

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KILIFI

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 26th April, 2016

The House met at the Temporary Chambers at the defunct Malindi Municipal Council, Malindi Town, at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

CANCER AWARENESS INITIATIVE CAMPAIGNS IN KILIFI COUNTY

Hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to table this Notice of Motion.

AWARE THAT, in reference to the National Cervical Cancer Prevention Programme Strategic Plan, 2012-2015 by the Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation and Ministry Of Medical Services (2012), cervical cancer is the second most frequent cancer among women in Kenya and the leading cause of cancer deaths in Women of Reproductive Age (WRA).

Currently, the estimated annual number of cervical cancer cases is 2,454 while the annual number of deaths due to cervical cancer is 1,676 in Kenya. It is projected that by the year 2025, the number of new cervical cancer cases annually in Kenya will reach 4,261. Data from hospital-based registries in Kenya indicated that cancer of the cervix accounted for 70-80 per cent of all cancers of the genital tract and 8-20 per cent of all cancer cases for the 10-year period of 1981 to 1990.

CONCERNED THAT, despite the magnitude of the problem in Kenya and the fact that it is easily preventable, the cervical cancer screening coverage in Kenya for all women 18 to 69 years of age is only 3.2 per cent and Kilifi County being not an isolated case.

Cancer of the cervix is the second most common cancer among women worldwide. It is the leading cause of cancer deaths in developing countries. Of the total new cases each year, about 86per cent occur in developing countries, where unfortunately 80-90 per cent of cervical cancer related deaths occur. With the peak age of cervical cancer being 35-45 years of age, it claims the lives of women in the prime of their life when they may be raising children, caring for the family, and contributing to the social and economic life of their community. It has been estimated that the average life years lost due to cancer of the cervix is 25.3 years.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, Cancer of the cervix is easily detectable and curable in its early stages. Unfortunately, only 5 per cent of women in developing countries undergo screening for cervical cancer compared to over 40per cent in developed countries and 70 per cent or higher

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in countries that have shown marked reduction in incidences and prevalence of cervical cancer. It is therefore not surprising that in Africa especially in Kenya where screening rates are very low, the majority of women present at late stages with invasive and advanced disease.

APPRECIATING THAT, the policy environment in Kenya is conducive to the roll out of the National Cervical Cancer programme. This has been highlighted in the major RH policy documents including the National RH policy, the National RH Strategy, The National RH/HIV Integration Strategy and the National Cancer Control Strategy. Cervical cancer prevention and control is also expressed in the following global and national policy documents; the Global Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy; the Global Cancer Control Strategy; Kenya Vision 2030; the National Health Sector Strategic Plan II and the Cancer Prevention and Control, 2012 No.15 of 2012 section 29, 30, 31, and 32.

Now therefore, this hon. Assembly urges the Kilifi County Government Department of Health to collaborate with the National Cancer Institute of Kenya and initiate a programme to conduct an educational and information campaign on cancer prevention, treatment and control as stipulated in the Cancer Prevention and Control Act, 2012 section 29, 30 and 32. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): One of the longest Notices of Motion. Hon. Mbeyu, I think you need to revisit the content of that Motion, not now of course, but you need to revisit the content because it is just too much. That data will be irrelevant at the time of the debate but it is very well founded in that Notice of Motion. It is a fact. Thank you.

An appropriate date will be set by the House Business Committee if there is any need for any corrections to be made or whatever amendments to be made where necessary.

MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF RESCUE CENTRES FOR PEOPLE SUSPECTED OF PRACTICING SORCERY OR WITCHCRAFT

(Hon. Mwambire was not in the House)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Teddy Mwambire has appointed hon. Pascal to hold brief.

Hon. Pascal: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me the opportunity on behalf of the Deputy Speaker of Kilifi County Assembly to present a Motion in this House. The Motion reads:-

AWARE THAT, Kilifi County has been annually recording the highest number of people lynched for suspicion of practicing witchcraft or related practices which are directly embedded in the Mijikenda or African cultural beliefs.

NOTING THAT, culture and natural heritage is our Constitutional right as stipulated in the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, Kaya Godoma at Mrima wa Ndege Location in Sokoke Ward has an established rescue and cultural centre specifically for people who have been suspected of practicing of witchcraft or related practices, this County Assembly urges the County Executive Committee Member in charge of ICT, E-Government, Culture and Social Services to:-

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1. Organize and take full charge of the centre so as to facilitate the wellbeing of all the rescued persons.
2. Establish other centres where necessary within the County so as to mitigate the constant lynching of people in our great County.
3. To come up with County Legislation which will regulate the resolution of cases of witchcraft or related practices in relation with our Mijikenda or African cultural beliefs or traditions.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Anybody to second that.

Hon. Pascal: May I call upon hon. Bwenyeny to second.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Do we have hon. Bwenyeny in the House?

Hon. Members: No!

Hon. Pascal: Hon. Emmanuel Chai Sir to second.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): It is a choice to second hon. Member. Are you objecting to the proposal by the hon. Member to second?

Hon. Chai: Thank you very much for giving me the chance to ventilate on the secondment of the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): No! no! no! You just need to rise and just say 'I second'.

Hon. Chai: I do not.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Pascal.

(Laughter)

Hon. Pascal: In that case Mr. Speaker, allow me to give a chance to hon. Mwayaa...

(Laughter)

...to second this Motion.

Hon. Mwayaa: I do not support hon. Speaker, Sir.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Now hon. Members, it is very clear that this matter should not have been delegated because according to the Standing Orders, unless a Motion has been seconded and in the absence of secondment, then it dies a natural death. In that case therefore, I know hon. Teddy Mwambire could have several engagement but I think he would have been here probably he could have gotten you hon. Pascal to second. In that case, failure to get that Motion seconded, the result is its termination. Therefore, we cannot proceed with the same.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, in the absence of any other business in the Order Paper, we move to adjourn the House until tomorrow in the afternoon. Thank you very much.

The House rose at 2.45 p.m.

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