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**KIAMBU COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**THE HANSARD**

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The County Assembly met at the Assembly  
Chamber at 10.00 A.M.

*(The Deputy Speaker of the County Assembly (Hon. Philip Mubea) in the Chair)*

**PRAYER**

**STATEMENTS**

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Hon. Peter Karuga!

*(Silence)*

The Hon. Member is late, we can drop that order and probably do the same in the afternoon sitting!

**MOTION**

**EQUIPPING COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH FIRST AID SKILLS**

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Hon. Yvonne Waweru, you can move your Motion.

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. (M/s) Yvonne): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that;

**THAT,** aware that the key aims of first aid are to save lives and minimize the threat of death, prevent the condition from worsening and the danger of further injury, promote recovery, and prevent the deterioration of injuries into bigger medical problems.

Noting with regret that, emergencies can happen anywhere and a majority of Kiambu residents do not have the requisite first aid skills to effectively deal with emergencies.

Recognizing that, there is a need to strengthen the capacity of residents through the provision of first aid training in the County. This will ensure risk reduction and management and effective response to health emergencies, accidents and disasters.

Noting with appreciation that, the County Government has made significant efforts to improve access to health care, through improvement of infrastructure and development of new health facilities, scaling up of ambulance services and creating public awareness on universal health coverage through access to the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF).

Bearing in mind that, Part 2 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, mandates the County Government with the role of promotion of primary health care. This Assembly therefore urges the County Department of Health to:

- (i) Develop programs for first aid education and training in all public institutions across the County including government agencies and schools, and in other places such as markets, and churches; and
- (ii) Partner with National Government and private organizations, such as St. Johns Ambulance, Red Cross amongst others, to leverage on funding, capacity building support and development of first aid skills in the County.

Mr.Speaker, first things first, I would like to appreciate the effort done by the County Government to improve the Health system in the County. This is manifested in the various effort to build new health facilities and improve existing ones and scaling up of ambulance services across all Wards and also creating public awareness on Universal Health Coverage, through access to the National Health Insurance Fund.

The aim of this Motion Mr. Speaker, is to provide a framework through which, the County Government can enhance the capacity of Kiambu residence to better deal with Health emergencies and other disasters through the provision of first aid training.

Mr.Speaker, first aid is a proven and cost effective measure to save lives, it is indeed the most health interventions which is practiced at the personal level and it has been proven to improve the well-being of community and also improve productivity. But what are the barriers that exists at the moment?

You find that not many people in the County have the first aid skills, including myself, if I may speak on a personal level and sometimes, when emergencies occur, because of the lack of capacity, they are not able to adequately deal with such emergencies, some of them suffer from shock, from what has happened, others have fear to deal with such emergencies and therefore Mr.Speaker, it is important that we provide first aid training to all residence.

I was going through some research material and I read that for example, the so called CPR or Cardiovascular Pulmonary Resuscitation, if administered immediately after cardiac arrest, it can double the chances of survival at the fatality. Also according to the National Transport Safety Authority (NTSA), if Kenyans were equipped with the requisite first aid skills, it could actually reduce 57 percent of accidents, because most of them occur because of mishandling of the victims, which occasion arterial bleeding for example.

Mr.Speaker, I would therefore urge Members to consider supporting this Motion, so as to build and enhance capacities. It will be upon the County department of Health to develop the strategies or the approaches to use, but for example, it can be made mandatory in certain circumstances, for example in ECDE, whereby, teachers would be required to obtain the requisite first aid skills, it can be conducted in churches, and also the boda boda fraternity can also be enhanced with such skills.

I have also looked at a few success stories elsewhere, for example in Brazil, there is a program on health at school which aims to bridge the gap between the school and the Health Care System, which has been there since 2004, in Spain also since 2014, they have made a mandatory requirement and also in France since 2005.

Mr.Speaker, in almost concluding, I would also make the case for first aid, as a low cost opportunity to reduce the burden of disease and mortalities, which should be tapped into, by the County Government and therefore I urge all the Hon. Members to support this Motion. Thank you Mr.Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): You have a seconder?

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. (M/s) Yvonne): My seconder is not in the House, but I would ask Hon. Erick to second the Motion.

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): So, Hon. Erick is your seconder?

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. (M/s) Yvonne): Yes!

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Okay, proceed!

**Uthiru MCA,** (Hon. Erick): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I stand to second this Motion of equipping our County residence with first aid skills. Hon. Speaker, you find that emergencies are things that are now with us and the unfortunate thing is that we have never prepared for emergencies.

Hon. Speaker, I would first thank and congratulate the mover of the Motion, Hon. Yvonne Waweru, for this important Motion that will set precedent to Disaster Management and also equipping our people with the necessary first aid skills, to deal with these eventualities, effectively.

Hon. Speaker, in my view it is important that we incorporate the Health Department, we also incorporate the Utilities department, because of preparedness of fire. Hon. Speaker, we should also include training our people and having emergency extinguishers, designated in various areas. You find that somethings like fire, starts just as small fires, but because of lack of skills ,the fires eventually grows and bring down huge buildings.

If we could have proper coordination with training, as the mover has said, inclusion of people like the boda boda riders, if we have a team that when we know there is a fire somewhere, we know we have a designated place where we have fire extinguishers, be it the Chief's office, MCA's office, these designated boda boda riders will just dash and pick the extinguishers to put off the fire with proper coordination and training.

Hon. Speaker, you find that as the mover said, we have lost very many lives that could have been saved were the people present were trained `on how to handle disasters. It even begins with us, you may find that we have a disaster here or even where we go for trainings. I believe that maybe the officers that we have are trained, but is proper that we have people designated for that, so that when these things happen, we are well prepared and able to deal with things that maybe could not have gone far, had they been dealt with when they emerged or at the emergency level. With those remarks, I wish to second the Motion. Thank you.

### *(Question Proposed)*

It is debate time for this Motion by Hon. Yvonne, Hon Karichu!

**Lari Kirenga MCA,** (Hon. Karichu): Thank you Mr.Speaker, for that opportunity to contribute to this good Motion that is before this Hon. House.

One, I would like to thank my colleague Hon .Yvonne because of this Motion, I remember last week, we were able to pass a similar Motion, pertaining to the Kiambu County Health Workers. I

hope that this Hon. House will be able to ensure that the Motion sees the light of the day. I urge the Committee on Health and Implementation, working closely with the Health department, assisted by the CEC, that they will be able to bring these two Motions together.

One, Health Mr. Speaker, is one of the key things on issues pertaining people or individuals and for us to have sustainable development, in our County, because, one we need people that will be able to contribute to our GDP, we want people that will be able to pay for the revenue, we need a healthy community, we need healthy people.

When we talk of sustainable development Mr. Speaker, we are saying that people, are able to meet their needs as we do not compromise the needs of our children and grandchildren. We need to plan as a County and come up with policy framework and with that you guide on issues of Health. That is why Hon. Yvonne was able to come with a Motion that we equip our people, our residents, particularly those who voted for us Mr. Speaker Sir.

Let me remind this House that Health is a big four agenda, that is collaborated with the National Government and the County Government, where the President has gone all the way to a Country like Cuba to seek doctors to come and help with the issue of Universal Health Care. From the History of Cuba residents, a third of their population are all equipped with first aid skills and knowledge and that is why their Health Sector is paramount. A Country like India, with that high population of more than 2 billion people, a third of their population are equipped with the knowledge and skills of first aid.

I want to regret a case that happened to me two years ago, where I lost my mother, following cardiac arrest attack. Before she died, she strained alot and the people who were around her were not able to assist in anyway. That is why we are saying that we need to come up as a County with training and equip the community with knowledge and skills.

The reason why we want to do this, we want to save life particularly with the elderly, we want to save our people, pregnant mothers, new born children, children under the age of 5 years, we need to help them. This is an issue that we need to encourage our community on issue of engagement. They need to own our health and that they will be able to meet and be accountable on the services that they do to our people Mr. Speaker, Sir.

We need to foster the partnership, coordination and also to have mutual respect to all stakeholders. When you talk of stakeholders, we are talking od red cross, St. John's Ambulance, civil societies, social organizations, church, other faith based organizations, we need to bring all these together that we may be able to help with the knowledge, skills and the final results, we will have a very vibrant, healthy community and hence be able to contribute to the County's needs. I wish to support the Motion, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Mubea):** Thank you, Hon. Gathuru!

**Kamburu MCA, (Hon. Gathuru):** Thank you Mr. Speaker, first I would like to congratulate Hon. Yvonne for bring this important Motion on the floor of the House. I want to approach this Motion from the angle of disaster Preparedness and say that, just a week ago, I was discussing something important with the Red Cross group which is just across the Assembly. They told me about the need of training divers across the County, following the deaths that we are experiencing.

In the last two years, they were able to give me figures that we have lost close to about 100 people through drowning, and it is only that we do not have people who are trained in diving who

can rescue such people and give them requisite first aid. I understand that we could be having only one professional diver in the County, who is based at the offices across.

This is a very important thing to do, first aid being an important thing for the growth of a County or a Country and I think that this is the time that we need to do this, because it is important to do so. During the heavy rains this year, we lost quite a number of people and there are very many death points in this country, especially because we have big rivers that are flowing, we have Ruiru Dam, which has occasioned deaths of a number of people, we have swimming pools all over, ponds and dams within the coffee estates and we also have open quarry pits that also fill-up with water during heavy rains and all this, are death points when we have rains.

We therefore need divers that are trained in ressertitation, because a lot of people who are rescued, usually die on their way to hospital. So, if we have people who can give them first aid before they reach to hospital, they could save these lives.

I think there are very small initiatives that are happening around, in my Kamburu Ward, we have a P.C.E.A Church that has taken to itself to start this training and they are working very closely with the nurses in the local health centres, they are training themselves so that they can prepared for disasters that come. They are doing this using their own local collections. So, it is not something that is new or something that cannot be done, such initiatives need little topping up, so that they can achieve even more.

I think it is important to do this, we have these private organizations all over the County, the St. John's, Red Cross Society, but they cannot do all these alone, because they are not as many Mr.Speaker. We need to adopt these process within our systems in the County, so that we can give first aid lessons to as many people as possible, because we also have so many disaster points around us in the County. With this Mr.Speaker, I support.

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Thank you, Hon. Member for Kahawa Wendani!

**Kahawa Wendani MCA,**(Hon. Omondi): Thank you Mr.Speaker, first is to thank Hon. Yvonne for bringing this Motion and I would like to attest that when I was young, I used to be a boy scout and once a scout always a scout. These were some of the trainings that we normally undergo; Basic First Aid Skills, and upto now, when we engage our young kids in school, in our Churches, Community, this is the way to go, because first aid are the first doctors that we meet in our society. We have so many superhighways within Kiambu, like the super highway, when you come all the way from Thika, Githurai, so we can enforce these first aid skills, to the highway drivers, the caretakers in our plots and also the people we live with our children back at home.

So, as a community I will applaud this initiative, let us support this Motion and the CEC Health should enforce this so that we can have ambulances in every corner and containers in every blackspot that might have any casualty so that we may save life. Thank you Mr.Speaker, I support.

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Thank you! Hon. Members, it is always good to remember that it is always good to check on your phones when you come into the Chambers, so that they are always on silent mode, so that they do not interrupt the proceedings. Most of us have two, three, four or five phones, it is important to check on all of them, when you come into the Chamber.

Hon. Ann Kariuki.

**Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. (M/s.) Kariuki):** Thank you Mr.Speaker Sir, for this opportunity, first is to congratulate Hon. Yvonne for having taken time to think through the necessity of having people trained for First Aid.

I support this Motion by putting across that most organizations put First Aid as a mandatory training for all their staff. This is because when accidents happen more so in the office or outside, it is important to give the victims first hand help before they access medical support. This if it is done within the County, can bring down the deaths which are being experienced across the County. Like one Member has put across, we have two highways that Trans cross the County like Thika Super Highway and Nakuru –Nairobi, where most accidents happen almost on daily basis and people lose their lives because of some basic help that they can be given before they access medication from the facilities.

Again we have lost so many of our young people because of motorbike riding and accidents that come along with the same and most of these people from what I have experienced, they die because of excessive bleeding, which can be controlled from the onset of the accident. If we had people with that little exposure or even some skills on how they can control the bleeding and save lives.

We have also seen fires breakout at homes and people lose lives simply because our people lack the knowledge of how they can save the lives of the people, especially when fires break out. That simple knowledge which people require more so on the roads, homes, businesses places, we can do much more if we can train our people so that these deaths can be reduced.

Mr.Speaker, we have seen that most business premises have firefighting equipment, but do our people know how to use them? I do not think so. So, when fires break out, we find that yes the equipment are there, no one knows how to use them simply because they lack that little knowledge of how to use the same equipment, save lives probably when fire breaks out, so I believe that if this is done across the County, if we can embrace what the Hon. Member has put across, incorporate the stakeholders, it can help save lives, our people at home, at the shopping centres, when accidents happen along the road. This is a very important Motion and if we all rise up and support, it can help the County in controlling some of these deaths we are talking about. I support the Motion.

**Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Mubea):** Thank you! Hon. Member for Limuru East.

**Limuru East MCA, (Hon. Karuga):** Thank you Mr.Speaker, I was afraid that you might not catch my eye. I want to start by thanking the Member, for this well thought out Motion. Mr. Speaker, my home area, Limuru East Ward, it is Avast area that incorporates the teas estates and in those areas, those corporates do give trainings, especially the basic first aid trainings to their workers. However, you realize that not all of us work there, so there is still a large population that needs these pre-requisite skills.

Mr.Speaker, it was only last week that we did pass a Motion for the Community Health Workers and I foresee this County as more than equipped. We have a workforce that can do this task. Mr.Speaker, it is a matter of giving these Community Health Workers (CHW,s) the prerequisite skills for first aid, and these workers will be able to traverse our Wards training the various people.

Mr. Speaker, you realize most of us here love sports, and some of the injuries come from sports. Our football teams, since they do not have sponsors, it is actually even hard for them to have the first aid skills. If the CHW's visit these teams to train them, I am very sure most of our people will

love sports more than ever before. They will be able to give their teams first aid skills that are required.

Mr. Speaker, these CHW's, it is a matter of mandating them to also be visiting churches and mosques, and be given some time by the clergy or the Imams so that they can have a word and say something about first aid. You realize that this will touch a large chunk of the population because I believe in our County we are all believers, and we either go to churches or mosques.

Mr. Speaker, in our villages, we also have the women youth and men groups, and also not forgetting the community and welfare groups. These are the platforms that can also be used to train these people, because mostly they congregate during the weekends, and they will get these skills.

Mr. Speaker, for the business people; you realize that we have the matatu crew and bodaboda operators who are faced with these hazards of accidents. If we give them these skills, they will be able to use these first aid skills on their clients who they ply their business with.

Mr. Speaker, it is also good to be inviting these CHW's who will give the requisite skills in the County forums. They should be given some time during public participations to teach people the basic skills, be it on choking, suffocation and the likes. People will appreciate and they will also find a reason to be attending this public participation.

Mr. Speaker, it is also good to make it mandatory for our polytechnics and VCT centers to be having these trainings for all classes for various training skills. With this, I foresee a County which will be prepared in disaster management and also preventing the unnecessary injuries that might occur from mishandling a patient due to lack of that basic knowledge.

Mr. Speaker, with this, I urge the whole House to support this Motion. Thank you!

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Thank you!

Hon. Margaret Mwago!

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon (Ms.) Mwago): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

I stand to support the Motion, but first and foremost, we should look at the budget in Kiambu County. We should think of the budgeting in the County before we start any program or project. The sustainability of the projects we start is very important, instead of starting them and then failing.

Mr. Speaker, just the other day we went to Italy, and the team that was in Italy can support me on this, there is a project that is started when one enters pre-unit schools. When I went there, I was a patient in that school and they gave me first aid as a patient who had broken an arm. A three year old child was able to use scissors, they cut the bandage, and they were able to hold my hand and I was supported. They were even able to use the instruments the doctors use when they monitor the heart rate. I do not know what they call the instruments. Once they have a child in that school, it is called Mary Mount, they are able to help each and every child. They are able to give first aid before they go to hospitals

Mr. Speaker, these programs are very important because we normally get children in our schools breaking their hands, nose bleeding and the likes, and before they get to hospitals, they may get worse if they are not given first aid.

Mr. Speaker, in our Wards, we border some rivers like Nairobi River and Kiuu River; that is Mwiki, Kiuu and Mvihoko Wards. We border those rivers and we normally experience death because; we know how boys like swimming. During the heavy rains, the boys normally drown. If we get these programs in our schools, and maybe they know how to save the others, maybe we can reduce these deaths and we can have a healthy community and our children can be saved.

Mr. Speaker, I really support this, but before each and everything, we should look into the budget and the sustainability of each and every project.

Thank you!

**Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Mubea):** Thank you!

Before we continue, maybe the Hon. Dr. Mercy Nungari could inform the Member what that thing they test the heart with is called.

*(Laughter)*

You know when we have doctors around, it is important for them to help us.

*(Laughter)*

Maybe if I could assist you, when I went for my small classes, it was called a stethoscope.

**Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. (Ms.) Mercy):** A telescope.

**Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Mubea):** Not a telescope.

*(Laughter)*

It is called a stethoscope.

Daktari, we are now well informed now.

Hon. Member for Kahawa Sukari!

**Specially Elected MCA, (Hon (Ms.) Mwago):** Sorry Mr. Speaker!

Before you proceed, I would like to add onto that.

**Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Mubea):** Yes!

**Specially Elected MCA, (Hon (Ms.) Mwago):** I would like to request the Committee on Education, in addition to whatever I have said, to look into this so that they can be able to work hand in hand with the pre-schools so that we can be able to start the programs from the time our children get into the ECD classes.

Thank you!

**Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Mubea):** Yes, they are now well informed.

Hon. Member for Kahawa Sukari, you can proceed with your debate.

**Kahawa Sukari MCA, (Hon. Waiganjo):** Thank you Hon. Speaker!



Hon. Speaker, as I congratulate Hon. Yvonne for bringing up this Motion, I also want to emphasize on what the Hon. Mwago has said because it is like she has read my mind. I believe it is because we share borders in the County, but I still want to emphasize what she has said about the budget.

Hon. Speaker, this Motion as it is of utmost importance, not only for the people of this County, but also for the entire human race. It is however very important to realize that we must start from somewhere, and that is why Hon. Yvonne started it in this County. This should be a reference point.

Mr. Speaker, we know there have been attempts to skill our young people, especially the scouts in matters of first aid. Every day in our lives, we live by risks, be it on the roads, our places of work, or any other place; we are exposed to these risks.

Mr. Speaker, as much as the National Government focuses on disaster management, basic skills in matters of first aid are very important. This can easily be done in collaboration with other agencies as the mover has indicated. This should start from the learning institutions. From learning institutions, it will trickle even to our very basic homes where we have come from.

Mr. Speaker, we have found instances where we have firefighting equipment, we have first aid kits equipped in all the institutions, but nobody knows how to use them.

Mr. Speaker, as we have the fight against illicit brew, one of the requirements is the fire fighting kit. But you find the kits in this institutions or social places, but even as you ask the people who are working there what it's for, they call it water storage, because that is what they think. It is therefore very important as a County as we charge, because these are some of the things that we ask for in revenue and we charge them, as we charge these, let us also use part of this money to re-skill them.

Mr. Speaker, we may look at it from very many levels, but let us start from the very basic people who are on the ground like our caretakers, the people we leave in our homes to take care of our children and to take care of those on the ground. If we do that, I believe that we shall be heading somewhere.

Therefore, I support this Motion, and as a matter of urgency, even as we look at sustainability, which is the budget; because we do not need to start something that we will not sustain. It should be a culture, that as we move on, in the basic institutions it should be a course that should be taken by every child or young adult who is in these institutions. So, the budget should be there, and it should be put as a matter of urgency.

Mr. Speaker, I support!

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Thank you Hon. Member for Kahawa Sukari. Actually you have brought up a very important issue, on when people do not know how to use these apparatus that are installed there. I once witnessed where there was a fire, and somebody took the whole fire extinguisher and threw it into the fire. Because he did not know what it was supposed to be done with, he thought that if you threw it into the fire, it would explode.

*(Laughter)*

I think you have brought up a very pertinent issue.

Hon. Member for Karuri!

**Karuri MCA**, (Hon. Njoroge): Thank you Mr. Speaker! Let me take this opportunity to thank Hon. Yvonne for bringing such an important Motion.

Mr. Speaker, we might be talking about others, but maybe in this House, majority do not know how to use the fire extinguishers or even the first aid kits. I don't know whether we should prepare a workshop to be trained on all those issues. It is very important.

*(Applause)*

It is an open secret that most people who have accidents die along the way because of mishandling. So, passing this Motion, and hopefully it will not gather dust on the County shelves, it will go a long way in saving very many lives.

Mr. Speaker, in my Ward I have started it in my own small way. The kaa sober group that was initiated by the Governor is taken through first aid skills every Friday, at least 30 minutes before they break. I would also urge other Members to follow suit because as we start in our very small way, it will also help and gather momentum.

Mr. Speaker, I am proposing that we start target groups, like conductors who have very many accidents, drivers, bodaboda riders and even our staff. We can also cohabit and work together with the ECD teachers. I think every ECD teacher should be trained for the first aid Course...

*(Interruption)*

## **POINT OF ORDER**

*(By Ndenderu MCA, Hon. Kinuthia)*

**Deputy Speaker**, (Hon. Mubea): What is your Point of Order Hon. Member for Ndenderu?

**Ndenderu MCA**, (Hon. Kinuthia): Mr. Speaker, is the Hon. Member for Karuri in order to suggest that we should cohabit with ECD teachers, most of who are women?

*(Laughter)*

**Deputy Speaker**, (Hon. Mubea): Hon. Member for Karuri, what did you mean by that term?

**Karuri MCA**, (Hon. Njoroge): Mr. Speaker, it was a slip of the tongue.

*(Laughter)*

I meant working together.

**Deputy Speaker**, (Hon. Mubea): Working together and not cohabiting?

**Karuri MCA**, (Hon. Njoroge): Yes!

Work together with members of staff from hospitals and ECD teachers so that we can make very good progress, more so on training the ECD...

*(Interruption)*

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): So we stand guided and we can ask the Members up there to remove that statement. Remove the word cohabiting and change it.

*(Laughter)*

**Karuri MCA,** (Hon. Njoroge): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Continue!

**Karuri MCA,** (Hon. Njoroge): At the same time I would like to challenge the powers and privileges Committee to push every Motion that we pass here so that it doesn't look like we only pass Motions and they are not worked on...

*(Interruption)*

## **POINT OF INFORMATION**

*(By Specially Elected MCA, Hon. (Ms.) Mwago)*

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Hon. Member, do you want to be informed?

**Karuri MCA,** (Hon. Njoroge): Yes!

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon (Ms.) Mwago): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

It is not the Powers and Privileges Committee that is responsible, but rather the Committee on Implementation.

Thank you!

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): You are now well informed. It is the Committee on implementation that follows up on this.

**Karuri MCA,** (Hon. Njoroge): I stand guided Mr. Speaker!

*(Laughter)*

I think I woke up on the wrong foot today.

*(Laughter)*

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Proceed!

**Karuri MCA,** (Hon. Njoroge): At the same time I would propose that we place a first aid container in every Sub-County so that the St. John's ambulance members can use it. Infact, the St. John ambulance branch in Kiambaa Sub-County are asking for a container. So, if we can duplicate that in all the Sub-Counties, we can be able to save so many lives because those people are trained on first aid.

With that Mr. Speaker, I support the Motion!

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Thank you!

Hon. Nduta Muongi!

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon (Ms.) Muongi): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir for this opportunity to contribute to this noble Motion that is before the House.

I rise to support the Motion and also congratulate my colleague, Hon. Yvonne. I want to first of all take lead in acknowledging the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA), which is something I feel we should borrow a leaf from, in the sense that they have a health committee that during the service, get an opportunity to train members on various health topics. If we were to borrow a leaf from this, we would really cut across the issue of budget. This is because this is an already set up gathering, and people are given the knowledge that we are talking about right here.

Mr. Speaker, if you recall sometime back when this Country was dogged by the issue of HIV/AIDS, the Ministry of Health came up with guidelines and regulations that required even in the basic construction companies, you will have to get a day and gather your workers for them to be trained on issues to do with HIV infections and control and management of the same. If we were to borrow a leaf from the same, I don't see an issue of budget coming up. We have heard Hon. Members in here saying that they have even lost loved ones, because the people who are around them have no idea what to do at that particular moment.

For me I would say, it is a campaign that this County can mount in terms of ensuring that in every gathering that we get, we get someone to train our Community on the same. It does not necessarily have to be under costly measures/budgets that we cannot be able to sustain at the moment. I take cognizance to that fact that our health ministry is at the moment not doing so well. Bringing up another budget may not be well received.

If we were to start with the already organized setups that are already there; you realize that people like bodaboda riders have their own setups that they use for their meetings. This is the same for our Matatu people and even with our churches. Even in communities when we have occasions like burials and weddings, we could also encourage people to take a few minutes to talk about a certain way to deal with a certain issue. This will go a long way in equipping the community and cutting across the issue of budget.

Mr. Speaker Sir, for me it's a campaign that we can mount, and as my colleague Hon. *Boxer* from Karuri was saying, we need to start in Jerusalem. We need to start here for our Members for our Members to also get equipped, so that when we get an opportunity, we will be able to put in a few things here and there in the community and we will benefit our people.

I rise to support the Motion and hope that it will really give the people concerned the challenge to mount a very good campaign that will not necessarily strain our budget, but will make this information trickle down to our Communities.

Thank you!

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Thank you Hon. Nduta, but you just referred to a Member as Hon. *Boxer*. I am not sure we have such a Member here. Could you tell us who that Member is?

*(Laughter)*

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon (Ms.) Muongi): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

He is the Hon. Wainaina. I am informed reliably that he used to be a *Boxer*, so I normally try to be kind to him so that I am safe.

*(Laughter)*

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Always refer to Members by their names and not by their professions.

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon (Ms.) Muongi): Thank you!

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Hon. Member for Ndenderu!

**Ndenderu MCA,** (Hon. Kinuthia): Bwana Spika, ninainuka kwa kanuni simamizi za mjadala Bunge 118. Naomba kwa heshima na taathima kuu usome hisia na muegemeo wa Bunge na utamatishe mjadala wa hoja hii.

Asante!

*(Applause)*

*(Question Put and  
Agreed To)*

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Mover!

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon (Ms.) Yvonne): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

First of all I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my colleagues who have supported this Motion. Indeed there is a lot of interest that has been demonstrated from the various contributions. What I have liked about the debate is that Members have actually provided solutions to the question at hand.

Mr. Speaker, if I may briefly go through some of them, for example Hon. Erick from Uthiru Ward talked about developing cross set up approaches for example utilities. Hon. Karichu talked about empowering the CHW's, the Hon. Member for Kamburu, Hon. Gathuru talked about training divers to deal with drowning incidences. Hon. Cyrus talked about the existing Scouts and Girl Guide movements and also providing facilities along our highways, for example the Thika Superhighway, sentiments that have also been echoed by Hon. Anne Kariuki who also talked about homes, businesses and shopping centers.

The Hon. Member for Limuru East also emphasized on CHW and has even talked about equipping football teams with first aid skills. He also talked about public participation in the County as an opportunity to train our residents on first aid skills. Hon. Mwago talked of her first hand experience in Italy where she was given first aid by a three year old.

*(Laughter)*

She emphasized on the need for sustainable financing, and when you look at the Motion, one of the resolutions is to ask the County Government to partner with other organizations that can leverage funding.

Indeed it is true that we also have to bear in mind that this may be a costly affair, but I do believe that if we partner with organizations that have a track record of providing solutions, this may not be a problem because we can leverage on that funding and even provide for capacity building support. This has also been echoed by the Hon. Member for Kahawa Sukari and also Hon. *Boxer*, the

Hon. Member from Karuri who has also talked about the existing initiative that he is already doing through the *kaa* sober group. Being the Chairperson of the Education Committee, he has expressed his willingness to further this within the ECDE groups, especially through the training of teachers.

Finally, there is Hon. Nduta who has talked of the existing mechanism in the Presbyterian Church and she also talked about the need for guidelines to build on existing initiatives and also to enhance peer to peer learning.

Mr. Speaker, having said that, I don't think I have much to add to this Motion, and I would like to from the bottom of my heart thank all Members who have contributed, and it is now time to vote, and I hope that you vote in support of the Motion. I also task the implementation Committee, of which I am a Member, to follow up on the Implementation of this Motion.

Thank you Mr. Speaker!

### *(Question Put and Agreed To)*

## **STATEMENTS**

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Hon. Members, we will go back to Order no. 7 on Statements. The Hon. Member for Limuru East Ward had a Statement to the Committee on Transport.

Hon. Member, if you are ready you can request the Statement.

### **STATUS OF ROADS BEING CONSTRUCTED USING THE FUEL LEVY FUND IN LIMURU EAST WARD**

**Limuru East MCA,** (Hon. Karuga): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

Honorable Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 56 (3), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Transport, Public Works and Infrastructure regarding the status of roads being constructed using the fuel levy fund in Limuru East Ward.

Honorable Speaker, the County Roads, Transport and Public Works Department has been in the process of improving access roads in all the County Wards using the Fuel Levy Funds. At the beginning of the year, the Department issued out the tenders for the rehabilitation works. However, some of the contractors are yet to report to site, while the ones who have completed the works are yet to receive their payments. For example, the rehabilitation of Kirathimo-Misri access road is yet to commence while Dadas access road rehabilitation is complete but the contractor is yet to be paid. As a result of this, residents continue to suffer due to the poor condition of the roads.

Honorable Speaker, in view of the above, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on the following:-

- (i) The status of all the access roads that were meant to be improved using the Fuel Levy Funds in the County; indicating whether complete including the dates and whether payments have been made, or incomplete including the timelines when they are expected to be complete;
- (ii) The reasons for the delayed commencement of rehabilitation of Kirathimo-Misri access road and;

- (iii) The reasons why the County Government has not paid for the rehabilitation of Dadas access road despite the contractor completing the works; indicating when the County intends to pay.

Thank you Mr. Speaker!

**Member, Transport, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, (Hon. Munywa):** Thank you Mr. Speaker!

I am a member of the Transport Committee, and on behalf of the Chair and the leadership of our Committee, we will undertake to look into the matter. I agree that it is a serious issue which we discussed in our Committee meeting on Tuesday. This issue is not only in Limuru East, we understand that it is in all Wards within our County and we will expedite this issue within the timelines that are set out and report to the House within 21 days

**Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Mubea):** So, are you intimating that you are going to have a wholesome Report on the Whole County on the status of all the fuel levy roads?

**Member, Transport, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, (Hon. Munywa):** Yes Mr. Speaker!

We have set it in our timetable that we need to go round all Wards and see the status of all the fuel levy roads that were awarded last year.

**Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Mubea):** Okay!

We are hoping by then we shall have a clear update on the Statement from the Member for Limuru East. I also know that most of the Members want to know the status of the roads and the payment of the works that have been done.

Hon. Members I would wish to request you to collect the Report of the Committee on Powers and Privileges on the review of the Speaker's Rules which is due to be debated this afternoon so that at least you can acquaint yourself with them as they are Tabled before the Assembly yesterday.

Thank you!

## ADJOURNMENT

**Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Mubea):** Hon. Members, there being no other Business, this Assembly stands adjourned until Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at 2.30 P.M.

Thank you!

The House rose at 11.25 A.M.