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

**PRAYERS.**

**MOTION**

VISIT TO PROVINCIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL (PGH)

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): We have a Motion from Honourable Njuguna Mwaura, the Chairperson of the Committee on Health Services. Is he in the House or a representative of the Committee? Maybe we can get another Member to move the Motion.

**Hon. Isaac Rottok:** Mr. Deputy Speaker, I think we should adjourn because the quorum does not meet the threshold of this Motion.

**Hon. William Mutai:** Mr. Deputy Speaker I concur with my colleague Honorable Member; it is like the Members of the Committee are not ready to champion and give direction concerning the Motion. I beg that this Motion be moved to another day.

**Hon. Anthony Kanyere:** Honorable Deputy Speaker I would like to bring to your attention that the Chairperson for the Committee on Health Services is in the House.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Welcome Chairperson, there is a Motion that is supposed to be moved by you.

**Hon. Njuguna Mwaura:** Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want to apologise that we have arrived late from two facilities that we had gone to visit to see how they are conducting their business and also so as to make recommendations as far as Health Service delivery is concerned. I rise to move a Motion that this House adopt a Report of the Committee on Health Services on the site visit to Nakuru Level 5 Hospital (PGH). It is true the Committee on Health Services proceeded to PGH to see how the members of the public are attended to and we went there on a mission. This is because the PGH is the Apex Facility for this County and therefore we felt that if we begin with the Facility we were going to get a clear picture of how our Facilities are.

We visited different Departments whereby we visited knowing that all the Departments that we have at the PGH are also in the ground Level which are Level 4, Level 3 and Level 2 and whatever challenges were there we thought were the same and the Members when they come through the Report will confirm that the same challenges that are there are the same challenges that they are going through in their facilities. The objective of the visit was to access the quality of services offered to the members of the public, the working environment of the staff of the

facility, the challenges the staff are encountering and make recommendations as far as the objectives are concerned.

When we went there, we visited the Outpatient, the Inpatient, Administration Block, the Auxiliary Services Units and the Specialised Clinics. We also visited the Waste Management Site where all the medical waste is taken but unfortunately we found that Department was inactive because the machines had broken down. We said that once we post the Report the Committee on Implementation will follow up to make sure some of the recommendations that are here are going to be followed. We also visited Oncology Department where we went to the Chemo and the Banker and we saw that since the services began, many people have been enjoying the services including the neighbouring Counties. We were also made to understand that the patients who were being attended at KNH and the MTRH have been told to come back home and enjoy the services at our Referral Facility.

The pictorials herein in the Report show that it is true we were there and I want to commend the County Government of Nakuru because so far, our people are getting proper services and attention in this department. We also went to Mother and Baby Wing and in this facility, we realised there are many things that are offered there; we have the Gynecological Services, there is the Nursery for the new born babies and other services that can be found in a Maternity. The facility is a beehive of activities and the Medics there and Nurses are doing what they can to bring on board new people to this County. This is one of the facilities that has given us a proper picture as a County. We also went to the Morgue because there were complaints and we realised the Morgue is old and small for a County facility and therefore as you see later there are many challenges included in this Report and Members will see some of the recommendations that we have put forward. You will realise that a part from the Morgue at the PGH which serves as a Private Morgue, we have Kwa Jack Morgue which is a County Morgue.

The Kwa Jack Morgue carries everything including Police Cases and it is just a critical Morgue that is just adjacent to the PGH Morgue. I can recommend that we have a proper facility there because not all who pass on are police cases or accidents and we recommend that there be a proper facility to take care of our people. I had already commented about Waste Management and the Medical Waste Management and the Committee on Implementation should visit there because of how things are operating there. Just two weeks ago an Organisation dealing with environmental issues realised that somewhere around Kapkures or Ng'ambo people are dumping Medical Waste including used syringes in the bush; they could be Private Facilities.

Therefore, we said if the Waste Management Unit at PGH can be repaired, all the Medical Waste in the County can be taken there and it will be recycled and taken to Gioto Dump Site and that is why we want the Committee on Implementation to make urgent follow up as far as Waste Management System is concerned.

We also went to Trauma Centre, which is immediately after the Triage. When you arrive at the facility the first Department to receive you is the Trauma Centre so they can Triage you and see if you have any other Medical conditions that need attention but the Trauma Centre we have is very small. There was a project that was started by the National Government during Kibaki's regime and the building has stalled; it has been there for ages and it is not of any use to anybody and based on the fact that we are located on the Northern Corridor on a highway and most of the times we attend to accidents issues we are requesting that, that Trauma Centre, the Department to collaborate with the National Government so that they can complete and if they cannot we can recommend that the County Government to appropriate some funds to complete the facility so that members of the public can start enjoying the services at that Department.

We went to the Pharmacy and asked on how they dispensed their drugs and we realised the PHG has drugs. They were put to task to explain on how some claims of drugs getting out of the facility and they explained. We also went to the Records facility and they said they are automating the Health Records that we have at the facility and the Department has really tried to make sure that all the data on all patients is automated.

We also went to Emergency and Casualty Department and we were made to understand that the Department operates for 24 hours and there was acute shortage of staff in the Department and we said we are going to make recommendations and as far as we are concerned there are recommendations we have made concerning the same. We also went to Outpatient Department which is a new facility, the one the President of the Republic of Kenya had come to see. I can tell you that is a Department of its own and other Counties are coming to benchmark and if things can be hastened so that it can be equipped. That Department is a hospital of its own kind and other Counties are coming to benchmark there and we realised that the County Government of Nakuru can prioritise and the issues or challenges of the PGH will be issues of the past.

On the first floor, there are Laboratories, the Maternal and Child Health (MCH), there are Pediatrics and Dental Clinics where those services are being offered and the members of the public will enjoy services without walking around. If one visits the PGH and he/she is referred to the farthest Department, he/she will get tired but with the Outpatient Block, patients will enjoy services within the same floor.

On the Second Floor, we have the Specialised Clinics; we have the Dermatologist, ENT, Medical and Surgical and Public Health. On the Third Floor we have Administrative Offices. Currently if you go to the facility and see where the Medical Superintendent, who is the Director of Health is sitting, you will sympathise with them. If you see where their offices are you will be shocked yet this is a hospital that makes a lot of collection and we believe the new block will offer a change of things so that we can say confidently that Nakuru County is leading in matters health.

There are certain challenges that we believe the facility has and allow me to spend some few minutes here because I believe if the challenges are sorted we can rest assured that Nakuru will become a Tourism Centre on Health Matters. They are-

1. Shortage of Human Resource; when we were introduced to the Oncology Department, we learnt that people are coming from Samburu, parts of Laikipia, lower parts of Uasin Gishu, Baringo, Narok, Nyandarua and Kajiado and parts of Kiambu....

Therefore, Mr. Deputy Speaker due to such expansion of services, everyone is flocking to PGH. Therefore Mr. Deputy Speaker the number of staff that they have cannot handle the huge population that is flocking there. Therefore, we are requesting the Government to do something as far as employment of staff is concerned.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, you also realise that other people from outside, that is outside the Country are poaching our Medics. Mr. Deputy Speaker; we are training them, we capacity build then one day after acquiring those skills they go outside in search of greener pastures. We are therefore saying not only are we going to employ, but we as we employ we ought to make the package for the Medics better so that they can comfortably serve this Republic because I believe our people are patriotic and they would wish to work in this Country.

Mr. Deputy Speaker challenge number two is under a transition of equipment and resources due to lack of staff to operate the same. Mr. Deputy Speaker, we realised that we have a lot of

equipment, updated equipment as far as health is concerned yet some of the staff that we have recruited cannot handle the technology that we have, including some of the current X-ray machines that we have. Therefore we want the County to be training these staff Mr. Deputy Speaker so that they can be updated as far as medical technology is concerned.

Mr. Deputy Speaker on the issues of the Trauma Centre as I had said, that matter Mr. Deputy Speaker is that the incomplete facility is showing a bad state and a bad picture as far as the facility is concerned. Mr. Deputy Speaker if it can be completed, I believe things are going to be good.

Another issue Mr. Deputy Speaker is the issue of the perimeter wall. You realise that the PGH does not have a proper fencing, and therefore Mr. Deputy Speaker we request that the concerned Department visits and Mr. Deputy Speaker I believe things can change.

We also noted Mr. Deputy Speaker as I had alluded the microwave shredder at the Waste Management Unit is not functioning. And Mr. Deputy Speaker for instance today, we were at Bondeni Maternity and the waste has been heaped; there is a mountain of waste and not just waste but medical waste which is a health hazard Mr. Deputy Speaker just because the PGH microwave shredder and other machines are not operational. Therefore, these are matters that require urgent attention so that Mr. Deputy Speaker we can rescue the Satellite Facilities that we have.

There is also a dispute between the hospital and the Kenya Medical Training College concerning land ownership Mr. Deputy Speaker. We also heard about the philosophy of a needle and camel, and Honorable Duale is not in the House because he usually discourages us from talking about the camel. But it was once said that once a camel inserts its head into the needle hole Mr. Deputy Speaker, it usually makes sure that the whole body goes through that hole.

Mr. Deputy Speaker PGH land was so big we gave some piece of land to a secondary school in that area. And I can see the Member here. And also on the other side, we gave the Kenya Medical School but Mr. Deputy Speaker, the KMTC is actually claiming each and every part of the PGH and remember KMTC is not a County Facility; it is a Facility of the National Government Mr. Deputy Speaker. We would wish that the Department of Lands gives us the title deed so that these issues of land ownership can be sorted once and for all Mr. Deputy Speaker because they are preventing the facility from coming up with development agenda because those people are trying to put a caveat as far as the land is concerned. And that is a hospital and Mr. Deputy Speaker as I said, they are just camels who just went through the needle hole and now they are claiming everything Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, there is congestion at the morgue and as I said, it is because of unclaimed bodies from the facilities and therefore Mr. Deputy Speaker that Morgue needs a lot of attention; at least it should be expanded.

Mr. Deputy Speaker the Committee sat down and came up with the following recommendations.

1. The County Government of Nakuru through the County Treasury should allocate funds for recruitment and hiring of staff, refurbishment of the infrastructure that is including

the perimeter wall and repairing of the Cold Rooms at the PGH in the Financial Year 2023/ 2024.

I am happy Mr. Deputy Speaker that we have the Chairperson Budget Committee who is also a Medic and also a Member of Committee on Health. And I know Mr. Deputy Speaker that he is going to take it up because it is his profession; he is going to do something as far as that is concerned Mr. Deputy Speaker.

2. The County Government should intervene and ensure that the Trauma Centre is handed over to the County for completion.

I am happy Mr. Deputy Speaker because last week or two weeks ago, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya Dr. William Ruto was at that facility and we can say he is aware of the same and we wish to see and to request for responses from the necessary Department; that is the Public Works Department Mr. Deputy Speaker, as far as this is concerned..

3. The County Government of Nakuru should ensure that the microwave and shredder machines are operational for effective and efficient waste management in the hospitals. Not only in that facility Mr. Deputy Speaker, but also the Satellite facilities as I said Mr. Deputy Speaker.
4. The Department of Lands and Physical Planning should liaise with the Department of Health Services to solve the land ownership tussle between the two Institutions Mr. Deputy Speaker. If the issues of land will continue escalating Mr. Deputy Speaker, you can be rest assured we will find even where we have constructed the Mother and Baby or the Banker, we will be told we are in the wrong place and we will be surcharged Mr. Deputy Speaker for constructing our facilities in a land that belongs to us Mr. Deputy Speaker. Therefore, we are requesting the Lands Committee Mr. Deputy Speaker together with the Department of Lands through the Implementation Committee to process the issues of the title deeds as far as those facilities are concerned.

5. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I would also wish to suggest amendments to the Report and give further recommendation Mr. Deputy Speaker because there are also teething issues of NHIF at the facility. Currently Mr. Deputy Speaker the Facility is owed by NHIF Kshs 50 million which is accruing from the past quarters and current state of the facility I think we are at Kshs 100 million debts that are owned by the NHIF Mr. Deputy Speaker. There is a continuous delay of reimbursement for our facilities not only the PGH Mr. Deputy Speaker but the rest of the facilities. That is why Mr. Deputy Speaker you see that our facilities are walking on their knees. It is because the NHIF is not reimbursing our facilities on time. And we are requesting the Department of Health together with the Ministry of Health in the National Government to work out on the way the facility will always be reimbursed on time so that the facility can offer proper services without struggling.
6. Six is on the issue of staffing Mr. Deputy Speaker because already we have said about hiring. Mr. Deputy Speaker there is a bunch of staff who are underutilised. We have Specialists in our facilities and they just come to the facility for two hours then they go to their private clinics yet we are paying them Mr. Deputy Speaker. I can tell you, and the Medics in the House can confirm that one Specialist can be paid up to a tune of Kshs 700,000. They are paid even better than some of our MPs in the Country Mr.

Deputy Speaker but these Specialists do not report to work. Mr. Deputy Speaker We are saying, it is time for the County Government of Nakuru through the Department of Health and also the Public Service Board came up with a way they can supervise these members of staff; they can do so by introducing the biometric system of registering those who are in the facility. And also the workload must be proved that when these Specialists report to work they at least attend to a given number of patients Mr. Deputy Speaker. Today if you go to the PGH and we have all those Specialists, you will find that they are referring the patients to their clinics and they even decide when they are going to take their patients to the theaters and therefore I would wish that that one to be captured Mr. Deputy Speaker.

7. The issue of Human Resource Department in our County, you realise that PGH alone has like five doctors who are under Medical Training and they are servicing Kenyatta (KNH) and also Kenyatta University Facility. And also MTRH and the staff that belong to Nakuru County Government rather than being paid by the National Government they are paid by the County Government and yet they are not offering services to us. One of the Medical staff Mr. Deputy Speaker can go for a full year for Medical Training; those are resources that are spilling away Mr. Deputy Speaker and we are recommending that the Department should sit down with the Ministry of Health and craft ways whereby those who will be under training, because training is the responsibility of the National Government Mr. Deputy Speaker, they can take care of them; they will be paying them whenever they are on the training.

If these recommendations are going to be put into actualisation I can assure you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, we are going to be on the right track and things are going to run smoothly Mr. Speaker Deputy. I beg to move that this House adopt this Report so that these recommendations can be implemented so that when we will be going to other facilities we will be comfortable knowing that our Giant Facility is in good shape. And by so doing I can say Nakuru people will be in safe hands Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Njuguna let us get a seconder. Hon. Wamariam

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker. I do hereby like to second the Report that this House do adopt this Report. Mr. Deputy Speaker you know when Honourable Njuguna talks and you know he really likes issues of Health, you may not add a lot and we also adopt because he is our Chair and he is the *de-facto*. But Mr. Deputy Speaker let me add two issues as I second. One, today we also visited two hospitals. That is Langalanga and Bondeni that is where Hon. Fadhili comes from but he was absent. Mr. Deputy Speaker, the PGH ought to be a Referral Hospital and that one, I think it should be like that because that is what normally happens up to today. That is where we are having a lot of congestion. Today when we went to Langa Langa and to Bondeni, we found that the only thing you need to do is to have somebody who is really controlling the hospitals when coordinating, such that you do not have people going to the PGH while they come from Bondeni yet there is a hospital in Bondeni offering the same services.

Therefore, I do plead that one should be a Referral Hospital so that everything can go well.

Number two, Mr. Deputy Speaker as we talk, there are issues that the Council of Governors rather than it being a Council or visiting the President's area, should be doing one of these issues and I think we have our able Clerk here and that Health was devolved I think we should

have the extent of what was devolved to the Counties. That is what we should be knowing because currently we are talking about a hospital that is in Level Five, in Level Six, yet they do not have the autonomy of running themselves. That is where we are going wrong. The Counties for example Nakuru County is supposed to run the PGH but when a Doctor moves out he moves with the services yet the County is left to pay.

That is what has been happening where we mount some lights in terms of *Mulika Mwizi* and the rest and the MP does so but the County is left to pay. The Counties have been given very minimal support that you suffocate these hospitals with clients, yet deny them money power.

Therefore, I think these are some of the things us Members should engage in so that we can run. The last one is on issue of land. You know Hon. Njuguna gave out that example of the issue of the needle and the camel and that is why God made sure that it will never come to be. You will never see a camel pass through the hole of a needle. It will remain as Njuguna talked about; just the way he was taught by his grandmother, he will also continue saying that the reason is because Mr. Deputy Speaker we cannot have the issue of land...The Provincial General Hospital was the original owner of the land and yet we had the County giving out the tittle deed last time. We said where we have public Institution, they should be given tittle deeds. Now we continue talking about the same. The first thing that should happen is that public lands should be given tittle deeds. Otherwise we will have those Institutions without the power to control the issue of land.

I thank the Health Committee. During the last Assembly it did well and in this Assembly, it is doing well but what we should do is to make sure that those people leading the Health Committee are also healthy such that when you stand like my Chair, you are not suffering from ailments that you can control.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): What are you trying to insinuate Hon. Stanley?

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Mr. Deputy Speaker you know we have a very able Chairman and also we adopted Hon. John Macharia but now they are not able to control their mass.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): What do you mean by mass?

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Mr. Deputy Speaker sir I do not want to expose Hon. Njuguna's situation because now he is not fine. He will tell you he is not okay.

**Hon. Njuguna Mwaura:** Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker sir. What parameters is Hon. Karanja using to say that I am unhealthy? The only person who can confirm whether I am healthy or unhealthy is my wife. I can tell you I am healthy 100%.

Also, I request the Chairperson Welfare Committee to make sure there is a gym around. After this, I would have gone to a gym. Thank you.

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Mr. Deputy Speaker sir, you see I was not lying. His conclusion has said that he is unfit.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Let us not get into that Hon. Members; the Report has been tabled and it has been seconded and it is open for Debate.

**Hon. Isaac Rottok:** Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker sir. First of all, I would like to commend this document. On page 13, since I am not a Member of this Committee, people have been

pointing at me asking if I was among them because the picture is not that clear and I think Hon. Njuguna and the team will improve about the picture. Secondly, I would like to comment about the visit that they made recently and it is a good job. I would request the team led by Hon. Njuguna to visit the Provincial General Hospital at odd hours so that they would find the state of the service that is there. If they visit at night, I believe they will come with a good and **reasonable** information because at night many people have been visiting there and ...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Order Member! Kindly use good language.

**Hon. Isaac Rottok:** Mr. Deputy Speaker sir. The services at night is very low. Most of the doctors are not around. Only nurses are operating at night and we cannot get services from the clinical officers.

Recently, I met a grandmother who served as a nurse at the Provincial General Hospital and it was very unfortunate she told me that the old buildings are the same and they are being used to date. Through Hon. Njuguna and the team, we would like to improve the structures so that at least we can have new structures that can accommodate a big number of patients and doctors. Also we need our hospital, the Provincial General Hospital to pave way to other Sub-County Hospitals to come from Level 4 to Level 5. The Provincial General Hospital reflects the image of Health Facilities that we have in Nakuru County and we want it to improve from Level 5 to Level 6 so that it will pave way for other hospitals to come up.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Thank you Hon. Member. Hon. Alex.

**Hon. Alex Mbugua:** Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker sir. First of all, I want to thank Hon. Njuguna. This is a gentleman who I have come to like in form of leadership. In the few months that we have been here, he is a Chairman who has taken Members of Health Committee to various Hospitals. Today we toured two hospitals. Last week we toured Naivasha Hospital and also Provincial General Hospital. He is an industrious man and I see a Health Cabinet Secretary in my Government in future.

One thing that I have come to learn from these visits in the Hospitals is that some of the things that are not working well. When we visited the Provincial General Hospital, I was amazed to see Health Records being backdated to the last 10 years and still the people who have died even up to 15 years ago the staff still have the records. You will find that respiratory diseases will occur out of the papers that are decomposing from that situation hence, I urge all Nakuru County Health Facilities to be updated so that we can have an interlink on Patient Information from one Centre to the other.

We visited the Cancer Centre. You will find that it is one of the biggest in this region. In fact, the Chairperson refers to it as the Health Tourism Generator within Nakuru County because they have patients from across Counties and across Regions coming to this Facility. What will amaze you is that it is only the Radiotherapy that is working there. Cancer is a major disease that is affecting our people within this Country and within this Region. As such, you will find that for us to treat cancer very well, we must incorporate Chemotherapy because that is the only way we shall help our patients not go to other regions like India or even Nairobi. In other words, this is a World Class Facility but without the Chemotherapy part, it will not serve the people well.



We have an Oxygen Therapy Centre within the Provincial General Hospital and it is so amazing that the Facility is in another world. I do not know even whether it was built by people who have come from this Country because you will find that recently, we suffered from Covid-19 whereby you find that the Country was going short of oxygen but Provincial General Hospital has a facility that can generate oxygen that can serve the entire Country but this Centre has been underutilised because I would expect that all people taking their patients to the Pediatric Unit, those are very young children who require oxygen therapy and as such, we would like it to be factored in that there be piped connectivity to all the beds within the Pediatric Units within and also to the Mother and Baby Care Unit at the same Centre.

I heard one of the Members complaining of a picture that has been taken on page 13. I would like to confirm that the gentleman at the back is not him because maybe he thought of the long hair and the picture is depicting him. The picture was taken in black and white; that is a Morgue and when you are going to a morgue, there is no business of taking beautiful pictures there. I think you will spare the Chairman Health Committee on that.

The Outpatient Department, you will find that we have machines that were used to control and contain the queues of the patients who are there. They are no longer operational and you find that most of them have been damaged. I find that these visits to the hospitals, these Reports that are being generated should be encouraged to other Departments and in so doing, we can help our people in such a manner that the Medics can be accountable to the people, to God and to our taxes. I want to commend this Committee and I am a proud Medic and I say that I feel very good serving under Mheshimiwa Njuguna. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Mheshimiwa Kanyere.

**Hon. Anthony Kanyere:** Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker sir. First, I want to commend the good work that has been done by the Committee on Health and to highlight on the issue that they have recommended. I picked one of them and for me, I find that it is a serious issue on matters to do with Medical Waste Management. There have been mushrooming Private Health Clinics and Hospitals. I would like this Committee to recommend that each and every clinic should account for waste management because it has become a menace. As the Chair Health has said, it was shared in one of the groups whereby we saw some medical waste being dumped on riverside and that is so hazardous. I would like this House to recommend that each and every clinic that comes up should have a Waste Management Mechanism so that they can account for their wastes. Also in the Report, they have given out the clean bill of health on matters to do drugs. I would like to bring to the attention of this House that we have an issue when it comes to drugs. Our patients are being sent out to buy drugs in private chemists. This has been a routine for quite some time and it has been found that most of the doctors within our Public Facilities are operating these chemists. I think the Chair should dig further into this issue of drugs.

On the matter to do with the elevation of these Facilities to Level 4 to become fully fledged Hospital. In my Ward, I have a hospital by the name Mirugi Kariuki Dispensary and it was built sometimes back and it has some wards which are supposed to be used by patients. I would like to report to this House that those wards are being used as drug stores and people are crying out. This Government should come up with mechanisms to put up some drug store. My Ward is being used as drug store and those facilities are not used as they are supposed to be used. I

would like to invite the Committee of Health to my place so that they can ascertain what I am saying.

Matters to do with the Trauma Centre, I think this issue has been brought up clearly. This was an issue to do with regime change. When the regime changed from Mwai Kibaki to the regime that was there, that became a stalled project. As it has been reported here, our President was there the other day. I would like to recommend that the Government should do something about the Trauma Centre because if we can jog our mind back when and why the Trauma Centre was brought up, it was brought up during the time when we had that issue of Sachangwan fire and God forbid, we should not have such a thing but as a County, we are not prepared. We should give priority on that Trauma Centre.

There is an issue to do with Specialists. It has been brought up clearly that most of our Specialists in our facilities are operating their own Private Facilities and you will rarely find them in Government Facilities. We should have a way to have value for money. Our Doctors or Specialists should account for what they are being paid for. With those few remarks I would like to support. Thankyou.

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

**Hon. Benard Gatuso:** Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker sir for giving me this wonderful opportunity so that I can give my input. I believe, especially we as Leaders and for those working in Health Facilities, we have a role to play. The first thing we are supposed to do is to educate our people or sensitise them Referral Hospital. If they get to understand the use of other Level Hospitals, it will be easy for them to realise the Preventive or Promotive Health Measures that are to be taken.

Secondly, we are supposed to provide regular trainings for officers working there because to some extent attitude is an issue within the Hospital Fraternity. If they can be trained frequently, they will be able to realise how they are supposed to receive and take care of patients as they undergo all the treatment and all the services within the hospital. The other thing I believe Njuguna has put it well in terms of Human Capital, there are some existing gaps that are supposed to be realised. The County Government or whichever entity that usually facilitates them with the resources should employ so that we can have enough Human Capital to serve our people. The other thing is about our equipment; as much as PGH has enough facilities, we need to get modern facilities and equip them so that proper services can be offered.

Lastly, we have been having problems in terms of Pending Bills that are making things not to roll within the hospital. That is another thing that has to be considered so that the Health Facilities can serve our people effectively. I take this opportunity to commend the Health Committee for the job well done and I stand to support the Motion. Thank you.

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

**Hon. John Maritim:** Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker. I also rise to support this Motion and also to commend the Health Committee for the good job. I picked some issues here about the mortuary. There are some Cold Rooms that are not functional. When we talk of mortuary, it is a place where dead bodies are stored. When the mortuary is functioning and there are bodies in there, then it means that there is a lot of congestion. I believe the Government should come up with a regulation stating that when a dead body stays in a given place for more than four

months the Government should do a disposal by itself so that we can decongest our mortuaries. Another thing is about the Specialists. We have been told that most of them are absconding their duties. The best thing we can do is that...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon Joseph Ngware): What is it Hon. Wathiai?

**Hon. David Wathiai:** Mr. Naibu *Spika*, *nimesimama kwa sababu tulisema hii ni Nyumba ya sheria na pia tukasema kwamba tukikuja hapa tuwe tumevaa kama waheshimiwa. Mr. Naibu Spika Mwenzangu pale hajavalia tai.*

**Hon. Isaac Rottok:** Point of order Mr. Deputy Speaker. Even Hon. Wathiai himself is not properly dressed. You can see how he has put his necktie. It is not properly placed.

**Hon Stanley Karanja:** Mr. Deputy Speaker, when a Member stands on a point of order because he wants to make sure that the House is properly in order, you do not raise another point of order to counter the other point of order before the other one is substantively answered. It is as if there is a hide and seek or somebody wants to make sure that it escapes your attention. Hon. Wathiai was alerting the Chair that something is in a mess and somebody else stands to point to the contrary. One is saying that this is not in order and that other one is coming up with the issue of how the tie is. One has a tie but the other one has no tie. Mr. Speaker you should consider where the rules and regulations are not there.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): thank you Hon Member. Sergeant at arms Can you look at John and confirm whether he is well dressed. Is he well dressed? Hon John kindly do the necessary. Thank you. We proceed. Yes Hon. Wathiai.

**Hon David Wathiai:** Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker and thank you Hon. Karanja for supporting me. *Walikuwa wamenipangia lakini ya Mungu ni mengi.* I rise to commend the work of the Health Committee. Congratulations to the Chair and the Committee for the good work that they did by visiting the PGH.

Secondly, I would like to urge my fellow Members to please keep this Report that has been given by the Committee on Health safely because I believe that if at all this Report is implemented, we will need to have this Document in future so that you can see the good job this Committee has done. *Watukuwa wametupatia masomo na hata sisi wenyewe tutaweza kufanya Ripoti nzuri kama hii kwa Kamati zetu mbalimbali.*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Do you want to be informed? Are you informing the House or the Hon Member?

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** The House.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon Joseph Ngware): The House? Kindly.

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Mr. Deputy Speaker the reason why we normally rise to back the Motion is because one we have read, digested, synthesized the Report and seen that whatever that has been brought is of help. I think you do read the body language and eye contact, the Member was not ready to contribute. Synchronizing the mind and the Report is becoming a problem.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Hon. Wathiai.

**Hon David Wathiai:** Mr. Deputy Speaker, *sitamlaumu ndugu wetu kutoka Naivasha. Unajua watu wa Naivasha...*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Maybe you can prove him wrong by the content you have released.

**Hon. David Wathiai:** I will take that as an advice because he has been here more than twice. Maybe next time when we come here, I will be like you. You are one of those great minds that we have in here. I can take your mind and also Njuguna Mwaura's mind. I have come to realise that Hon. Wamaitha is also as brilliant as you guys. *Sasa hizo zenyu zikichemshwa nikunywe nitakuwa kama wewe.* Anyway mine was just to commend the Committee. I would like to say that if this Report is going to be implemented then in future we are going to have a good Referral Hospital that will be in Nakuru Town West and not in Naivasha. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Chairman Roads.

**Hon. Francis Kuria:** Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker. I rise to support the Report but first I would like to congratulate the Committee starting with the Chair. I want to mostly emphasise on the Trauma Centre. We visited the same. The building that was constructed back in 2010 has not been utilised for now and it is still not completed. As it is, it is getting older. It is of my great concern that that building if by any chance the County Government can be handed over that project it will be of great benefit to the residents of Nakuru County. I therefore Mr. Deputy Speaker request the County to fasten the process so that building can resume and the services can be offered. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Thank you Hon. Member. Hon John you can proceed from where you left.

**Hon. John Maritim:** Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker sir. Members are now in decorum. Okay I was talking about giving out a big up to the Committee on Health and there is an issue of snap check on the specialists. Snap check is a surprise visit to any given place. We cannot notify them that we are coming; we just make that snap check so that we can ascertain that they are there or whether they are doing their businesses there. I would like to urge the Chairman Health to be doing these snap checks and I think things will be okay. Another thing that the Health Committee has shown is that we need to emulate what they have done. We as Finance Committee are planning to go out so that we can come table such a Report for us to ascertain that we are doing some business.

On the issue of pictures, I think the County Government of Nakuru can afford to buy a coloured printer. Regardless it being a hospital like what my friend has said about the morgue we need to see its colour so that we can know if the wall is dilapidated or it is okay. I rest my case there. Thank you very much.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Hon. Nene from Elementatita. I thought your hand was up? Hon. Nene the floor is yours.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. George Nene:** Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker though I was not prepared but I want to take this opportunity to thank the Health Committee for coming up with such a Report. You

will notice that our Health Facilities not only the PGH but the other facilities that have been captured here are facing serious problems especially with staffing and drugs. As we speak there is a facility in my Ward that serves a whole location but the doctor passed away and she has never been replaced. It is not only that dispensary, I have other three dispensaries that operate with one doctor. I want to appeal to the Ministry of Health to ensure that they do something with staffing because the people are really struggling. The other challenge is the drugs. I do not know whether the drugs that are supplied in our hospitals are not enough neither do I know what is happening because two weeks after the drugs were supplied in my Ward, there was an outcry from common *mwananchi* that they cannot access the drugs that they need in our Health Facilities. Therefore the issue on staffing and drugs are issues that need to be taken with a lot of care because they are the ones that are challenging our Health Facilities in our Wards. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Thank you Hon. Member. Hon. Kirui from Barut.

**Hon. Ben Kirui:** Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker, I rise to support this Report from the Health Committee. *Kando na kuunga mkono niko na jambo kuhusu NHIF pale PGH kwa sababu kuna wagonjwa huwa tunapeleka hospitali. Mgonjwa akitaka kulazwa, kuna maswali yanaulizwa pale Casualty kama Mgonjwa anatumia NHIF ama analipa cash. Unapata mgonjwa ambaye amepoleka pale hana fahamu kwa wakati huo kwa hivyo anaandikiwa kuwa hana NHIF. Wakati mgonjwa atakuwa anahitajika kutoka aende nyumbani kuna zile pesa ambazo anapaswa kulipa ilhali mgonjwa ako na kadi ya NHIF lakini kwa sababu hakuandikishwa ule wakati aliletwa akiwa hahisi vizuri. Mgonjwa akijaribu kwenda kufuatilia wanakataa kwa sababu hakuwa amewajulisha kuwa anatumia kadi kwa hivyo lazima alipe cash. Ninasihi Kamati ya Health waweze kuangalia hapo kwa sababu kuna wagonjwa wengi ambao wanabaki hospitalini na wako na kadi.*

*Ya pili, tuko na dispensaries especially kule kwangu tuko na Kelelwet ama Burgei Dispensary imejengwa vizuri iko na kila kitu; all the equipment ziko kule ndani lakini kufunguliwa ndio imekuwa shida. So pia nilikuwa naomba Committee of Health waweze kutembelea hizo facilities waangalie vile mambo iko waweze kuleta Ripoti ndio hizo hospitali zifunguliwe ziweze kusaidia watu wa Barut. Asanteni.*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Members it is like we are exhausting the debate. Yes Hon. Member

**Hon. Ann Wamaita:** Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity to talk on behalf of women of Nakuru County of whom I represent. First of all I want to thank the Committee on Health and the Chairman for a commendable Report. I want to talk about Mother and Baby Wing that we have. It is a true testimony it is one of the type of quality service we get. It is an assurance that the women of Nakuru, the mothers and children of Nakuru are getting quality services.

However, with every large facility we have disadvantages and I would like to have and ensure that we beef up the security at the Mother and Baby Unit so that we avoid child trafficking just like Pumwani which is known for child trafficking. Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Can I proceed and put it to a question? What is your feeling Members? Yes Chairman Health.

**Hon. Njuguna Mwaura:** Concerns that have been raised and it will be prudent for me to respond so that the status can be known before you proceed to put it to question

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Thank you; yes.

**Hon. Njuguna Mwaura:** Can I respond from here Mr. Deputy Speaker?

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Yes you can.

**Hon. Njuguna Mwaura:** There is an issue that Hon. Rottok raised about doctors and nurses not working at night and weekends. Yes we are aware with my Vice Chairperson; we have been visiting facilities at odd hours when everybody is comfortable that nobody is coming and we realised that there are those gaps and we said there should be biometric identifications of the staff who have reported on duty and they should also prove that they have served us and the people of Nakuru. Therefore that one we are pushing and I am requesting the Committee on Labour to take over on that matter because supervision should always go to the Labour Committee so that each and every Committee can address various challenges that they are going through.

We have also talked about the old buildings. It is true there are old buildings; that was a Military Barracks sort of Facility but we have already said there is a new Outpatient Department that is coming up that will be a game changer because there will be a facelift of our facility and I believe that things are going to change.

On the issue of accreditation of the PGH to a Level Six, it is true our facility is of that status but if we risk taking it to that Level Six, it will no longer be our facility but a National Government Facility. However, there is a conversation around that we can make it a Parastatal of the County Government of Nakuru making the PGH a Parastatal of Nakuru County where it can comfortably be managed by County Government of Nakuru so that we can put a caveat to the National Government from interfering with it.

On the issues of the Health Records, it is true some of the documents that are there are as old as I am and they are trying to update them but because of the challenge of Human Resource they are going slowly but we believe one day they are going to do away with everything and that facility is to be automated including the Health Records.

And the issue of Cancer Centre, it is true that the only difference and we the Members visited the Banker because it was a new concept but Chemotherapy is still offered. There is a Department down there offering Chemo Services and I can comfortably say that we are a Regional Referral Cancer Centre. We are offering both Radiology services and also the Chemo service. We are comfortably saying with whatever we have we can manage it. We are doing well and we can supply oxygen to other regions.

On the issue of the biometric, the banking systems of identifying the patients, we recommended that but they said they are moving to a new Outpatient Department and they are going to equip it so that the patients can be identified by the machine to avoid queuing whereby patients keep on complaining.

On the issue of waste management, it is true we are also short of bins and I am requesting Chairperson Environment together with the Health Committee, we can sit down and come up with a Bill on the issue of Medical Waste because that is a thorny issue that we have not

invested in. I can promise that as a Public Health which is Environmental Health, we are going to try our level best so that we agree on the issue of waste management.

On issues of drugs, it is true there has been rumours that drugs end up in private chemists and we are in discussion on how to put systems of drug tracking so that everything can move smoothly. We already saw what happened in Nairobi where the Governor got some drugs were being sold to the private persons who actually own the chemists and other facilities.

On the issue of drugs, it is true some of the facilities including Bondeni Maternity is a County store. Their wards are used as County stores and we did not know that at Mirugi Kariuki is also a Store. There is a Bill and I will ask those who are from the medical background including Hon. Alex that we need to come up with Referral Management Bill so that we can manage people who are flocking the PGH and yet we have certain facilities that can offer same services sought at the PGH. I will invite them to a cup of tea so that we can discuss this matter as far as

On the issue of the pending bills, it is true our facilities have huge bills that are yet to paid to the suppliers and the rest. There are issues that the PHGH has very huge debt amounting to more than Kshs 300 million. These are the issues that we are saying they need to be addressed so that we rescue that facility from the bills so that they can concentrate on development and also buying drugs and pay staff that they employ. The Cold Rooms at the PGH Morgue are in bad shape and not only that facility but all County Morgues are not in good shape and this needs to be checked.

On issue of Trauma Centre, I have already discussed that but also on issues of pictures and printers. I want to request the County Assembly, because they will be here for reference it would be prudent that they should be giving us coloured pictures so that the Members can clearly see them. That was making Hon. Member from Shabaab to miss the proper views as far as the Report is concerned.

Also on the issues of other facilities lacking drugs, it is a teething issue because of procurement issues. We engaged Her Excellency the Governor on one meeting and she said something is being done and we are waiting to see how to sort some pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceuticals in our facilities.

On the issue of the Health Protocols, if a nurse is not reporting at a facility, it is the prerogative of MCA to report to the necessary team who lead at Sub County. Each team lead is responsible at Sub County facilities and should be contacted and it will give somebody to stand in for the absent medical staff. It is true on issuer of NHIF if a patient cannot be captured during their first day when they arrive at the facility, it will be hard to prove that patient's presence at the facility. For the facility to claim reimbursement, the details of the patient are to be captured on the first day so that the facility can offer services. The biometric registration and the biometric system of capturing the data concerning the patient, if the patient was in a critical condition, it is the responsibility of the nurses and person who is admitting to confirm whether the patient had the cover with NHIF.

On Mother and Baby, the issues of security, we have installed CCTV, there are security guards the County has hired some of the guards who usually man that facility to avoid issues of child being stolen. Therefore on the issue of security, we do not wish to say its maximum and next time when we go there, as a consultant I will be able to have my view as far as security is concerned.

Finally, I wish to request the Hon. Members who come from different Wards to be going to the Health Facilities to check what is happening there because it will take time for us to go round all the facilities. They should request Statements from this House and we can be responding to them and those staff reporting will know they have been put on check. Today at 5 am I was at Nyayo Hospital in Elburgon and I want to request Hon. Members to do routing checkups so that if they find any issue of concern, they can come here and request Health Committee to make site visits and make certain recommendations on their status.

I also request Members to attend Board meetings of Health Facilities. According to our Hospital Management Boards they are Ex-Official Members and so they should attend and give views because they are representatives of their clients. So I wish to request the House to adopt the Report and we are going to make sure that once adopted, I am going to put to task the Implementation Committee Chair to follow up these issues, and after three months, I will wake up to request for a Statement as far as implementation is concerned. Otherwise I beg this House to pass this Motion.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Thank you Hon. Member, I want to thank you for the good work you are doing and the Committee Members input. Members I would like to propose question.

*(Question proposed that this House adopts the Report of the Health Services Committee on the site visit to the Nakuru Provincial General Hospital on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

The Liaison Committee Members I shall see you after this plenary session

This House stands adjourned until tomorrow 9.30am

**The House rose at 4.15pm**