



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KIAMBU

SECOND ASSEMBLY – (THIRD SESSION)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019 AT 2.30 P.M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYERS

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8*. MOTION- PROMOTION OF CHILDCARE IN THE COUNTY THROUGH SUPPORT OF PRIMARY CAREGIVERS

(Hon. Jane Gathiga, MCA)

THAT AWARE that numerous households within the county depend on domestic workers such as nannies in performing critical roles such as childcare, housekeeping, and cooking that cannot fit into their ever demanding schedules; **observing that** child care is defined as the action or skill of looking after children by a day-care center, nannies, babysitter, teachers or other providers while childcare providers are individuals who care for and provide supervision to children from age six weeks to age thirteen years;

NOTING WITH APPROVAL THAT the National Council for Children Services through the Good Practice in Childcare-a Manual for Children Caregivers (2011) categorizes house helps (ayahs) as primary caregivers as a recognition of important role they play in childcare;

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CONCERNED THAT a significant number of these primary caregivers especially nannies have continued to suffer cultural stigma as they are not valued since they are viewed as unskilled and uneducated; Additionally, they suffer exploitation from their employers ranging from financial, physical, emotional and even sexual abuse; **deeply concerned that** the aforementioned abuse has escalated frustrations among the ayahs thus becoming a hindrance to quality childcare which negatively impacts children growth and development;

ALARMED THAT most of house helps bureaus and agencies are only concerned with sourcing and placement of untrained nannies without acknowledging the role they play in the growth and development of children; **Deeply disturbed that** the County lacks appropriate regulatory framework despite being mandated with the responsibility of promoting childcare by the Constitution and alive to fact of mushrooming of these bureaus/agencies operating in its jurisdiction;

NOW THEREFORE, this Assembly urges the relevant County Department to:

- a) Establish a register/database of nannies bureaus and agencies operating in the County including their registration status;
- b) Formulate a policy that will guide and regulate the industry which will cover among others:
 - i. Requirements for operating ayahs agencies and bureaus including mechanisms of monitoring compliance in the County;
 - ii. Nannies basic assessment and credential exams with minimum competencies on development of children, physical care of the children including first aid and safety, personal ,professional and social skills;
 - iii. Nannies support mechanisms and mentoring programme which will entail professional, personal growth and networking;
 - iv. Information on salaries, benefits and access to specialized training; and,
 - v. Legal responsibilities of household employers and rights of a nanny;
- c) Introduce a certificate in home economics in at least one polytechnic at each Sub-County as well as consider partnering with institutions of higher learning such as Kenyatta University that offers home economics course where agencies can facilitate nannies access quality training at subsidized cost.

***Denotes Order of the Day**

NOTICES**LIMITATION OF DEBATE**

The Assembly resolved on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 as follows:-

THAT, notwithstanding the provisions of the Kiambu County Standing Order 120 (1) each speech in a debate on **any Motion** shall be limited in the following manner:- A maximum of three hours with not more than twenty (20) minutes for the Mover and ten (10) minutes for each other Member speaking, except the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, who shall be limited to a maximum of ten (10) minutes each, and that ten (10) minutes before the expiry of the time, the Mover be called upon to reply; and that priority in speaking be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and the Chairperson of the relevant Departmental Committee, in that Order.

NOTICE PAPER

Tentative Business for **Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

(Published pursuant to Standing Order 49(1))

It is notified that the following tentative business will appear in the Order Paper for Tuesday, February 26, 2019—

MOTION – PROVISION OF FREE SANITARY TOWELS FOR
VULNERABLE GIRLS STUDYING IN THE COUNTY

(Hon. Margaret Mwago, MCA)

THAT, Aware that menstrual hygiene management is quite a challenge that is confronting school going girls across the County School attendance and performance has been affected as most of these girls often choose to skip classes during menstruation due to lack of menstrual hygiene materials.

Noting with approval that these girls are from poor and vulnerable families, thus are unable to afford sanitary towels on a monthly basis forcing most of them to use rags, cotton materials and other inappropriate products that can result to infections.

Recognizing that Article 55 (a) of the Constitution obligates the state to take measures, including affirmative action programmes, to ensure that the youth access relevant education and training.

Fully appreciating that the National Government has put in place the National Sanitary Towels Program through the Affirmative Action Fund, and the Basic Education (Amendment) Act 2017 provides for the provision of free, sufficient and quality sanitary towels to every girl child registered and enrolled in a public basic education institution who has reached puberty and provide a safe and environmentally sound mechanism for disposal of the sanitary towels.

This Assembly **therefore urges** the County Government to:

- (i) Start a menstrual hygiene initiative to complement the National Governments efforts;
- (ii) Partner with private Organizations such as Inua Dada Foundation which empowers, upholds the dignity and protects the rights of the girl child; and,
- (iii) Partner with sanitary towel manufacturing companies in order to provide free sanitary towels to vulnerable girls studying in the County.