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

PRAYERS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISITORS FROM THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUSIA.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Communication to make. This afternoon we are happy that we have visitors from the County Assembly of Busia. In the House we have Honorable Dalmas Manjole, Honorable Agnes Nangane, Honourable Rose Amoiti and Honorable Shadrack Masinde. We are also delighted to have members of staff from the Busia County Assembly here with us; they are Ms. Juliana Imoset, Ms. Brenda Kanani, Mr. Kadudu who is the Sergeant at Arms for Busia County Assembly, *Karibuni sana*. Next order.

NOTICE OF MOTION

IMPROVEMENT OF CESS COLLECTION.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Notice of Motion from Honorable Njuguna Mwaura, the Member of County Assembly for Elburgon Ward.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Thank You Honourable Speaker, I rise to give a Notice of Motion on Improvement of Cess Collection. That, Whereas the County Government charges prescribed tax on goods at specific border areas in form of Cess; Further aware that Cess Collection is critical Revenue Stream for the County Government; Appreciating that in the past, the Government has endeavored to improve accountability and transparency at the Cess Collection Points through raft of reforms but such has borne no results; Concerned that there is lack of clear strategy to seal loopholes with a view of minimising revenue loss; Noting that the County Government is yet to implement Cashless Payment System at Cess Collection Points hence creating for revenue loss;

Now Therefore, in order to ensure accountability and improve Revenue Collection, this House resolves as follows-

1. Department of Finance and Economic Planning to gazette all Cess Collections Points within the County and deploy appropriate number of Enforcement Officers.

2. Department of Finance and Economic Planning in consultation with the Department of ICT to come up with long-term strategies including installation of CCTV Cameras at all Cess Points.
3. Department of Finance and Economic Planning to come up with convenient Cashless Payments System at all Cess Points.
4. Improving working conditions for Enforcement Officers, preferably introducing a container to provide shelter.

I beg to give the Notice of Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Notice of Motion is properly given. Next order.

MOTION

LANGALANGA SUB COUNTY HOSPITAL

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

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Honorable Speaker I rise to move a Motion that this House adopts the Report of the Committee Health Services on a visit to Langalanga Sub County Hospital on 28th February, 2023. The Health Committee proceeded to Langalanga Hospital to see what has been happening at the Hospital which is a Level Three Facility but according to the County Executive it is a Level Four Facility and of which we are waiting for the accreditation so it can assume the full flagship of Level Four Facility. The said Facility was commissioned by the First President of the Republic of Kenya on 18th September, 1973. It has a catchment of 34 000, majority being women and children.

It currently offers services to the public under the County Department of Health Services. The Facility lies on a land measuring 2.3 Acres, and the said land has no Title Deed. There are different Departments within the facility that I am going to mention, but just before I do that, allow me to mention the kind of clientele that usually goes to seek services at the facility. It is worth noting the results of morbidity and the mortality in the facility which includes the Respiratory Issues, Diarrhea, Ulcers, HIV and Aids, Hypertension, Diabetes, Traumatic Injuries resulting from Boda Boda Accidents, Malnutrition and Neonatal Sepsis. The facility has a Consultation Room which is very small. It has a Nutrition Room which also serves as a CVT Room and it is a very small room. It has a Tuberculosis (TB) Room which if you look at it critically, the kind of a TB room in this facility is very small and lacks the Isolation Room. TB is a very contagious disease and if the room is very small then it can lead to other people getting infected, something that needs to be checked. They have Laboratory, which I can say they are trying but still it is very small.

We also have very few and outdated Screening Machines which need a lot of improvement. They have a Physiotherapy Department which they have tried; they have certain Machines and equipment which can be used for that purpose. They have a Laundry Room which is a small room. They have a Kitchen that is very small and a Maternity which is a small room that usually delivers 30-40 Babies per month and with the current generation and population that we have in Nakuru it is very small. If you can see the kind of Hospital Beds that they are have, for instance we have one

in our pictorial as annexes; they are metallic delivery beds which are outdated. In fact they are improvised beds and they should not be in that facility considering its current status of our Country and with the current number that they are serving. We also interacted with the Community Health Volunteers and the facility has Fifty Community Health Volunteers serving the areas of Pangani, Racecourse, Flamingo, Langalanga and Lake View. While interacting with them, they raised some concerns and they had the following to say-

1. They said they need to be given some allowances for telephone calls and communication, Risk Allowance and also Job Identification Cards so that when they are traversing during the night they can be identified by Security Personnel without harassment.
2. They requested to be considered when recruiting the Hospital Management Board because they have some information or they are informed on the issues of the facilities and concerns.

Allow me to highlight some of the achievements of the Facility over the years. The Langalanga Facility is accredited fully by the NHIF therefore the patients that usually go to that Facility can enjoy NHIF services. They also have a new Maternity that was started last year and it is picking up very well. They are improving and that can be confirmed by the kind of revenue they are collecting quarterly. They are doing well and we are very impressed by the revenue they are collecting. The facility started an Ultra Sound Services and Biochemistry last year and it is doing well. The Facility has a facelift and there is an ongoing automation of services which is almost complete. From its look, even the gate, you can see that is a serious Facility. We are commending the Management in that Facility; they have really tried given the kind of population they are serving and the kind of the status they are in.

Allow me to go to the Findings of the Committee and the Observations that they made. The Committee highlighted the following Observations-

1. The Facility has no Title Deed. Owing that this facility is at the Central Business District (CBD), it is within the City and there are situations whereby anybody can arise and claim the ownership of the said Facility and the County Government of Nakuru will be open to a Pandora's box of Court Cases which will draw a lot of resources from the Public Coffers and therefore we request that the Department to fastrack that the Facility gets a Title Deed.
2. There is an acute shortage of Staff in the Facility. The Facility was commissioned after independence but the number of the staff that we have there is very low and this a Satellite Facility of the Nakuru Level Five Hospital (PGH). Something ought to be done there so that they can operate comfortably.
3. The Infrastructure that was established in 1973 by the founding President is the same; the structures that are serving the people of Langalanga and the surrounding area. We need an overhaul way of looking at the facility and coming up with modern structures.
4. The facility lacks a 24 Hours Outpatient Services and services such as X-Rays and Dental Clinics.
5. No Inpatients Service apart from the Maternity. If today you fell sick and you be taken there, automatically you will be referred to the Nakuru Level Five Hospital (PGH) and that is why the workload of the PGH is continuously going to grow in terms of Patients

who are referred there yet this facility has the capacity to accommodate the Inpatients Services and that is why I said it is not a Level Four; it is a Level Three.

6. The Facility has no Laundry Machine in the Maternity. Honorable Speaker, I know you have a background of Medical Department and I tell you the Casuals who are working there are dealing with automatic stings, washing those Linens that are littered with afterbirth is traumatising and therefore that Facility ought to have a Laundry Machine.
7. There is inadequate medical equipment; for instance the Laboratory equipment that we saw do not commensurate the status of the facility and the age of the facility.
8. There is no backup generator and you know power keeps on fluctuating and that is a Maternity facility and we need a generator so we can give the Newborns the heat that they need
9. There is unreliable KEMSA supplies. This animal called KEMSA continues to torture our Medical Services and the facility is complaining.
10. They require a new Incinerator and the Staff Quarters should also be considered.
11. The Ambulance is very old and serves a number of Health Facilities in the Sub-County. The Ambulatory Services ought not to be customised to focus on the facility and therefore they require an Ambulance.

The recommendations from the Committee are as follows-

1. The Committee recommends that the County Government of Nakuru to allocate more resources in the Financial Year 2023/2024 for recruitment of Staff such as Nurses, Lab Technicians, Sonographers, Pharmaceutical Technicians and the rest.
2. They need two Auto Clay Machines and the Patients Lockers, X-Rays Machines, Dental Units, Delivery Beds, Resuscitating Machine, and Physiotherapy Equipment and other machines that are needed there.

Mr. Speaker a facility that does not have an Autoclave Machine is a facility that can easily transmit diseases to other patients when they visit, and therefore, that is urgently needed. But as we said Mr. Speaker, that this is a Maternity Mr. Speaker and we need a resuscitator for the newborns so that they can survive after being cared for by their mothers. When they come to the public, you know Mr. Speaker when a child is born, although it is the responsibility of the parents, they now become co-owned by the State and also by the parents and therefore, we need those machines so that we can take care of those children or the newborns Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the systems and the facility need to be fully automated so that even the Referral Systems can be very easy to fastrack and also the collections that we make from those facilities Mr. Speaker; we went to fastrack and know the kind of revenue that has been generated by that facility.

Mr. Speaker we also need to build a new structure so that the facility can be updated. Mr. Speaker we usually say a building has therapeutic effects and when a patient goes to a facility that is in good shape Mr. Speaker, they are halfway cured Mr. Speaker and they usually say even when you administer water Mr. Speaker and you tell them it is medicine, they will be cured Mr. Speaker. Therefore we need that facility to be facelifted and not the way it is currently Mr. Speaker.

The facility needs to procure a backup generator due to the Maternity Wing Mr. Speaker. The incinerator is very old and they need a Bio Digester so that all the medical waste Mr. Speaker is well managed and disposed of Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the County needs to purchase an additional ambulance because the distance between Langalanga and Bondeni is very close, and if at least a new one can be allocated Mr. Speaker, they can serve those two facilities. And these facilities mark you Mr. Speaker will also be having a safe way of operation.

That the County Government of Nakuru to liaise with the Department of Lands and Physical Planning to fastrack the titling of the said facility. And so Mr. Speaker, that one also, if the facility will have its own title even the Partners will find their way to that facility and we can have partners who will be willing to construct that facility for us.

Therefore, we request that this matter be taken urgently and I request the Department of Lands through the Chairperson of Lands and the Lands Committee Mr. Speaker to own this matter and make sure that all the County Lands have title deeds Mr. Speaker so that we can attract Donors and other Partners who will be willing to come and assist this Committee Mr. Speaker, as far as the Health Department is concerned.

That the County of Nakuru should demand from the KEMSA to supply reliable and timely, the actual requisitions that the Department makes or the facility makes. Mr. Speaker, today if you requisite the funds or the drugs from the KEMSA, they take ages Mr. Speaker to be delivered. They can deliver after the third quarter Mr. Speaker when requisition was done during the first quarter, and therefore Mr. Speaker you end up losing the value for money. And therefore, we want the County Government through the Department to have a proper engagement with KEMSA so that they can deliver the drugs that they have requested and do so on time.

That the County Government of Nakuru should fully operationalise Outpatient Department, which should serve for 24 hours and also fully operationalise the Inpatient Department. Mr. Speaker, this facility operates on Level Three but if it can be accredited to a Level Four, they will be operating 24 hours and therefore even the revenue is going to increase. Currently majority of the members of the public are ending up in private facilities Mr. Speaker, while we have facilities like this one, which is Langalanga which can offer those services to the residents of that area.

Mr. Speaker, that the County Government of Nakuru should engage security services to ensure that the Hospital's resources and equipment are well taken care of at any given time Mr. Speaker, though we missed that in our findings. There is a lot of insecurity there Mr. Speaker. You know that is a home of 'confirm' gang members and the honorable Member is here. Mr. Speaker, those young gang members are terrorising even the patients who end up in that facility. And Mr. Speaker, if we open a 24-hour system even the doctors and the nurses will not be feeling comfortable to operate in that facility, leave alone securing the premise Mr. Speaker.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, we need the County to engage; that is the Department of Health to engage the security personnel. That is Mr. Speaker, the County Commanders and other Security Agencies within the County to make sure that this facility and its properties are not going to be vandalised;

our staff are going to operate comfortably, and also the patients can access the facility comfortably without fear of such gangs.

Mr. Speaker as I had earlier mentioned there that the County Government of Nakuru should consider setting up staff quarters for their officers. Mr. Speaker, when the doctors operate at the facilities, they usually require at least resting room Mr. Speaker where they can wait for the cases Mr. Speaker, because sometimes they require a place that they can settle and relax. And therefore Mr. Speaker, if we can have a staff quarters Mr. Speaker, the facility is going to operate for 24 hours. The Medical staff are going to have some time to rest even before they get into some of the cases that we have; the ambulance drivers can have a place to wait for the cases to emerge so that they can serve the Members of the public.

Mr. Speaker, therefore Mr. Speaker, if these issues that have been mentioned by the Committee are going to be taken care of Mr. Speaker, I believe the facility will not only be a revenue generator, but it will also be a haven of hope for our people and it is going to save even more lives and more lives are going to come to being in this County Mr. Speaker, through that facility.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this House supports this Motion so that we can save our people. Mr. Speaker, I beg to move and request honorable Murage to second the Motion. I beg to move.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. Honorable Murage.

Hon. Elijah Murage: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I do second.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you.

The Motion is that this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Health Services on the visit to Langalanga Sub-County Hospital on the 28th February 2023. The Motion is open for debate. Honourable Evelyne, then Honourable Muna.

Hon. Evelyne Chepkirui: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this chance to support this Motion. My name is Chepkirui Evelyne, nominated MCA representing People With Disabilities.

Mheshimiwa Speaker, I am really happy to see this Report. I really want to congratulate the Committee Members for working this hard to make sure that they have given us each and every part, you see from the Maternity we have been given each and every detail we would like to hear Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like or I would request all the other Committees to borrow a leaf from this Committee and work according to what they are given. Mr. Speaker, there are some issues which I really think need a lot of attention Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, when we search for a place to stay, there are always three things that we look for; security, electricity and infrastructure. The Chair of this Committee has highlighted some of the issues to do with security Mr. Speaker and I would really request that this matter be looked into Mr. Speaker.

We have also seen one of the recommendations being procurement of the backup generator Mr. Speaker. I would really wish that those matters are taken seriously and faster Mr. Speaker to ensure

the patients and people living in that area or around that hospital are happy and embrace that hospital Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to request the Chair that as you visit all these hospitals, can you also allow us know those hospitals which have been are easily accessible to People With Disabilities? Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Honorable Muna; the honorable from the area.

Hon. David Muraya: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for giving me this opportunity. First, I would like to appreciate the Chairman of Health Committee and the entire Committee for visiting my Ward and these facilities which are located in my Ward, which is Flamingo Ward. Mr. Speaker, I stand here to support one recommendation that this Committee has seen. It is very important and as a matter of fact, this hospital was commenced in 1973 when I was born. You see since then up to today Mr. Speaker sir, it is very unfair to see that the hospital does not have a title deed of which Mr. Speaker according to the Chairman, he has said that developers cannot put any investment in that area since anybody can reclaim that land to be theirs. So I recommend we move very fast Hon. Member for Elburgon, to make sure that we have that title deed.

Also Mr. Speaker, I was there when the Committee was visiting and the recommendation that they have put down here is very true that in that hospital Mr. Speaker sir, and if we start with the Maternity you can see the beds which our wives and our children are using when delivering their children. You can see we have only two; one is metallic purely *mabati* Mr. Speaker and you can see it is not comfortable at all. Mr. Speaker, it can also cause other diseases during childbirth. So we need to have modern delivery beds. There are one or two Mr. Speaker and then we do not have a resuscitator which is very sad because if you can visit that area Mr. Speaker, you will see the resuscitator which is made out of wood.

So Mr. Speaker, I recommend we purchase one so that we can rescue our children because the one available is not comfortable at all and also it can cause diseases to the newborns.

Mr. Speaker sir, I can also recommend that we purchase a modern laundry machine because the one being used is not a commercial one. The person who is using that machine uses his own hands and you see some of those clothes have blood which is not good Mr. Speaker. So if we can get one we can appreciate.

Mr. Speaker the other one I would like to suggest that or support my Chairman as far as the backup the backup generator. You see it is very unfair when a child is born and the doctors are using candles when the light is off. So the backup generator is most needed there Mr. Speaker and I still recommended that and I have been there during the night hours that when the electricity goes off, you can see Mr. Speaker the situation which is there.

I also recommended that the incinerators that we are using there, is not good Mr. Speaker, sir. Most of the people who live nearby always complain about that incinerator because the smoke which comes from that incinerator affects them. Mr. Speaker there was a recommendation that we are going to have a new one; maybe we build or we renovate the one which at the moment is not

operating. And I will like if it can be treated as a matter of urgency and Mr. Speaker we can save the lives of the people that live around that place.

Also Mr. Speaker that hospital is one structure that was well constructed but it does not operate during the night because we do not have doctors so if we can be added two or three other members of staff, maybe that facility can help so many people because you can see as at now, the catchment is around 34,000. It serves Flamingo Ward and the bordering Wards like Kivumbini, Rhonda, Biashara Ward and other people who come from far. We would like to have that facility operating for 24 hours.

On the issue to do with medicine, you can see we have a shortage of medicine and what we get from the other quarter is inadequate. I support that they should add medicine to that hospital so that the patients can be getting medicine from there. If a patient can go to that hospital and get treated, they are asked to buy medicine from outside because the medicine is inadequate. I would request we be facilitated with medicine as quickly as possible so that our people who depend on that facility can be happy and be satisfied that the facility is theirs and that they get good services from that facility.

The security agencies that our able Chairman has recommended is very important because you can see he has mentioned that we have so many confirm people across the area.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Confirm people? Who are they?

Hon. David Muraya: *Vijana wale ambao huwa wanaibia watu* through the phones, *wananyanganya watu vibeti zao wakipita kwa barabara*. We need security so that we can secure that facility because last time when I was there, I was told that they steal even those small gadgets. If there is a construction that is going on around the facilities and sometimes during the night, they enter through the fence and when the engineers come in the morning, they start complaining that it is the staff of those facilities who are snatching them.

I would like to support this Motion fully so that our people can feel that they are Kenyans like any other Kenyans. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. Hon. Gatuso, Member for London Ward then Hon. Mwangi Muraya from Viwandani, Hon. Mukami and Hon. Dida from Mau Narok, in that order.

Hon. Benard Gatuso: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I believe the number one thing that we are supposed to incept with is to ensure that that land is formally a County property. If we will be able to have title for them so that they can be able to continue with development and grow, being assured that the land is theirs.

The other thing I believe is that it is high time as a County we start as much as possible to ensure that we try and practice primary kind of health instead of curative kind of health that we are used to. I believe the other thing that I will be able to commend the Committee through the Chair is that they have been able to capture it well because staffs are supposed to be recruited because we have attitude issues in so many hospitals. As you go there, patients usually go to hospitals but are not taken seriously.

The other thing I believe is that if there is a practicality of us as a County to be able to secure modern equipment that will help our people in terms of servicing ways on how they will be able to be treated there with the equipment that will help them in terms of health. I also believe that it will be so encouraging, especially as leaders if we can be able to be attending hospitals when we get sick. I believe it will be encouraging to the community because we are the people who are showing directions and also even the insurance covers that are secured by the County on our behalf if they can be directed towards that so that we can pool resources to the facilities or Health Facilities that happen to be around us. It will help much in terms of decongesting the level 6 or the PGH that we have here if we can be able to incept the operation of other Health Facilities.

I take this opportunity to commend the Health Committee. It is one of the most active Committee within this Parliament and I fully support the Report.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Muraya.

Hon. Mwangi Muraya: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I want to welcome our fellow Hon. Members from Busia County. Feel much welcome here.

I want to commend the Committee and also to criticise because the facilities we are seeing here and the way they are being told, you cannot differentiate whether they are in the real condition because if we wanted them to be colored, we can be able to tell whether the condition the Chairman is talking about is the real condition. As we can see, we can also say they were not in good condition because they are black and white here. There is no difference between the Members and the facilities.

As much as we are supporting this Motion, we need to fasten service delivery to our Health Facilities and also the management in our hospitals and these health facilities should know where to prioritize. I have heard the Chairman explaining that the Hospital have started face lifting the gates and the rest. The Honorable Member from Flamingo Ward is crying here that the workers are washing the linens with their hands, without the laundry machines. Face lifting is not a priority. The management is failing us to some extent.

We also need management of our facilities to know what to prioritise

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it Hon. Kamau?

Hon. Simon Kamau: Mr. Speaker sir, is the Honourable Member from Viwandani in order to say that the staff were crying?

Hon. Mwangi Muraya: Mr. Speaker sir, as I said last time, you see the kind of expression. Crying *sio tu kulia kwa macho*. That is why I said we must listen to understand, not to reply and my Chair should also learn that.

Some of our facilities that are said to be owned by the Government usually do not have title deeds. It is because the allotments that were there maybe were signed by some individuals and the fear is that people do not want to process the title deed because the said owner who was allocated that use of land will not accept to transfer the title deed to the next person.

There is a recommendation here I can also add in this Committee; that in this floor of the House, we pass a Bill that all the allotments that were issued to the first owners who have sold or transferred these properties to other Institutions be cancelled and be issued with a new allotment to the one who is paying rates. That is the only way we can save our facilities and this is the only way we can have our facilities owning the title deeds.

The “confirm” gang that has been mentioned; I want to urge the Honorable Members from these areas with “confirm” gang to talk to these young men and also to try and look for a way to facilitate them; either by giving them the opportunity to work because it is the only way we can eradicate them. Unless otherwise, our facilities will always be vandalised by them and it is because they were formed with a purpose and now the purpose has gone to even terrorising patients. They ought to have been told to which extent they will be performing their duties. It is their mandate to give them guidelines on where to reach and where not to reach.

Hon. Member from Flamingo Ward, you have a task there to educate our young men so that they can stay away from criminal activities. I beg to support and I am cannot remember whether the Hon. Chair has brought the same Report from the visit we went in Naivasha.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Member, refer to the Chair.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Mr. Speaker sir, the Hon. Member is out of order because he is moving out of the Motion. He is not confining himself to the details of the Motion. He is out of order and therefore, he ought to withdraw.

Another issue I have noted is that the Honorable Member is a chronic absentee of this House.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Mheshimiwa Dida from Mau Narok and Mheshimiwa Wathiai from Shabaab.

Hon. Wathiai, is it a point of order?

Hon. David Wathiai: Yes Mr. Speaker sir. To our guests, welcome. This is how we do our things here.

I stand to be guided. Last week, you gave a very clear Communication on our sitting arrangement in the House. The Chair Health is seated at the Majority Whip’s seat. I do not know if he was elevated to be our Whip and yet he is in the other Party and not the Whip’s Party. Please guide us.

Hon. Mwangi Muraya: Mr. Speaker sir, I am also concerned because our Deputy Majority Leader is seated in our Speaker’s Panel. You need to make a Communication to the floor of the House and also Hon. Hazy on whether he has joined the Speaker’s Panel. Mr. Speaker give a Communication to these Members so that we can know whether things changed overnight.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Noted. The Honourable...

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Mr. Speaker perhaps...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): On the same issue or a different issue?

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Yes on the same issue Mr. Speaker. I wish to actually explain so that it can go down well. Since I was moving two Motions at ago, I do not find it worth to move across the floor to the far end. Therefore I want to excuse myself so that...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order! That issue is closed. I will make a communication on that. The Hon. Dida from Mau Narok and then the Hon. Wamaitha.

Hon. Cyrus Dida: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion and also congratulate the Chair Health for the good work that he is doing. Mine is just to comment on a few things. I have just noted that the problems, last time we were talking about Naivasha, now we are talking about Langalanga and all the Sub-County Hospitals that we have in Nakuru County are almost similar. I would request the Chair to continue with his good work but he has a long way to go.

Continue visiting even our dispensaries at Mau Narok and other places around Nakuru County. I also want to inform the House that Madam Governor launched the medicine and drugs few months ago but I regret that up to now Mau Narok Health Centres and Dispensaries and I believe also your Wards up until now have not gotten those drugs. We have tried to follow up but all in vain. The Chair kindly help us do a follow up. As you do the follow on the drugs and medicines in our hospitals also take note that our dispensaries and Health Centres do not have condoms and it is very important, especially to the people of Mau Narok. Thank you.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. Wamaitha. What is it Hon. Wathiai. You already had your time on the floor.

Hon. David Wathiai: I stood on a point of order. I now want to contribute.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Maybe what you need to be prioritising is whether it is the time for contribution or the time for point of order. You now want to contribute and not give a point of order?

Hon. David Wathiai: Yes.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Proceed and then you allow the Member next to you Hon. Wamaitha. Then Hon. Kirui from Barut.

Hon. David Wathiai: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I would like to commend the good work that the Committee on Health has done. They have given a comprehensive Report on the state of Langalanga Health Centre. It is the only point that I noticed and to me I do not support that point though I am going to support the report but on amendments. There is a point that the Chair has said that Langalanga Health Centre needs to be given another ambulance. I used to work with the County Government so when I stand here I can say that I know that there is an ambulance at the health Centre and there is another ambulance at Bondeni Maternity yet in my ward I have a dispensary that does not even have a vehicle that can be used around the ward. I would request to support the report but on amendments that that ambulance if at all is going to be bought then it should be brought to the Dispensary at my ward Shabaab. Thank you very much.

Hon. David Muraya: Mr. Speaker, I rise to object what Hon. Wathiai has said...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. Muna. Hon. Wathiai are you introducing another substantive Motion that the next round of buying ambulances your dispensary will benefit? That is more progressive than saying that LangaLanga hospital which is at Level Four Hospital should not benefit from a new ambulance.

Hon. David Wathiai: I stand to be guided.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you.

Hon. Ann Wamaitha: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to give my views. I want to welcome our visitors from Busia County. I would like to congratulate the Health Committee Members for their thorough investigations on Langa Langa hospital. One thing that I have noticed and which it has saddened me is that the maternity ward does not have a laundry service. A few years back, there was a study in Nakuru that from one hundred thousand birth, four hundred and thirty six women died during child labor. A number of children die in Nakuru because they are not being handled well in the hospital. There are certain diseases that come with lack of proper sanitation in the hospitals that can affect both the mothers and the children. As we are on a worldwide mission to eradicate maternal and child death, our maternity should be at par with what our goals are and this will benefit both the women and children of Flamingo ward as well as the all of Nakuru County. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. Kirui then the Hon. Francis from Malewa West.

Hon. Bernard Kirui: *Asante sana Mr. Spika kwa hii nafasi nimepata. Kwanza ningependa kukaribisha wageni wetu kutoka Busia. Karibuni sana Nakuru City. Nimesimama kuiunga mkono hii Ripoti ya Kamati ya Health kwa sababu nimeona kuwa kuna mambo mengi ambayo yamefanywa kwa hii hospitali ya Langa Langa. Vile tumesikia Mheshimiwa Muna, MCA kutoka hiyo Wadi akipongeza Ripoti hii, mimi pia kama MCA wa Barut ambae pia huwa tunatumia hiyo hospitali tunashukuru. Tumeona kuwa kuna mambo ya NHIF hapo. Sisi kama waheshimiwa wa jijini tumeshinda tukifanya harambees kila jumapili kuchangia bills za hospitali. Tunashukuru kwa sababu kuna kadi ambayo imeletwa kwa hii hospitali ya Langa Langa. Imekuwa tu ni hospitali ya PGH ambayo imekuwa ikitumia hii kadi kwa hivyo tutakuwa tukishauri watu wetu pia waweze kwenda kwenye hiyo hospitali kwa sababu kuna hii kadi ya NHIF. Ombi ambalo ninaomba kama Mbunge wa Barut ni kwamba tumeona kuwa hakuna outpatient services na pia mambo ya hayo kadi pia yanasaidia kulipa matibabu ya kuingia na kutoka kwa hivyo Tunaomba Kamati ya Health iweze kuangalia hayo ndio iweze kusaidia watu wetu. Mambo ya maternity, tumekuwa tukitumia ile ya Bondeni na ya PGH. Laini ambayo Unapata pale inakuwa ngumu kwa wengine kufika kule. Unapata kina mama wakijifungua nyumbani lakini kwa sababu tumeona kuwa kuna Maternity Wing imeletwa pale Langa Langa pia tunashukuru Kamati hiyo kwa ile kazi nzuri wamefanya. Sina mengi ila tu kupongeza hii Kamati na kuwaomba pia waweze kufika upande wa Barut. Tuko na dispensary mbili ya Burgei na ya Parkview. Tuna facility ambayo imeletwa lakini kufunguliwa ndio shida kwa hivyo tunaomba Chair aweze kuangalia hapo ili iweze kufunguliwa na iweze kusaidia watu wengine.*

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Hon. Kirui. The Hon. Francis then Hon. Leah from Keringet.

Hon. Francis Kuria: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I do not have much to say, I just want to support the Motion and congratulate the Committee for a job well done. We really tried putting more effort on how to support this team and visit the various facilities. I have heard one of our Hon. Member say that the facility was supposed to prioritise on buying the laundry machines. Remember we found the Management of the facility doing repairs to that facility so we have no powers to say that they are not supposed to this but start with this. What we were supposed to do is support that and guide them where we can. Allow me to just support and commend the Committee for the good job that they have done. I want to urge my fellow Hon. Members to be visiting their facilities so that whenever they find that there is a problem or something that needs to be investigated or carried out on such facilities then as a Committee we will be able to know how to tackle such issues. Thank you and I do welcome our colleagues from Busia.

Hon. Leah. Serem: *Asante sana Bwana Kinara Spika wetu kwa hii nafasi ambayo nimeweza kupata. Nimesimama kuunga mkono kazi ambayo Kamati ya Afya iliweza kufanya. Tunaelewa ya kwamba bila afya hatuwezi fanya chochote katika maisha yetu, nyumbani, kazini na hata katika hii Bunge. Kwa hivyo afya lazima ipewe kipao mbele. Tunawapongeza sana kwa kazi ambao wameweza kufanya. Jambo ambalo ningependa kuongezea ni kwamba katika chumba cha kujifungulia cha kina mama ningependa kuongezea ni kwamba kamati iweze kuingilia kati. Waweze kutembea katika hizo hospitali kubwa na hizo ndogo ambazo ziko kule mashinani kuhakikisha ya kwamba ziko safi na pia kuhakikisha kwamba mahali ambapo kina mama wanajifungulia pako sawa. Mwezi uliopita sisi kama kina mama tuliweza kutembelea msichana mwengine mdogo ambaye alijifungua watoto watano hapa Nakuru na lilikuwa ni jambo la historia sana katika Kenya yetu. Kwa sababu ya challenges nyingi na facilities ambazo hazitoshi, na hao watoto waliaga. Tungependa pia Kamati ya Health wafuatilie na watuletee Ripoti ili tuweze kujua ni jambo gani lilifanya hawa watoto wakaaga katika Hospitali yetu ya General. Pia tunapozingatia kujifungua kwa kina mama, tusije tukaona tu kwamba kila mama ambaye anaenda kujifungua huwa anajifungua mtoto mmoja. Wengi hujifungua watoto wawili, wanne hadi watano kwa hivyo wanapopitia changamoto kama hizo lazima pia tuwe na Counselling Room. Tukiwa na hiyo Counselling Room itawasaidia. Tukizingatia upande wa wanaume huwa wanawaachilia sana wanawake wao wanapojifungua sana sana wanapo pata watoto wengi. Unapata kwamba wanaume wanaanza kutoroka na kuachia mama mzigo mkubwa. Tusipokuwa na Counselling Room hao kina mama watatoka pale na wana weza patwa na kichaa ambayo hawakutafuta. Kwa hivyo Chairman kazi kwako.*

Hon. Bernard Kirui: Point of order Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is the order?

Hon. Leah Serem: I do not need any point of order Mr. Speaker.

(Laughter)

Hon. Bernard Kirui: Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is the order?

Hon. Bernard Kirui: Mr. Speaker, *kuna mahali Mheshimiwa amesema ati sisi wanaume huwa hatuwajali kina mama wakati wanajifungua. Swali langu ni kuwa wanataka tufanye nini? Tukuwe hapo kuwasaidia kujifungua ama vipi?*

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order! Order! Hon. Kirui. You had proceeded very well until when you answered yourself. You specifically wanted to know what is expected of the man in as far as delivery of a kid is concerned. Maybe *Mheshimiwa ajibu hiyo*.

Hon. Bernard Kirui: *Acha atajibu zikiwa mbili. Natumai sisi kama wazee tunamalizia kazi pale. Halafu wao waende wafanye hiyo nyingine. Sio sisi...*

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order! Order! Hon. Kirui. The Hon. Serem

Hon. Leah Serem: I think Mr. Kirui is out order Mr. Speaker. *Hakuna vile utasema unamaliza kazi yako. Kazi gani hiyo? Ningeomba wanaume wote kwa hii...*

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Address the Chair.

Hon. Leah Serem: I am sorry Mr. Chair. *Naomba kwamba hii Bunge iweze kua kielelezo kizuri kuonyesha upendo na pia kuonyesha kwamba wewe ndiye mzazi, wewe ndiye baba mtoto. Awe mmoja amezaliwa, awe mlemavu, wawe wawili, watatu ama wanne wamekuja kwa ghafla uwapokee wote na sio kuwatoroka tafadhali.*

Hon. Francis Kuria: Point of order Madam Serem. Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it? What is the order?

Hon. Francis Kuria: Mr. Speaker can Hon. Serem elaborate further. *Ni waheshimiwa wangapi hapa ambao hawaonyeshi mapenzi kwa wake zao? Afafanue... ametoroka.* Endelea Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order! I can see where now this discussion is headed to.

Hon. Leah Serem: Through experience Mr. Speaker sir, *mimi kama mjuavyo munaniita mama Triplets lakini hamuwezi mkaelewa ni yapi nilipitia. Kuamanisha unachanganyikiwa kimawazo pia hata tuseme umejifungua hao watoto bila mtu mwenye ako karibu na wewe, hata kunyonyesha hao watoto inakuwa ni shida kwa sababu mama yeyote anatakiwa kuwa na maziwa lita mbili kila siku; lakini akiwa na stress atapata less than a litre na hao watoto wanaweza kuaga. Kwa hivyo sio kuamanisha twende na wewe kama mume maternity ukajifungue pia. Ni kuamanisha ya kwamba uwe na chakula, unitulize kimawazo na kila kitu ambacho kinahitajika uwe karibu. Sio ati kutoroka; wengine hutoroka kama kule kwetu, hakuna nyumba nyingi na hivyo wengi hutoroka na kwenda kulala stoo kwa sababu hawataki kusikia kelele za watoto. Kwa hivyo tusiwe kama hao watu. Asante sana Bwana Spika.*

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Kanyere the Member from Nakuru East, then the Hon. Member from Kivumbini, and then the Chairperson for Health you will be responding.

Hon. Anthony Kanyere: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First and foremost is to welcome our visitors from Busia County. Feel welcome to this Honorable House. Secondly is to commend the good work done by the Committee on Health; and now marrying the two Reports that have been tabled in this Honourable House, there are two things which are recurring Mr. Speaker sir. There is this issue of drugs which was mentioned when the other Report about Naivasha was being tabled and now in the Langalanga Report.

I think it is a serious issue which we should discuss because lack of drugs in our facilities has become a menace and the only drugs that are provided there are painkillers and sometimes they are not available. It is now time for this House to think widely and get to know if it is an issue of procurement or it is about single sourcing, considering the issue of KEMSA also came up. So I think that issue should be looked into.

The other issue that is recurring in the two Reports is about the land title; the ownership of the land that the facilities are. It is a matter of great concern and this House needs to come up with a resolution to deal with that menace which keeps on recurring. As it has been reported by other Members, it seems that this thing is everywhere in each and every facility. The other worrying issue is concerning security in our facilities. It saddens me to hear that Langalanga facility which has a Maternity Wing has no Security Personnel and it comes to my attention when just the other day in Pumwani Hospital, we had some cases where some people stole newborn babies. So if we do not have security personnel to man our facilities, it is worrying that such crimes can happen there.

Mine is just to commend the good work done and the recommendations that have been put across to be adhered to. To conclude on my submission, I urge the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to have Health functions fully devolved. Currently a lot of money is being withheld by the National Government and that is why you can see our facilities have some issues to do with facilitation and even upgrading of the hospitals and therefore I will urge the National Government to come up and fully give money to the County Governments so that we can improve on matters to do with health. Thank you Mr. Speaker for that chance.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon Member from Kivumbini.

Hon. Neto Sakwa: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I also welcome Hon. Members from, Busia County to this great city and into this Honorable House. Mr. Speaker sir, I also commend the Chair for Health and the entire Committee for the Report that they have come up with on the Langa Langa Hospital. That facility Mr. Speaker serves almost three Wards, namely Biashara, Flamingo and Kivumbini. Kivumbini Ward does not have any Health Facility and so we depend Langa Langa Hospital to serve our people. So, I will be brief and point out a slight observation to ask the Whole House through you Mr. Speaker that this Report should be adopted to the latter but even as we adopt this Report, I take also consideration on the area of interaction with the Community Health Volunteers. These are the people who have volunteered working within our area and serving our people and have made their request that when writing the Report and adopted, the Country

Government has a way of employing some people within the hospital and they have made a request that they be considered through being given casual opportunities within the same facility. So I commend the Report and urge the House through you the Chair and Mr. Speaker sir, the Report should be adopted. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Chair and before you respond, for clarity, there is a point that you said that the facility was raised to Level Four then at some point the services are not matching a Level Four facility. so, which is which? Is it a Level Three or Level Four facility?

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Thank you Mr. Speaker; allow me to respond to various issues that have been raised starting with the one that you have raised Mr. Speaker. The current status of Langalanga facility is a Level Three Facility.

However, they said the name precedes everything; because before I became an MCA or even dreamt about it Mr. Speaker the Honourable. *Wananchi* started calling me *Mheshimiwa* Mr. Speaker. I think that is the same analogy that the Department is using but as far as we are concerned as an oversight body, we are referring that facility as a Level Three; that is a Health Centre. It has not yet been elevated because it is the services that elevate a facility and we are requesting the Department to confine themselves to calling that facility a Level Three.

On the issue of the drugs, it is an issue cutting across all the Wards and I wish to say and state that these facilities and the kind of drugs that we have received, they are in low volumes and we are requesting the County to do something as far as the drugs is concerned so that all the facilities can have enough drugs. We are also pushing for this facility that once they have improved the services, this facility will be at capacity to buy its own drugs through the FIF. Therefore, it is an issue of making sure that we have done the necessary the recommendations if they can be implemented, the facility will be able to shoulder the burden of drugs and will be able to give members of the public the services that they ought to get.

On the issue of the laundry machines it is true that the one which is at the facility cannot serve the population that the facility has and we are requesting all the maternity facilities that we have that they should have laundry machines. On the issue of psycho-support including paternal support, it is paramount and each facility ought to give priority to this service because our mothers have been suffering. It is painful and how I wish men could have a share of what the women go through. I salute the women because they go through a lot of painful and strenuous conditions that is not optional and psycho social support should be offered.

The County Government of Nakuru should provide such services in each facility. If you visit Margret Kenyatta Maternity at the PGH, there is no room for such service yet even the father should be there where the women are delivering so that they can comfort them. It is true our African tradition is awkward; you participated when making the baby but when the baby is coming to life, the man usually runs away. He does not want to be associated with such affairs. And you have heard from a member that the women usually go through a lot. I do not want to extend that debate but perhaps you can organise for one evening we have a couples' night on this matter so that the male Members can get the gist and the information as far as maternity issues are concerned.

On the issue of ambulance services, I did not say that ambulance should go to Langalanga and even the Report stipulates clearly that an additional ambulance should go to the Sub-County. That means Nakuru East Sub-County ought to have an ambulance that should be moving round the Sub-County. Perhaps when we will be visiting Nakuru West we are also going to come with the same recommendation. On the issues raised by Hon. Dida, I sympathise in that I understand his age and therefore he is concerned about his age mates. However, we have made sure that they are in the stores but the only issue is on their distribution.

The issue of title deeds is a thorny issue because none of our facilities have the title deed unless those ones that the County procured land just recently but the rest of the facilities do not have title deeds. I am requesting the relevant Committee to tackle this matter and make it a business of that Committee so that our facilities can have title deeds so that we can move forward.

On the issues of disabilities, it is true that all upcoming facilities must comply to the standards of People With Disabilities (PWDs) so that patients living with disabilities, including visitation to maternity can find it friendly and that they can enjoy those services. Therefore Mr. Speaker I beg to request the Members to support this Report and Mr. Speaker to make sure that the Report recommendations will be implemented. I am also requesting Implementation Committee to take up this matter seriously and it should not be a tradition whereby we come here, we go to the field, we come before this Honorable House we table Reports, the House passes the Motions but when it comes to implementation, we are not seeing results. I will be seeking that after three months or six months; I will be back here to request for the implementation status of these Reports because we have a tendency as a Country of passing Legislations and Reports but we end up putting the Documents on shelves and to gather dust while other Counties come taking away our policies and they are doing well.

Therefore, I would wish to request the Implementation Committee, the Lands Committee and the Security Committee to take up this matter and go to the field and come up with their recommendations and fastrack this matter so that these facilities can stand comfortably and offer services to members of the public. I beg to support and request the House to pass this Report. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Question proposed that this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Health Services on the visit to Langa Langa Sub-County Hospital on the 28th February 2023

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Honorable Members, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday 9.30 in the morning.

The House rose at 5.15pm

