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THE HANSARD

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The House Met At 10:50 AM

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

PRAYER

PAPER(S)

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Paper to be laid by the Chairperson Committee on Public Accounts and Investments. There are microphones that are on, kindly put them off.

Hon. Robert Lang'at: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. On behalf of the Chairperson Public Accounts and Investment Committee, I wish to lay the Report of the Committee on County Public Accounts and Investment on Auditor General's Report on Naivasha Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2019.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Hon. Member for Amalo Ward.

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Mr. Speaker?

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it, Leader of Minority Party?

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. There is a concern. Since we went digital in this Assembly, the procedure of the House has been that there is a Physical Paper; we now realise that the Member for Amalo was holding a piece of foolscap, then he read through the system and said he has read the Paper. We did not see the Paper read in this House Mr. Speaker, and we need your direction on that. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. John Macharia: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. The reason why he is now standing on behalf of the Chair.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Honourable Chair for PAC, what is the reason that you delegated your duties as a Chair?

Hon. Simon Kamau: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Of course, I want maybe to inform the Honorable Member for Turi Ward that there must be a good reason as to why I delegated that duty to one of the Members in my Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I am not feeling very well and that is the reason why I delegated the duty to one of the Committee Members who I believe is more than competent to do what I was supposed to do there. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The only challenge is that the Member who presented there said that he laid the Paper ...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Member for Elburgon Ward, you are confiscating our time.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Not true Mr. Speaker. The Hansard will vindicate me. The Member said he has laid the Paper. He did not give the Notice of Motion. Therefore, I would wish that the Member goes back there, retracts his Statement and say that he has given the Notice of Motion on this issue because he has said that he has laid the Paper and he has not yet given the Notice of Motion that was the Business before the table. Therefore, I wish the Table Clerks will vindicate me.

Mr. Speaker, this is a House of order and rules and I am here and I am ready to be sanctioned by this House if they will be able to substantiate what I am saying. The Member had said that he is out to lay the Paper and therefore, we need to be cognisant of that and our ears are out to check on such mistakes. However, I understand the Member ...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Honorable Member for Elburgon Ward, we are not yet there. We are still on Order Number 5. We are yet to be on Order Number 6, so that we bring that to a closure. The Member for Amalo Ward, Hon. Robert, said very well that he is laying the Paper on behalf of the Chairperson and that is agreeable but then, the Honorable Member for Turi Ward went ahead to question why and the Honorable Chairperson has gone ahead to explain the reason as to why.

We proceed to the next order.

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Mr. Speaker sir, my issue has not been answered to. There was no Paper that was laid in this House. We did not see any Physical Paper that was laid. That is my concern, unless there is a different interpretation of the same.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Honorable Leader of Minority Party, it is true that the House has gone Digital, has gone Paperless and if you look at your screen, there is the County Assembly of Nakuru, Second Assembly, Third Session, Public Accounts and Investments Committee. That is the Report that the Honorable Member for Amalo Ward, laid before this House; and it is properly laid.

NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Notice of Motion by Hon. Chairperson Committee on Public Accounts and Investments.

Hon. Robert Lang'at: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I once again stand on behalf of the Chairperson, Public Accounts and Investments to give a Notice of Motion THAT this House adopts the Report of the Committee on County Public Accounts and Investments on the Auditor General's Report on Naivasha Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended June 2019. Thank you.

Thank you. The Notice of Motion is given.

STATEMENT(S)

SIRIKWA HEALTH CENTRE

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a response from the Hon. Njuguna Mwaura, the Chairperson for Health Services, who is issuing a response to an issue that was requested by Hon. Emmanuel Lang'at concerning the status of Sirikwa Health Centre in Sirikwa Ward.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to give the response to the Statement that was sought by Hon. Emmanuel Lang'at from Sirikwa Ward on the status of the Sirikwa Health Centre, a Facility in Sirikwa Ward. I would wish to invite the Members to look at their screen on their table about the information that we sought as a Committee and what we requested the County Executive to furnish the information to the Committee. Allow me to take the Members through.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Sirikwa Health Centre stands as one of the most recent Healthcare Facilities in the Kuresoi North region and represents one of our largest County Establishments within Sirikwa Ward. At the proximity, there are Choronok and Gacharage Dispensaries, both serving our local citizens.

The Centre maintains a dedicated Staff, including two Nurses (with one presently on leave), a Ward Public Health Officer (PHO), Essential Support Personnel, and diligent Security Personnel. Notably, Sirikwa Health Centre continues to receive vital funding and supplies, effectively operating as a Dispensary, which makes it a Level Two.

A key distinction is its status as the sole Facility in the entirety of Kuresoi North equipped with a fully standardised Laboratory. Therefore, Mr. Speaker this one serves as a Level Four, and it is a Facility that we are looking forward to having the County Executive work on it and upgrade to a Level 4, so that all the cases emanating from other Facilities can be referred there. Members from that region can give their views concerning this matter is because it is an emotive issue that perhaps

Members could have information from the ground as to where Level 4 is supposed to be constructed. This was one of the recommended Facilities to be upgraded.

STAFFING NORMS

In accordance with Health Centre Standards, Sirikwa Health Centre currently falls significantly short of the expected Staffing Levels, which has resulted in its operational classification as a Dispensary. At the moment the Facility is staffed with two Nurses and two Support Personnel, which is below the following required staffing levels:

- One Clinician
- One Medical Laboratory Technician
- Five Nurses
- One Pharmaceutical Technologist
- One Health Records and Information Officer
- One Clerk
- Two Security Personnel
- Two Cleaners

Mr. Speaker, these additional positions are imperative for the Facility to attain the status of a Health Centre capable of providing services around the clock, seven days a week. Currently, they do it five days that is Monday to Friday.

TARGET POPULATION ESTIMATES

Sirikwa Health Centre serves a target population of 12,856.

SERVICE AVAILABILITY

The Health Facility operates as an integrated Maternal and Child Health Program five days a week, administering vaccinations as a routine practice. Additionally, it offers consultations for sick adults and children on weekdays, specifically from Monday through Friday. Periodically, the Facility conducts direct Outreach Services to reach a broader audience.

Both Healthcare Workers (HCWs) at the Facility are actively involved in delivering Vaccination Services and conducting Daily Growth Monitoring. This integration extends to services such as

Comprehensive Care Centre (CCC) and Tuberculosis (TB) Management. Moreover, Health Care Workers receive specialised Training in Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) to enhance the quality of care provided.

Table 1: Input Indicators

Indicator	What works	Deficiency
Staffing	(2 Nurses) 100% staff who provide clinical services daily.	Lab Technician and a Clinician.
Infrastructure	60% of the essential infrastructure available (power, improved water source, functional latrine for patients)	Part of the building needs finishing.
Supplies	70% essential supplies – HPTs (accessible and working scale for child, accessible and working scale for infant, oral antibiotic for pneumonia, first line oral antibiotic for dysentery, first-line anti-malarial, vitamin A cup/jug to administer ORS)	Height meter
Availability of Guidelines	80% of nationally – -mandated guidelines are available and accessible on the day of the survey	
Infection control	All infection control supplies and equipment on available and used	Burning chamber

Table 2: Sirikwa Health Centre Jan to Aug 2023 workload

Period Name	OPD Attendance <5yrs Female	OPD Attendance <5yrs Male	ODP Attendance >5yrs Female	OPD Attendance >5yrs Male	MOH 717 Rev2 020_0ver 60years	ANC Attendance	CWC Attendance	FP Attendance	TB and Leprosy attendance	Total
<i>Jan</i>	62	54	257	123	33	35	200	120	3	887
<i>Feb</i>	81	60	446	18	25	38	237	98	5	1008
<i>March</i>	87	46	371	190	19	44	233	84	0	1074
<i>April</i>	61	43	312	131	13	41	327	92	7	1027
<i>May</i>	53	53	192	152	15	35	251	174	8	933
<i>June</i>	44	56	263	190	3	31	241	232	0	1060
<i>July</i>	52	37	359	258	29	27	264	122	9	1157
<i>August</i>	57	51	194	102	0	32	250	113	7	806
Total	497	400	2394	1164	137	283	2003	1035	39	7952

SUPERVISION

There have been two instances of High Quality Support and Integrated Supervision within the past two weeks, and the recent spot check marks the third Consecutive Occurrence.

CHALLENGES EXPERIENCED AT SIRIKWA HEALTH CENTRE

The presence of the following gaps within the Facility act as impediments to service delivery.

a) Maternity Renovation and Equipment: A significant challenge lies in the need for renovation and upgrading of equipment in the Maternity section, hindering the Facility's ability to provide optimal Maternal and Child Health Services.

b) Dispensing Area Shelves: The absence of proper Shelves in the Dispensing area presents a challenge in organising and storing of Medical Supplies.

c) Structural Improvements/Completion: The Facility faces obstacles related to Structural Improvements and completion of tasks, including Repainting, Ceiling Installation, Flooring, Plumbing, Waste Management, Staff Facilities, and Electrical Works, all of which impede its overall functionality.

d) Human Resources for Health (HRH): Insufficient staffing where the Facility is in shortage of a Lab Technician, a Records and Clinical Officer (RCO), and an additional Nurses. If not addressed, this might pose a significant challenge to providing adequate Healthcare Services.

e) Rainwater Management: Lack of PVC Rainwater Gutters and a 5000-Liter Tank, limiting the Facility's ability to utilise this resource efficiently.

Mr. Speaker, as outlined there are the major challenges that are facing that Facility and would wish that once the Statement is tabled, we as a Committee are going to visit that area plus other surrounding Facilities so that we can give proper recommendations as far as the status of that Facility is concerned. It is alarming.

Mr. Speaker, our Facilities are supposed to have Five Nurses but currently, it has only one and the other one is on leave. That means when that lady on duty, if she is on Medical Leave or has an emergency, it means patients in that area will have no Facility to go to and they will be forced to go to Kericho as we were told last week. Others will be forced to go to the Molo Facility which is very far. Therefore Mr. Speaker, something needs to be done there. A lot of investment needs to be made in that area. Mr. Speaker, I also know that we have Kshs. 50 Million in our Budget for the construction of a Facility in that area and how I we wish as a House, that we can recommend that Sirikwa Health Centre be upgraded to a Level Four Facility so that it can offer proper services to the members of the public.

In conclusion Mr. Speaker, the Department demonstrates an unwavering commitment to addressing these challenges by strategically diversifying Comprehensive Plans for Facility Enhancement, actively engaging in spectrum of Stakeholders and channeling resources effectively. This multifaceted approach is poised to the community in ensuring sustainable and improved Health Development for all.

Furthermore Mr. Speaker, it is imperative for the County Assembly to allocate funds not only for Staff employment and Equipment in both new and existing Facilities to align with Ministry of Health norms and WHO norms but also for the completion of stalled and ongoing projects; reinforcing the County's dedication to robust Health Infrastructure.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I would wish the House and also the Members specifically Members from that area to set aside some funds to go into the improvement of the surrounding Facilities because if the County settles on that Facility to upgrade it, then it means they need also to have another Level Three Facility whereby some cases will be referred to so that the only referral cases will be taken to Sirikwa Health Centre if it will be upgraded.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I request the Member to invest some of the resources into the said venture so that this Facility can be of great importance. However, we are going to visit and recommend to the Department on the way forward. Otherwise Mr. Speaker, I am grateful and I wish to respond to the Hon. Member for Sirikwa. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Honorable Chair for the Committee on Health Services. Is the Member for Sirikwa in the House?

Hon. David Macharia: Point of concern Mr. Speaker

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it the Hon. Member for Shabaab?

Hon. David Macharia: Mr. Speaker, I have a point of concern in regard to these new gadgets that we are using here. Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Member for Elburgon has used the gadget very well but the Honorable the Member for Amallo when he was at the podium, it took him five minutes to get his Documents in the System. So, kindly I request that if it is possible, you can take these Members for Training on how to use these gadgets because some of them do not know how to switch them on.

(Applause)

As I stand here, Mr. Speaker, I have been assisting my friend over there to use the gadget that is on his table.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Do you mention the name of the Member that you were assisting.

Hon. David Macharia: It is Hon. Mutai; "*Kalamit*" Mr. Speaker

(Laughter)

So, Mr. Speaker if you can assist these Members in attending Training to understand how to use these gadgets it will be of great help. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): *Mheshimiwa* Member from Keringet, were you assisted from the comfort of your seat?

Hon. William Mutai: Honorable Speaker I was really assisted; I was failed to trace where the Documents were, but at least I have been assisted and I think I concur with him if there will be some Training Session, it will be very helpful. I got so worried when the Member from Amallo took about five Minutes tracing the Documents. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am well assisted.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. Is the Honorable Member for Amallo in the House? Any Member who would want to comment on that Response? The Response has been tabled on the floor of the House by the Honorable Chair for Health Services Committee. What is it the Honorable Member for Barut?

Hon. Bernard Kirui: Thank you Mr. Speaker, mine is just a request to the Chair for Health Committee; I am requesting the Committee to visit my area to check on those Facilities. I have Four Dispensaries; three are functioning and the other one is non-operational. So I am just requesting that they do a Site Visit and bring a Report to this Honorable House, if it is possible. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Honorable Member for Menengai.

Hon. Wilson Mwangi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I think to respond to *Mheshimiwa* from Barut is that, when we are visiting Sirikwa, we may pass through his Dispensary and check on the status.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon Member for Menengai, you have lost the Member for Barut completely. Because what happens so that the Committee would Respond, or that the Committee can visit, a Member from any Ward needs to bring a substantive Request for Statement to this House, or before the Committee so that the Committee, based on that Request can plan in its Work Plan, to visit such a Health Facility.

So the Hon. Member for Barut, you are free to Request for a Statement before this House, or before the Health Committee so that they can plan to visit your Ward.

ADJOURNMENT

This House stands adjourned to today at 2.30 pm

The House rose at 11.20 AM