? Why are we in existence? Why are we called Honorable Members of Nakuru County? It is because we need to do an honourable job and that is the job that the Committee is doing; to make sure that we revive.

There are some issues that are really detrimental which some of them are really catastrophic. For example, we know and it should be that all Departments must produce quarterly Report. Therefore, whatever we passed, we need to see whether in the quarterly Report, that was achieved.

This House does not work in a vacuum. Any time our House passes some Bills, Report and whatever we do pass, that is why there is an Implementation Committee that after 6 months, it does follow on what should be done or what ought to have been done.

There is a problem that we are having as an Assembly. The Hospitals require a marshal plan. What we are doing, we have a very good hospital and good buildings but we lack the accompanying cranial manpower to run such a Department. What we have been doing and I think the Chair Budget Committee, because from us and the Governor, he is just a nose and the eye. He looks closer, even some call him the Governor's boy.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it Hon. Member for Lakeview Ward?

**Hon. Alex Mbugua:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Is Hon. Karanja in order to insinuate whatever he is insinuating?

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is he insinuating?

**Hon. Alex Mbugua:** Mr. Speaker sir, I do not know he is just being sarcastic. Who is the boy here?

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Mr. Speaker sir, you know, I would like to be a Governor's boy but now I have no capacity because he has already filled the vacuum. Therefore, it is good. I am giving him power and that is why he is the Chairperson of Budget Committee.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order! We do not have boys acting on behalf of other Leaders in this House. You need to withdraw such statement. There are no boys here.

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Mr. Speaker sir, that one is withdrawn. Semantically speaking, I was meaning that the person who is very close to the ear of the Governor that is why I used the word boy to mean, somebody who is of interest to the County.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it Honorable Member for Kabazi?

**Hon. George Tallam:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. To honorable from Naivasha East Ward, some of us are in this Assembly for the first time. I wonder these words that you are using, like carcinogenius, can you kindly define to us so that we can be able to understand what is carcinogenius. We do not know whether you are abusing us in this House. Kindly define to us.

**Hon Stanley Karanja:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I was just insinuating that some things are genetical. What we can say is that a problem that can kill but people cannot find a cure. I am just being on earth so that you can board the bus. Let me go to point number 2 before I am distracted by people who want to look at phonological part of you.

The Hospitals in this County require what we ...

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**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** ... can call a person with Marshall Plan. For those people who know history know what I am talking about. It is all about the American Revolution. Mr. Speaker we need a Marshall plan. Somebody who will take this County from point A to point B. My problem has been that and Hon. Njuguna knows. Last Assembly we said that if Njuguna was a Chief Officer or Chief Executive Committee Member we could be very far because of his research. We need a CECM or CO with a revolutionary medical mind who is visionary and also pragmatic. Somebody who can stand and show course where we are headed to and where we are but currently I am sorry to say that we have and I am not insinuating the ones that are there but from what Hon. Njuguna has been complaining of and what you all know is that we have a vacuum both in terms of mental and in terms of capacity so Hon. Njuguna will keep on lamenting. He will keep on being a hardened producer of documents that will last in the shelves because he has done that faithfully and he has also made us run like machines producing Report after Report without action.

Therefore what we want to do Mr. Speaker and I said this yesterday, we need to call the Department to order. It should not be that because King'ori died then the whole Department died. I want to ask Hon. Njuguna to invite the CECM and the CO in the Committee of the Whole so that we can talk these things out and if at all it means impeachment then why not impeach so that we can see that some of these things are going on. I am speaking like a revolutionist, like somebody who is a Marxist and somebody who needs us to see far and I think because Members are also sons of the Marxism Philosophy, then we will truly go far . I support the Document.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. Member for Malewa West.

**Hon. Francis Kuria:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to support this Report and Motion. Hon Karanja was a Literature teacher and that is the reason he is using these terminologies; we will get

used to them with time. When I look at this Report there is a lot to be done. Firstly, 7.2 acres of land is a very big piece of land yet we cannot prove the owner of the land so it becomes risky because you might find that from nowhere someone will start claiming the land. There is a lot to be done for the title deed to be processed and prove that Njoro Sub County is truly the owner of that piece of land.

Secondly, that facility has no morgue .I wonder where they take the corpses to because as a Referral Hospital we expect deaths and that is normal; so where do they take their dead bodies. That means that that facility needs a lot of funds and I would like to urge Hon. Members from various Wards who have such facilities to try improve the facilities by sourcing for more funds from Ward Kitty and also from the Headquarters level. I would also like to commend the work done by the Chair, he is a Researcher and as a Member of the Committee I am in support of that. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Hon. Member for Kiptororo.

**Hon. Alex Bor:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion but first congratulate the Chair and the Health Committee because of the good work they are doing. I also want to bring to your attention that just as Hon. from Malewa west has said 7.2 acres of land is a very huge piece of land only to find that the health facility does not own the piece of land. There is somebody somewhere probably sitting ready to claim the piece of land. From my area that is Kiptororo ward, I have eight dispensaries and one health center and only one has a title deed so there is a problem in this Department of Health and I want to support what Hon. Karanja has said that this Department needs sanity. For us to survive politically, this Department should be checked and questioned. As we speak I have received several calls from my place. Yester night we lost a small kid in my dispensary only because of negligence of duty by somebody in that particular dispensary.

If this Honourable House can act just as the Chair has said then I think this problem in the Health Department will be solved once and for all. I am in support of this Report and I want to congratulate the team. Hon. Members, there is a problem and even as we sit now there is an outcry over what is happening in the Health Department. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Member for Nakuru East.

**Hon. Anthony Kanyere:** *Asante sana Bwana Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Acha niungane na wenzangu kuunga mkono Mswada huu ambao unajadili maswala ya afya katika Kaunti yetu na niseme ya kwamba hili jambo la afya linatajikana kuangaliwa kwa njia ambayo inastahili kwa sababu ukiangalia bajeti ambayo tulipitisha hivi majuzi, hii Idara ya Afya ndio imechukua pesa nyingi kutoka kwa bajeti. Si jambo la kutabasamu kuskia kila mmoja akizungumza analalamika kuhusu hali ilivyo katika hospitali zetu. Kwa hakika ningependa kuambia Mwenyekiti wa Kamati hii hongera sana kwa kazi nzuri ambayo unafanya pamoja na Kamati kwa jumla. Lakini pia ningependa kusema ya kwamba jambo ambalo limetajwa hapa la kufuatilia yale mapendekezo*

*ambayo yanatolewa na Kamati ni jambo la kusikitisha sana kwa sababu tuko na Kamati ambayo inatafikana kufanya hivyo.*

*Tuache kusema kuwa sisi bado ni wageni. Ni wiki mbili ama tatu ambazo zinakuja na tutakuwa na mwaka mmoja katika hii Nyumba kwa hivyo ningependa kila Kamati ifanye kazi yake na pia tusiwe mbwa wa kubweka tu bali tuwe na meno ya kubite .Sitaki kuita watu mbwa lakini ni jambo ambalo limesemwa tusiwe tu watu wa kubweka kwa sababu hii Nyumba tunaangalia makadirio ya pesa na kama wananchi wa Nakuru we need to have value for money and if we have to, just like Hon. Karanja has said that if we need to bite we have to do that because it is not business as usual anymore Mr. Speaker sir. I have just asked for a Statement but you can see the recurring trend. We are talking about health issues in our County. I really need to urge Members in Implementation Committee to act and let us see them rolling the coin. Thank you.*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Member for Menengai and then the Hon. Member for Soin.

**Hon. Isaac Rottok:** *Asante Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia hii fursa na kwanza kabisa ningependa kumpongeza Mwenye kiti kwa kuleta mswada huu pia ningependa kuchangia kwa kusema ya kwamba ni vizuri ama kama ingewezekana itakuwa vizuri Zaidi tukipatiwa nakala maalum ambayo itatusaidia Waheshimiwa wa pale mashinani ili waweze kufuatilia zile kazi haswa kama ni za hospitali. Kama kuna supply ya dawa pale pia Mheshimiwa mwenyewe anafaa kuhusishwa kwa sababu hata mimi mwenyewe ukiniuliza kama hospitali za kule Menengai West walipata dawa kwa hakika siwezi jua kwa sababu wanafikisha dawa hizo bila kumfahamisha Mheshimiwa ama bila kupitia kwa ofisi ya Mheshimiwa ambaye anawakilisha sehemu hiyo. Ningeomba kwamba tuhusishwe pia tupatiwe hiyo nakala ili wakati kazi inafanyika pale mashinani au dawa zinapelekwa pale mashinani tuwe na sehemu ambayo kidole kinaweza wekwa ama sahihi ya Mheshimiwa ya kuthibitisha kwamba kazi hiyo imefanyika, dawa tumepata na wananchi wameridhika na wajibu wetu kama Waheshimiwa. Asante.*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. Hon. Member for Soin.

**Hon. Degaulle Naburuki:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, as I stand to support this Motion I also want to congratulate the Chair health and his team for the good work they are doing. He has been visiting facilities and I hope that he will visit a facility within my ward very soon. As we all know that health is a key issue with our people so we have to be very ready to support such Motions. It is very clear and the Chairman said that during planting season people do not go to hospital and I wish to know what method they are using or maybe they do not get sick during planting time. This Report is a replica of a hospital known as Soin hospital in my ward whereby there are no drugs and other services are missing in the facility and the next hospital in the neighborhood is Baringo County all the people from this side cross the border to the other side. I want to request this Committee if at all they have time to visit my ward and see what is there because there are no drugs and we do not have services like the x-rays and also a theater which is very important for

minor surgeries and it would be very paramount for my people. I just stand to support this Motion and I hope the Chairman for health will visit my ward to see what is there. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Member for Kamara

**Hon. John Maritim:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support the Motion and also to thank the Committee on Health for the great job they have done. These findings have triggered a lot especially us as Hon.Members in that I believe that people responsible for this are the CECM, CO and others. I think in future when we are appointing these people or vetting we need somebody's profession in a given field...

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**Hon. John Maritim:** Like when you say for health should have either must be a doctor from a given institution; because a person who knows like now a teacher would understand all students' feelings in school. A teacher would understand that this student didn't feed or didn't get any school fees and things like that. So, in future I believe this honorable House we shall look upon the education background and professionalism such that we cannot play with our health system. Another thing also that I was saying is that the Committee on health has set a good precedent in that all our wards/ sub counties we have some health centers and I believe this are problems we are all going on through. I recall where I come from, Kamara ward, and I live along the highway where there are some two health canter but they have no medicine; just buildings which have been dilapidated, vandalized. I think the best thing that can be done is that the Chair of Health Committee you should do it as a movement throughout the sub counties such that sub counties can also be heard. Thank you Mr. Speaker I do support.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, the Chairperson on Health you be having an opportunity to respond. The Hon. Member for Shabaab.

**Hon. David Macharia:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I arise to support the Report by the Committee on Health and also commend the good work the Committee is doing. Actually, the Committee on health is making other Committees look like they are not working because of the very many Report they have brought to this House. However, I believe that there is a plan to take most of our Committees for trainings and hopefully in the near future we shall be having as many Report such as the ones being brought about by the Chair Health into this House and the Committee. As I sign out, I do not know when the Committee on Health will be coming to Nakuru West Health center that is in Shabaab Ward because yesterday, we had a Report for Bondeni maternity which is in Nakuru East and now I do not know how or they bypassed my ward and landed in Njoro yet I am in the middle of these two health centers. Therefore, I kindly request the Chair Health to pay us a visit at Nakuru West Health center then maybe we will assist each other. This is because we also have other prime land that is being grabbed in Shabaab ward and I think it is a matter of priority that the Committee visits the area and they take note of the problem that we have there so that they

can assist me in following and taking back that land and bring it back to a public property. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I support the Report.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. Member for Gilgil, deputy Majority Leader

**The Deputy Majority Leader** (Hon. Rose Njoroge): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I have stood here to congratulate the Committee for the work they are doing, the hard work and also the Chair and bearing in mind that in the previous term, he was still the Chair in the same Committee and I understand why he is bitter when it comes to lack of implementation of the Report that they have brought in the House. I also want to echo the fact that there are some hospitals that have been built on properties that have no title deeds and now we have some people who are claiming the ownership of the land. You find the same cases in Gilgil where there is a dispensary at Karura whereby a private developer has come out claiming the land. I would like maybe to urge the relevant people that they should not be development allocated to land with dispute because you see they are hindering development. So, we want to develop the dispensary but we cannot because there is a dispute. I would also like to invite the Committee in Gilgil and I do not know whether they can extend the visitation to the health centers and dispensaries not only the Level-Four and the Level-Three hospitals and in Gilgil we have Psychiatric Hospital which is also very needy and we are expecting that any time the National Government can take it and help in funding the hospital. All the malpractices in this hospital we believe they are inherited from the previous governments or officers who were relaxed in their works. Therefore, in this Government let us have hope in the government of the day and I believe that they are going to do something and improve on it rather than having a notion of impeachment at this hour because I believe that in the course of the year, we shall have good results and we shall see what we shall have achieved by then. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, the Chairperson of Health Services Committee responds

**Hon. Njuguna Mwaura**: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am much obliged actually to respond to the members concerns and to begin with; there is a concern that has been raised by Hon. Member for Maiella, Hon. Jane Gituku, on issue of Clinicians. It is true Mr. Speaker that majority of Clinicians there they have been employed by the facility; those accommodated by the facility in the previous arrangement that they had and therefore felt that they were not comfortable to have carried that burden of employing these Clinicians and they were hoping that the Executive through the Department of health, could employ enough Clinicians to serve that facility. Some of them that were serving, due to the way they were being remunerated, they felt that they were not comfortable working in that facility and if they can be given enough number; bearing in mind that is a Level-Four facility, something can be done. On the issue of Kshs 5.6 million, that is something that we raised yesterday and we said that actually that Her Excellency the Governor through the Council of Governors, they can intervene whereby where you find that these facilities they can be given reimbursement from the NHIF; can be done on time as they do to private facilities. On the issues



of digitalizing drugs, indeed the County lacks system to track the drugs to the patients and if that can be done, I believe things are going to improve and therefore the level of spillage that we detected can be reduced. The ambulances that is there at Njoro facility serves the Njoro Sub County and in instances where a mother was at the Njoro facility and ought to be referred to PGH at that level, there can be comMotion bearing in mind that the Njoro population at Njoro Sub County is high and the other bigger facility like Lare, Mau Narok facilities and also the one in Mauche which is also big; if the ambulance can be in those areas, actually going to rescue a patient, you realize these major facility that is Level-Four for Njoro, then the patients are prone to suffering and therefore it is good if they can be given additional ambulances to support them. Mr. Speaker on the issue of implementation of Report, we take the blame we have Implementation Committee in this House which I am also a member but we would wish that all the Report that are passed here, let it be a routing and a tradition that once a Report has been tabled in this House with recommendations; after certain period of time, we ought to see the results from the Committees so that we do not feel demotivated or as if we are doing some work or that it's not perceived as if we are out of order. On the issues of Kiptororo we are going to follow up that matter to establish why that kid or child died at our dispensary. There ought to be some procedures even trying to refer that kid and therefore we need to and we are going to seek for the Report as far as that dispensary is concerned. On visit to Soin that is Mogotio Dispensary Level-Four as they call it, we have a program which we are following it; I believe that one of these good days we are going actually to be at Soin so that at least we can take note of what is happening there. Equally to other facilities including the Gilgil facility and also the Nakuru West facility at Shabaab. We have a schedule that we are following and I believe that one of this good day we are going actually to find ourselves there and we are going to come up with Report of as far as those facilities are concerned. Mr. Speaker on the issue of patients going to during the planting season, you realise that majority of the local people in Njoro are farmers and even if you call them for a meeting and where we come from in Molo; if you call them for a meeting even when they are planting, they will suspend everything to be on *shambas* and that is why you could not see *maandamano* in our areas because Mr. Speaker, we usually respect a lot of issues on land. When it is raining we concentrate on the issues of land and perhaps that is the reason why they do not go to hospitals.

On the issue of professionalism and this one is in the reference to what Hon. Karanja said, not all matters that call for impeachment and not all matters under all Departments that call for persons to be professionals in certain fields. Mr. Speaker, in the last regime at the National Government, we had Hon. Mutahi Kagwe being the Minister for Health and he did not have a professional background to matters Health but the way that person was managing those issues of Corona, was extremely commendable because Hon. Mutahi Kagwe was ever on the issues that were happening and he really tried to control the issues of corona.

Therefore, it is a matter of understanding and goodwill as well as dedication towards whatever is happening and I can say maybe the Department inherited a lot of bad things and that is why they are trying to steer this vehicle towards the direction that we believe we are going to arrive at our

destination with guarantees. We are hopeful because we said we have resources and all that it takes for the Department to go to the right direction. However, if these matters can be captured by the Department, we believe things can be a bit better. On the issue of Kamara we have sometimes and according to our schedule which we are following to the latter, we will find ourselves to the Kuresoi North and Kuresoi South which we are yet to visit because on our schedule, when we intended to go there, it was during rainy season and we have tentatively rescheduled ourselves during January or when actually rains have subsided that is when we will find ourselves in Kuresoi North and Kuresoi South. Currently and sometimes back we went there and our Nissan van could not cruise some of those terrains and therefore I believe we will find ourselves there and move across the County to generate Report which we will be coming up with recommendations that we want a certain Committee and Departments to follow-up and make sure that the recommendations of the Committee will be implemented to the latter so that we can save the population that we have in this County. Mr. Speaker I beg to request this House to pass this Motion and thereafter we are going to seek statements. Somebody told me that via the tradition of this House I cannot request for a statement or seek a Statement from a Committee which I am a Member. I wish to differ that and wish to request that those traditions they outdated and we want to say any Member via our Standing Order have a right to request for a Statement. We are going to request for these Statements as far as the implementation of these Reports are concerned; either at Committee level or at Committee of the Whole where we are today so that we can ignite that process and we can make sure all the Departments are working and also the Committees that we have fear are working. Otherwise Mr. Speaker I want to rest my case and request this House to pass this Report. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Chair. I want to put it to question

*Question proposed that this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Health Services on the visit to Njoro Sub County Hospital held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled on the floor of the House during the Morning Sitting)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

This House is adjourned to Tuesday next week 9.30AM

**The House rose at 4.45PM**