

MOMBASA COUNTY ASSEMBLY**HANSARD REPORT**Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017

The House met at 9:08am.

*(Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mswabah Rashid) in the Chair)***PRAYERS****Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Mswabah Rashid): Members you may sit down. Yes Clerk.**MOTION**

Hon Mary Akinyi.

Hon. (Ms) Akinyi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move a Motion on inclusion of ICT Hubs in the Village Polytechnics.*(Hon (Ms) Akinyi moved the Motion)*

THAT AWARE the County government is charged with the responsibility of overseeing village polytechnics, Pre- Primary education, home craft centres, and children facilities under part 2 (9) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

Mr. Speaker, FURTHER AWARE that village polytechnics within the County are yet to incorporate ICT Hubs which are vital to any learning institution;

CONCERNED that the lack of ICT Hubs within the Village Polytechnics in the County may impede not only students but also wider public in this digital age;

Mr. Speaker, I therefore urge this Assembly to **RESOLVE** that;

All village Polytechnics within the County to be equipped with the ICT Hubs, and that the ICT Hubs, be accessible not only to students but also the wider public especially women and youth.

I beg to move and I may ask Hon Madundo to second the Motion.

Hon. Mohamed Madundo: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I second the Motion.*(Applause)***Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Mswabah Rashid): Okay Members I propose the question of the Motion; that is Inclusion of ICT Hubs in village Polytechnics. Yes Hon Mary...**Hon. (Ms) Akinyi:** Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Mheshimiwa Spika kama vile tujuavyo kuwa shule za chekechea na hata vyuo vya ufundi yaani *Polytechnics* za vijijini ni jukumu letu ama jukumu la Kaunti, serikali ya Kaunti kuchukua hayo majukumu.

Mheshimiwa Spika tukiwa tunaangalia Kaunti yetu tunaona sasa hizi kuna Faiba, zinachimbwa kila pahali ambapo zitakuwa zinatolewa bure bila kutozwa.

Hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika ndio nimeomba kuwa kwa vile Faiba zitatumika bure na watu wengi bado hawajaingia katika mambo ya digitali, hivyo basi katika zile *Polytechnics* zetu za vijijini, ningeomba tuweke hayo mambo ya *ICT* ili wananchi wote ambao wanaishi katika Kaunti ya Mombasa waende wakasomee mambo ya *ICT* na kuweza kuwa katika hali ya digitali kuweza kusomea mambo ya tarakilishi na mambo yote ambayo yanahusika.

Mheshimiwa Spika ikiwa unaangalia saa hizi wa kina mama na hata vijana wanatakikana waweze kupata maendeleo na haya maendeleo wataweza kupata kama wamekuwa na mtandao kila mahali.

Hivyo basi wakiwa wamesomea mambo ya *ICT* wataweza kuwa na *network* kila mahali ya kuweza kujua hata kuna kazi mahali fulani kuna *sponsor* fulani anaweza kutoa mambo yakaweza kuwaendeleza.Hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika ningeomba Nyumba hii tushirikiane kwa pamoja tuweze kupitisha mjadala huu ya kuwa tuweze kuweka *ICT* katika vyuo vyetu vya ufundi vijijini ambavyo tuko navyo hapa Mombasa ili watu wapate nafasi ya kwenda kuelimika na waweze

kuishi katika maisha ya kidigitali ambayo tunaendelea nayo. Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mswabah Rashid): Yes, Hon Enock Mwinga...

Hon. Mwinga: Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika mswada ambao umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Mary ni mswada mzuri sana lakini lazima tukubaliane ya kwamba katika huu ulimwengu kunayo makundi mawili ya watu; kuna wale ambao wanaitwa *analogue* na kuna wale wanaitwa digitali.

Mheshimiwa Spika huwezi kulazimisha lile fungu la *analogue* ukaliweka katika digitali. Mheshimiwa Spika nimesimama hapa kuupinga mswada huu...

(Laughter)

...kwa sababu Mheshimiwa Spika mimi sioni faida yeyote wamama wa kutoka Mwakirunge walazimishwe ama waende waingie katika kujifunza mambo ya tarakilishi, hii itawasaidia na nini? Wale ni wamama ambao wako mashambani Mheshimiwa Spika hata ile tarakilishi yenyewe hajui vile inavyokaa.

Mheshimiwa Spika tukisema ya kwamba tumeweka tarakilishi katika vyuo vya ufundi vyote vijini vyote vya Kaunti ya Mombasa, hii pesa itatoka wapi? Kwa sababu Mheshimiwa Spika kila jambo linalofanywa katika Nyumba hii tunajua ya kwamba mpaka lifikiriwe katika bajeti, je huu mswada umekuwa *factored* katika bajeti?

Kwa hiyo Mheshimiwa Spika nasimama hapa kuupinga mswada huu na zile pesa ambazo zingetumika kununua hivi vifaa afadhali waniletee Mwakirunge watu wangu wanakufa na njaa ili waweze kununuliwa chakula. Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mswabah Rashid): Yes Hon Madundo...

Hon. Mohamed Madundo: Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika mimi ninaunga mkono kwa hii hoja ambayo imeletwa na Mheshimiwa Mary kwa sababu zamani kulikuwa kuna na shule inaitwa Ngumbaru, na hiyo Ngumbaru wakati ilipokuwa imegunduliwa watu wengi walikuwa hawajui kusoma baadaye walikuja wakajua kusoma...

(Applause)

...kwa hivyo haya ni maendeleo ambayo hivi sasa kulingana na ulimwengu vile ambavyo unakwenda sisi haturudi mambo ya nyuma, tunaenda vile maisha yanavyoenda; kila mmoja akiwa na elimu huwa ni bora zaidi.

Kwa hivyo mimi naunga mkono tena moja kwa moja suala la kusema Mheshimiwa, Mheshimiwa mwenzangu anasema kuwa mambo ya bajeti, bajeti sisi ndio tutapitisha bora sisi ndio tunapitisha hakuna watu wengine kutoka nje sisi ndio tuko katika Bunge wewe ukisema kuwa uwezo utatoka wapi, pesa ziko kama wewe unasema pesa, pesa ziko.

Kwa hivyo mimi naunga mkono ili watu ambao wako katika vijijini wapate maendeleo kulingana na mswada huu ambao umeletwa. Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika.

(Applause)

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mswabah Rashid): Yes Hon Paul Onje...

Hon. Onje: Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Mheshimiwa Spika ni kweli ni vizuri tunataka wa mama na vijana wafundishwe wajue, wakae kijiji cha digitali Mheshimiwa Spika lakini tujue ya kwamba kuna watoto ambao sisi tunahangaika nao kila siku tukiwalipia karo ya shule na wanasomea hizi mambo ya *ICT* ili kesho nao waweze kupata nafasi mahali ya kuajiriwa kazi.

Wakati tunachukua wa mama ambao tunajua niwa *analogue* kamili na wamejua kwamba wameamua kuwa *analogue* tunataka kuwafundisha mambo ya *ICT* faida yao itatoka wapi na itakuwa wapi Mheshimiwa Spika?

Kweli Mheshimiwa mwenzangu amesema ya kwamba kitambo kulikuwa na Ngumbaru, Ngumbaru mpaka saa hii bado iko tena ukienda pale Tom Mboya bado wanaendelea wanasomea pale wale wa mama hawakubahatika na wazee wanaendelea na hiyo

ni sawa kwa sababu mtu kujua kusoma si vibaya unaweza kufika mahali unaambiwa ya kwamba hakuna njia mbele ama *no road ahead* ukienda unaweza kushikwa bure.

Kwa hivyo hiyo kidogo inawasaidia lakini tukirudi kwa mambo ya tarakilishi Mheshimiwa Spika saa hii kila mmoja anajua kusomea tarakilishi manake hata hii simu ya rununu ni tarakilishi.

Mheshimiwa Spika hawa wamama ambao tunasema ni *analogue* wanajua kutumia simu sawasawa hata hakuna mtu anamtuma aangalie, wengine wako na akili ya kisawa sawa hawajui kuandika majina lakini akishika namba ameshika kwa akili yake anaweza kushika namba mia moja na anajua hizo namba zote *off head* na hao tunawaita ni *analogue* ambapo hata sisi ambao tuko hapa kushika namba hata ya Waheshimiwa watano ni shida.

Kwa hivyo kwangu Mheshimiwa Spika napinga huu mswada hauna faida kwetu, hauna faida kwetu kabisa mimi pia ningesema ya kwamba iwapo kama tungelikuwa na hiyo pesa barabara za kwangu Junda ziko mbaya sana kama mungeniletea hizo pesa kule ningeshukuru. Ahsanteni sana.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mswabah Rashid): Hon Saad Faraj.

Hon. Faraj: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker I rise to support the Motion which has been brought by Hon Mary...

(Applause)

Reason being Mr. Speaker that this world has become a global village, it has become a global village due to the fact that we get a lot of investments internationally and nationally through the fibre optic cabling and the ICT infrastructure will bring about a lot of change to our communities.

I am hearing some of our colleagues complaining about embracing this but it is high time Mr. Speaker not only the people who are in the urban areas but also those who are residing within the rural areas to embrace technology and because of the fact that the government have invested heavily on ICT we need as people, as County government to tap in to this potential and make sure that we connect not only village polytechnics but all other institutions from bottom upwards and I think it is high time that all of us become conversant to the technology and because at the moment everything that is moving is actually moving with time and time requires us to embrace this wonderful technology and I support fully.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mswabah Rashid): Yes Hon Karume...

Hon. Karume: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also arise to support the Motion...

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker ICT refers to Information Communication and Technology, it does not restrict us to computer lessons as you may think or heard, there's a lot that comes with ICT and as it is well known with technology the world is small whatever that we are talking about even about farming in Mwakirunge it can even be done and realised easily through ICT...

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker it is high time for us to come to terms with the fact that as my colleague Hon Saad has rightful put it things are changing and we need to move with times...

(Applause)

As it stands right now Mr. Speaker Mombasa County needs to be counted as one of ICT Counties and we cannot realise this if we don't invest in the vocational training and education sector.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker I really urge this Hon House to come to terms and agree and support and pass this Motion because the sooner we do this the better because in fact we really delayed but it is better that we act right now.

Talking about inclusive ICT Mr. Speaker Sir I would like to recognize the special community or constituents that is the disability fraternity we are also part and parcel of technology and therefore maybe would be include someone a bit late but then I would like to urge the Honorable Member who has brought this Motion to also include people living with disabilities (PWDs) because there is special technology for them.

Personally am well embraced with this technology but then I really wish that also my colleagues who are disabled can also access the information through these programs of learning.

So Mr. Speaker Sir I would urge this Honorable House to really support this Motion for the betterment of the development that we are talking about because development cannot be fast tracked without bringing on board ICT. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mswabah Rashid): Yes Hon Ahmed Omar.

Chief Whip (Hon. Omar Ebrahim): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute in the Motion by my fellow colleague Hon Mary Akinyi.

Mr. Speaker I did stand to support the Motion but am also telling my colleague to consider some certain points maybe we can make some amendments to the Motion to the fact that not all villages have polytechnics because where am coming from is Nyali Constituency and the polytechnic that we do have is just the Kisauni polytechnic.

So Mr. Speaker if you venture into this it may bring a lot of congestion because people will be many, it will force the people from Kisauni and Nyali all to share the same polytechnic, so I think I can advise my fellow colleague maybe we come up with recreation centres in each village or we can take on each and every ward of our County so that this project can be something that is enjoyed by all people of Mombasa and they will be at least adequate space of such things.

Mr. Speaker am referring to recreation centres maybe we can put a container with computers inside, maybe also VCT and where the youths, women and also the community of disabled can go to such centres and access information such as maybe job advertisements, tenders and all that but we should consider that the fact not all villages do have these polytechnics so to others it won't be an advantage, us especially the people of Nyali we don't have any polytechnic so maybe if we can make some amendments it will be much better on this Motion Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mswabah Rashid): Yes Hon Saad Faraj.

Hon. Faraj: Mr. Speaker am up on Standing Order Number 52 on amendments and Number (1) clearly states that *the proposer of an amendments to a Motion shall, before moving it, hand the proposed amendment to a Motion in writing, signed by the proposer, to the Clerk at least two hours before the order is read.* Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mswabah Rashid): Yes Hon Ahmed Omar.

Chief Whip (Hon. Omar Ebrahim): Mr. Speaker it was just a piece of advice on my contribution.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mswabah Rashid): Yes Mary Akinyi can you reply to the Motion

Hon. (Ms) Akinyi: Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika, kwanza ni kushukuru wale wote ambao wameniunga mkono mjadala huu na hata wale ambao wamepinga pia nawashukuru kwa sababu ilikuwa ni mafikiriyo yao.

Mheshimiwa Spika ningeonelea ama ningeomba Jumba hili lote tubadilike tuunge mjadala huu ili uweze kuleta maendeleo na watu waweze kuishi katika hali ya kidijitali katika Kaunti yetu ya Mombasa.

Mheshimiwa Spika kule tunaelekea hizi simu za mulika mwizi zinaelekea kuisha ambapo simu ambazo zitakuja ni hizi za kushikilia shikilia...

(Laughter)

Mheshimiwa Spika wakati hizo simu za mulika mwizi zitakapokuwa zinaisha sisi tukipitisha mjadala huu utatatupata sisi kama wakaazi wa Kaunti ya Mombasa wote wanaume, wanawake, watu ambao wanaishi na ulemavu tutakuwa sasa tuko mbele.

Kwa hivyo naomba Jumba hili tushukuru na tupitishe mjadala huu ili tuweze kusaidika. Ahsante.

(Applause)

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mswabah Rashid): Thank you very much. Members I will now put the question; Members it has been proposed that the County government of Mombasa to include ICT hubs in all village polytechnics...

(Question put and agreed to)

Yes Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

Members there being no other business this House is adjourned until in the afternoon. Thank you.

The House rose at 9:32am.