



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 28th November, 2023
Third Assembly – Ninety Eighth Sitting

*[The County Assembly met at 10:18a.m. at the County Assembly Buildings]
[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu Makarani) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Makarani): Have your seats? Yes, Clerk Order number one please?

PETITION

FORMER RESIDENTS OF LIKONI FLATS PETITION TO COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA

Honourable Members, pursuant to Standing Order 201 (1); the petition to the County Assembly of Mombasa by Former residents of Likoni flats estate stands committed to the Committee on Lands, Housing and urban planning. Honourable Members, pursuant to Standing Order number, 201...

“The Committee shall in not more than sixty calendar days from the time of reading the prayer, respond to the petitioner by way of a report addressed to the petitioner or petitioners and lay the same on the Table of the County Assembly”

So, Honourable Members this Petition by former residents of Likoni Flats Estate stands committed to the Committee on Lands, Housing and urban planning. Thank you. Yes Clerk?

NOTICE OF MOTION

MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF TORRENTIAL RAINS AND FLASH FLOODS DUE TO
INADEQUATE STORM WATER DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE IN MOMBASA COUNTY

Yes, Honourable Ibrahim Omondi?

[Silence]

Yes, Honourable *Hossana* what makes you up? Or you are giving out the Notice of Motion on behalf of Honourable Ibrahim Omondi?

Hon. Makanga: Yes.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Makarani): Okay proceed?

Hon. Makanga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to issue a notice of the following Motion;

WHEREAS, recognizing the imperative of sustainable urban development, in accordance with the principles enshrined in Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya and the obligations arising from international treaties, including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, to which Kenya is a signatory;

WHEREAS, adhering to the principles of devolution as outlined in the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, specifically Part 2, assigning functions and powers to County government, and cognizant of the need for effective storm water drainage systems as a critical component of public infrastructure;

UNDERSCORING the critical necessity to rectify the deficiencies in the current storm water drainage infrastructure in Mombasa County, intensified by intense torrential rains resulting in loss of lives and property destruction;

HIGHLIGHTING the susceptibilities of current feeder roads, especially those beyond the CBD, to flash floods due to the lacking essential storm water drainage infrastructure;

ACKNOWLEDGING the efforts of the County government in unblocking drains during heavy rains;

COMMENDING His Excellency, the Governor for his proactive pronouncements and diligent efforts to alleviate the adverse consequences of destructive torrential rains;

NOTING the necessity for immediate short-term measures to repair existing drainage infrastructure and address immediate needs during the heavy rains season, while also recognizing the importance of a complete and holistic drainage network covering all wards in the County;

FURTHER EMPHASIZING the importance of working with communities and stakeholders to address inadequacies in the current storm water drainage system and finding lasting solutions that community will own;

RECOGNIZING the need for partnership with donors to fund major storm water drainage system construction and overhaul and the establishment and operationalization of an emergency task force to unclog and repair storm water drainage infrastructure;

*ENCOURAGING government agencies and contractors constructing and repairing roads to consult with the County government, ensuring alignment with infrastructure plans;
EXPRESSING CONCERN over the potential negative impact and consequences of inaction or inadequate measures on road integrity, as well as adjacent properties;*

UNDERSCORING SERIOUS CONCERN regarding the potential loss of lives and destruction of property during this season of heavy rains if urgent and effective measures are not promptly implemented;

NOTING WITH DEEP CONCERN the existing inadequacy of storm water drainage infrastructure along all feeder roads in the County.

I, therefore, urge this August Assembly to RESOLVE:

- 1. THAT the County government takes immediate short-term measures to repair existing drainage infrastructure to address the immediate needs during the heavy rains season;*
- 2. THAT the County government collaborates with communities and stakeholders to address inadequacies in the current storm water drainage system and find lasting solutions that the community will own;*
- 3. THAT the County government partners with donors to fund major storm water drainage system construction and overhaul;*
- 4. THAT the County government establishes and operationalizes an emergency task force team to unclog and repair storm water drainage infrastructure.*

Last but not least;

- 5. THAT government agencies and contractors constructing and repairing roads consult with the County government to align their infrastructure plans seamlessly.*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Makarani): Yes Clerk?

NOTICE OF MOTION

HARNESSING OF THE BLUE ECONOMY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES IN MOMBASA COUNTY

Yes, Honourable Allen Katana MCA, Shanzu Ward?

Hon. Katana: Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to issue a notice of the following Motion:

AWARE THAT Mombasa County, bestowed with a coastal advantage, possesses immense potential within the Blue Economy, signifying a valuable reservoir of marine resources conducive to economic development;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the proactive harnessing of the Blue Economy necessitates a comprehensive approach, including the establishment of fish markets, procurement of

fishing boats and ships, training initiatives in fishing, the creation of fish ponds and fish containers, as well as fish hatcheries, coupled with the construction of cold storage;

UNDERSCORING the vital role these proactive measures play, encompassing the creation of employment opportunities, particularly for the youth, fostering revenue generation for the County, and nurturing economic growth through the sustainable exploitation of marine resources;

NOTING THAT the establishment of fish markets serves as a fundamental platform for fishers to market and sell their produce, thereby enhancing trade, livelihoods, and local economic activity. Mr. Speaker;

RECOGNIZING THAT the procurement of fishing boats and ships is pivotal for expanding fishing activities, facilitating broader access to marine resources and stimulating the growth of the local fishing industry;

ASSERTING THAT comprehensive training programs in fishing techniques are imperative to empower local communities with the requisite skills, ensuring the sustainable and responsible exploitation of marine resources;

CONCERNED THAT the untapped potential of the Blue Economy in Mombasa may result in missed opportunities for economic development, job creation, and revenue generation for the County;

SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT the absence of strategic initiatives, such as fish ponds, fish containers, and hatcheries, may impede the full realization of the economic benefits embedded in the Blue Economy;

Mr. Speaker, I therefore urge this Honourable Assembly to RESOLVE that:

- 1. THAT the County government initiates the expeditious establishment of fish markets in strategic locations within the County, providing local fishermen with enhanced opportunities for marketing and selling their products;*
- 2. THAT the County government prioritizes the procurement of fishing boats and ships to expand fishing activities, increase access to marine resources, and stimulate the growth of the local fishing industry;*
- 3. THAT comprehensive training programs in fishing techniques are implemented to equip local communities with the requisite skills, ensuring the sustainable and responsible exploitation of marine resources;*
- 4. THAT the County government takes immediate steps to establish fish ponds and fish containers, fostering the growth of the local fishing industry and ensuring efficient farming in urban settings to boost youth and women involvement in fishing industry;*
- 5. THAT the County government initiates the establishment of fish hatcheries to boost fish stocks, ensuring the sustainable replenishment of marine resources;*

6. *THAT the County government undertakes the construction of cold storage facilities to facilitate proper preservation and storage of fish, preventing post-harvest losses and enhancing the equality of seafood products;*
7. *THAT the County government provides financial support to local fishermen, entrepreneurs, and youth involved in the fishing industry, promoting sustainable practices and economic empowerment.*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Makarani): Thank you. Yes Clerk?

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members, there being no other business, The House stand adjourned until Tuesday 28th November, 2023 at 2:30p.m.

The House rose at 10:32a.m