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(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

STATUS OF FIRE STATIONS IN KILIFI COUNTY

Hon. Mlanda: Thank you Mr. Speaker for granting me this opportunity to seek a Statement from the County Executive Committee (CEC) Member for Roads, Transport and Infrastructure through the Chairperson of Roads, Transport and Public Works, in the Department of Fire Stations in the seven Sub- Counties in Kilifi County:-

Whether, the CEC Member in charge of Roads and Infrastructure is aware that the Department has insufficient fire engines and personnel in case of a fire outbreak.

Whether, the CEC Member is also aware that the fire stations are inadequate and are not evenly distributed in the sub-counties.

What measures is the CEC Member taking to address this concern?

1. Can the CEC Member tell this House how many fire engines does this county have?
2. How many fire stations are there in the county and their location in terms of sub-county and the number of fire engines in the stations?
3. How many personnel does the Department have and how many are intended to be recruited?
4. What measures has the CEC Member put to make sure the fire engines have enough filling points when curbing a fire outbreak? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENTS

POOR SERVICE DELIVERY AT MALINDI DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for getting this chance to give a response on behalf of the Department of Health. The Department confirms receipt of County Assembly Resolution Ref No: CAK/ADM/34/VOL.1/32 dated 8th July, 2016. The Department of Health would hereby like to respond to the queries raised by hon. Stephen Mlanda regarding Malindi Hospital as follows:

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One, insufficient beds; each Ward at the hospital is a 48 beds capacity and currently all the wards have 48 beds and more. To increase the bed capacity...

Hon. Kenga: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I just want to alert the House that the response to the Statement that is being tabled by the hon. Member is not with the Members of the County Assembly; we are lacking the Statement. I do not know whether we can have copies of the response at this hour before he takes over?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Mr. Clerk, furnish the Members with copies of the response that the Member is sharing with this House so that they can be in a position to understand what is going on.

Hon. Kiraga: So I hope I can...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): No hold first.

(Serjeant-at-Arms distributed copies of the document to hon. Members)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): I hope everyone has a copy?

Hon. Members: Yes.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Proceed please hon. Kiraga.

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker:

One: insufficient beds; each ward at the hospital has a 48 beds capacity and currently all the wards have 48 beds or more. To increase the bed capacity would require an expansion. The Department has allocated funds for those in the three hospitals that is; Kilifi, Malindi and Mariakani. Indeed in some instances patients are requested to share when the patients increase. However, it has also been noted that some patient care takers sleep on the ward floors and this is also being addressed through awareness creation. Some patients have more than one caretaker hence some of the congestion observed.

Two: Understaffing; the Department currently requires over 1,000 health workers to meet the standards set for human resource in each facility. It is the wish of the Department to recruit adequate personnel but this is subject to resource allocation. A budget for the recruitment of 200 health workers has been factored in this financial year. These will be distributed to the various facilities where there are acute shortages. At Malindi Hospital, two medical officers have been deployed to the casualty wing. In order to enhance service delivery, the Department will progressively address the shortages in order to fill the gaps.

The Department is available for further clarifications and discussions to address any matters arising. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Yes hon. Mlanda, are you contented with the Response?

Hon. Mlanda: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this chance to congratulate my fellow MCA (Member of County Assembly) who is the Chairperson of Health. Except on the fact that he is saying that the Department has budgeted for extra beds but this will only happen after the construction of additional wards then that to me is not enough. This is because recently when the area MP (Member of Parliament) visited the hospital, he still saw the same problem that I had requested through the Chairperson.

It was just last week when I was in the hospital taking my brother who passed away. It took me close to one hour to get an ambulance from the hospital to Jamu Hospital where my

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young brother was supposed to get a scan; we still have a problem. I do not know whether the Chairperson is aware that the hospital...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): There is a point of intervention.

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I wish the Member could just go to his prayers in the Statement; this is because I do not think if the issue of ambulance is part of what we are talking of now. The major issue that the Member rose on was seeking a response on staffing and on that he was asking for the causality wing.

Secondly, he was also asking for the bed capacity in Malindi District hospital. So, I do not know where the ambulance issue is coming from. Thank you very much.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Yes hon. Mlanda.

Hon. Mlanda: These are issues which are raised every now and then. It is better for us to point them out to him so that he can also, when he is trying to...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Mlanda, the best way is to try and observe if what you had requested for is in the response. Thereafter, in case there will be issues that need to be addressed you can bring another Statement so that you can get more information. For now let us focus on what you requested? Is the response, okay? That is the question which we want to hear from you.

Hon. Mlanda: Okay partly Mr. Speaker, the response...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Which issues have you observed which you think are not sufficient so that he can seek for more clarifications?

Hon. Mlanda: On the side of patients sharing beds Mr. Speaker, this is still a concern thank you.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I also have issues on the response that has been delivered as sought by hon. Mlanda. I am learning that the care takers have been forced to sleep on the floor of the hospital. This is one of the major issues that the hon. Member was asking. In fact the issue is not about medical personnel but it is about patients being forced to sleep on the floor of the hospital because the hospital does not have the capacity to meet the demand of the members of the public.

So, it also should be acknowledged by the Department that it is not only the care takers who are forced to sleep on the floor of the hospitals but even the patients. On addressing the issue of under staffing we are looking at the shortage of staff; this is something which is very alarming. "We require over 1,000 health workers to meet the standards set for human resource in each facility."

Now, my question is; as the Chairperson, will he have time to respond to the same? Is it true that each facility requires 1,000 workers to be able to offer services to the people of Kilifi or the 1,000 workers are going to be shared amongst the demands of the various facilities that we have in the county? Again, as we address the issues that were raised by the Member in the Statement that was sought, Mr. Speaker, we must also be able to share the experiences that we have had. For instance, the causality wing especially at the Malindi Sub-County hospital is another Department where the services offered to the people is wanting. Most of the time, patients especially those who may have been involved in accidents are forced to spend hours unattended, yet we are learning that two medical officers have been posted to take care of the people that require services from that Department. Thank you.

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. The responses that I have given on behalf of the Department have greatly answered the Statement issued by hon. Mlanda in this

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House. First, I would wish to inform this House that Malindi Sub-County hospital has got enough beds but the problem is the space. It has been noted here that the bed capacity is 48. We have beds but where can these beds be placed for the patients to get those services and that is why the Department has allocated some funds to build more wards so that patients can now be transferred to the wards that are to be built.

Mr. Speaker, bearing in mind that Malindi hospital has referrals from about two counties which are Tana River County and Lamu County, Malindi hospital is overwhelmed and that is why the issue is being addressed by the allocation of funds in the 2016/2017 budget.

Mr. Speaker, if I can read part of the Statement sought, it reads, "Furthermore, is the Member aware that the Malindi Sub-County Hospital is understaffed with patients in the emergency wing staying for long hours unattended especially when the doctors go for lunch breaks?" I will not go on.

I think that Statement has been addressed here. I want to read that part of the Response. "The Department currently requires over 1,000 health workers across the whole county. Secondly, it is the wish of the Department to recruit adequate personnel but this is subject to resource allocation." Mr. Speaker, I want to also inform this House that although the Department gets the lions share...

(Hon. Mlanda stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Mlanda: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the Chairperson talks about allocation of resources to equip or to recruit, is he aware that the Closed Circuit Televisions (CCTVs) which were installed at the hospital were costing almost Ksh. 20 million? Why could they not construct additional wards instead?

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much. I hope you can bring a Statement on the same and we can have a response on the same so, at...

(Hon. Mramba stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Mramba: Mr. Speaker, the issue of CCTV cameras at the Malindi Sub-County hospital is necessary because babies were being stolen. So, I wish to inform the Member for Ganda that it was of very great importance and essential for that hospital to be equipped with CCTV cameras. Thank you.

Hon. (Ms.) Arafa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mine is a Point of Order to hon. Nixon Mramba. He has raised a very pertinent issue that in Malindi hospital children were being stolen. Can he substantiate that because as women leaders we advocate for women to deliver in hospitals to overcome other challenges which women face when they deliver at home? Hon. Mramba is saying that children are being stolen in Malindi Sub-County hospital. Can he substantiate that so that we can stop mothers from delivering in hospitals?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Members, hon. Mramba said that children were being stolen; he did not say children are being stolen and that is what made it necessary for the installation of the CCTVs. There is another interjection from hon. (Ms.) Chiku.

Hon. (Ms.) Chiku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. It is important to have those CCTV cameras in that hospital. With the scare of Al-shabaab, we cannot afford to be without any security in that hospital. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Hon. Kenga: Mr. Speaker, we are guided by the position that you are taking on the matter. I urge that for any Statement that is to be presented to this hon. House and it has questions of concerns, then that concern must be raised. We agree with the contribution of hon. Mramba of Kakuyuni Ward that children were earlier being stolen but it raised a concern from hon. (Ms) Arafa that we need to substantiate the same.

Could we have proof that children were stolen from the hospital because one, I am aware the Assembly proceedings can be accessed through the internet. There has been an outside push from health workers and their Department for people to go and deliver in hospitals. If this is not properly addressed then it will lead to fear and very many women will opt to deliver at home without proper care. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Do not worry, hon. Mramba will substantiate that I know he is in a better position to do.

Hon. Mramba: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your indulgence and I wish to say that I visited Malindi Sub- County Hospital in the company of the Member of Parliament (MP) for Malindi hon. William Baraka Mtengo. We talked at length with the medical superintendent on the issues of CCTV cameras; it is the medical superintendant himself who confirmed to us that the issue of CCTV cameras was paramount. It is because babies were being stolen in the maternity ward and if you allow me Mr. Speaker, I can bring a written response because the Chairperson for Health Services will visit the medical superintendant and bring to this Assembly documents to prove it. Give us up to Monday next week and we are going to give you the statistics.

(Applause)

Again, concerning the Al-shabaab threat, it is evident that Al-shabab is everywhere. Somebody can come to the hospital masquerading as a patient yet he has a grenade. We saw it in Kilifi hospital some months ago. A patient went to the Kilifi County referral hospital, pretended that he was a patient in less than one hour the casualty wing was burnt. We need not to take chances.

The issue of CCTV cameras at Malindi hospital should not be politicized. I can see hon. Mlanda is bringing Jubilee and Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) to this matter...

(Laughter)

...and I am not happy with that because Mr. Speaker, I can see hon. Mlanda is aligned to the Jubilee coalition so everything being done by the Cord Government in Kilifi County he is not going to support. I want us to rise to the occasion. Let us rise above Party issues when we come to this Assembly. I want us to debate as hon. Members otherwise we are going to set bad precedence. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mlanda: Thank you Mr. Speaker. In regards to my Statement, it does not talk about Jubilee or ODM. As far as I know, my party is ODM and when I talked of the hon. Member of Parliament visiting the Malindi hospital, I did not say he is an ODM MP who visited the hospital. So can the Member of Kakuyuni withdraw the statement that I am trying to sabotage the two Parties on this contribution of important matters regarding Malindi hospital?

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Hon. Mramba: Mr. Speaker, I do not think I will withdraw that because I have evidence that hon. Mlanda is inclined to the Jubilee coalition.

(Laughter)

...and I stand to be corrected. Let hon. Mlanda state and tell this honourable House in the last by-election which side did he support? I am sure hon. Mlanda supported Jubilee and that is why I am saying he is inclined to the Jubilee Government and we have several MPs in the National Assembly who are technically in ODM but basically are in the other camp. The example of hon. Ababu Namwamba; hon. Namwamba is an ODM MP but basically he is in Jubilee and that is the same case with hon. Mlanda. Thank you.

(Laughter)

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Mwingo): Thank you Mr. Speaker. We need your guidance; I do not think it is ideal to bring party issues before the House so please guide us.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Thank you very much hon. Leader of Majority. I think that has rested the issues of Parties though we are here on Party issues but the question hon. Mlanda raised does not even look at who is from which Party to be given the services. I believe services are good for all members and I am only going to give one intervention to hon. (Ms) Elina Mbaru, then the Chairperson will proceed to give his response because he was giving a response as to his...

Hon. (Ms) Elina: Asante mheshimiwa Spika. Nami pia nataka nichangie kuhusu maswala ya afya hapa katika hospitali ya Malindi. Aliyoyazungunza mheshimiwa Mlanda sio mambo ya Chama. Tunazungunza kwa niaba ya wananchi wetu wa Kilifi na ile hospitali yetu ya Malindi inahitaji Mwenyekiti asimame imara na achunguze mwenyewe. Mimi mwenyewe ni shahidi nilikuwa pale hospitalini na kusema kweli wananchi wetu wanateseka; wanaumia kwa sababu ya wale wahudumu ambao wako pale. Majibu yao wale wafanyikazi si mazuri kabisa vile wanavyowajibu wale wagojwa.

Siku moja nilipelekwa pale mahali pa kupokea wagonjwa wanaohitaji huduma za dharura kwani nilikuwa sisikii vizuri. Kusema kweli daktari alikuja pale akiwa mlevi akaniambia amenijua kwa sababu aliwahi kufanya kazi zahanati ya Marafa. Lakini sikuwa nimepelekwa pale ili anijue. Pale hospitalini watu wetu wanateseka sana, mheshimiwa Kiraga, kuna siku moja nilimpigia afisa Mkuu Bw. Malingi usiku ili kumweleza maswala kama ya kukosa kuosha vile vitanda pale wodini na kukosa huduma pale hospitalini.

Watu wanaoenda pale na wale wanaoenda katika hospital ya Tawfiq wanapokelewa katika hali tofauti sana na hapa hospitali ya Malindi. Kuna matatizo ambayo ni lazima tuzungumze na si mambo ya vyama vya kisiasa. Kusema kweli, wananchi wetu wanaumia pale hospitalini; sisi kina mama wakati tukienda pale ukiwa na uchungu wa kutaka kuzaa, daktari anakuambia “kwani ukifanya hayo nilikuweko?” Na ule uchungu mtu anaousikia sio wakati wa kujibizane naye bali ni kumuacha aombe Mungu ajifungue. Kuna vitu vinayoendelea pale hospitali ambavyo si vizuri. Ningemuomba Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Afya achukue hatua mwenyewe. Kilichotendeka juzi Malindi ilikuwa ni aibu mbele ya yule Mbunge. Madakatari wa kitengo cha dharura hawawajibiki na kazi zao. Mimi mwenyewe nilienda pale makusudi ili nipate huduma ya haraka kwa sababu nilikuwa sisikii vizuri na niliona nikienda Tawfiq

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nitahitajika kadi nianze hatua ndefu nikasema acha niende hospitali ya kitaifa. Kusema kweli, kuna vitu pale vinatendeka ambavyo si vizuri.

Kuna mzee aliyekuja pale kutoka Gede ambaye ni babake Mung'aro na alikuwa anaugua sukari; yale majibu aliyojibiwa pale yalikuwa hayaridhishi. Hospitali yetu ni nzuri na tunajaribu kuipelekea pesa ili kuijenga. Vile vitanda vinatosha kwa sababu ingekuwa havitoshi na huduma ni nzuri wananchi hawangelalamika. Lakini wanalalamika kwa sababu ya huduma. Mimi nimeshuhudia...

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As much as I respect the hon. Member who was on the Floor, I think the issues at hand are insufficient beds and doctors in the emergency wing. One of our biggest role is oversight; may I thank hon. Mlanda because what he did is part of his duty and may I encourage every Member in this House including the Member on the Floor that if there is anything in this Department which does not augur well to him or her let a Statement or Motion be brought in this House. It will then give us powers to either visit the hospital or to follow the due process based on how the Standing Orders will allow us.

We highly need your guidance Mr. Speaker because the issues in the Statement are on insufficient beds of which I have responded on behalf of the Department. Secondly, the issue of doctors at the emergency wing I have also responded on behalf of the Department. The other issues can also be brought in form of Statements so that we can follow the same routine. Thank you very much.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Dr. Mzungu Chitibwi, you had pushed for an intervention, what happened?

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Mr. Speaker, I request for your guidance in this debate. People are standing on Point of Orders and begin contributing to a subject. I can see ourselves going off the original question completely. The Chairperson for Health is correct when he says there are some areas that he cannot answer. Please guide us because we are losing track of where we are going now. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): In fact, whatever is happening is not in order. I have been looking at the interventions and initially there were no requests and so I gave a chance to the Chairperson to respond. However, I am wondering why people are putting interventions without quoting which Standing Orders they are standing on. I thought maybe the Chairperson was out of Order but there is nobody who shared and I am seeing hon. Stanley Kenga is also putting an intervention. I do not know whether we will go this way because in case somebody wants an elaboration on a point where they think somebody does not have enough evidence of what he or she is putting across, you can enquire from Standing Order 87 (b); do not just push an intervention button without quoting which Standing Orders you are standing on. This is because that information then becomes ambiguous. So, please be careful with the issues that you are raising. In case you do not have any issue just put it to rest so that we can move ahead.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for the direction that you are giving us because it is going to help us in making our contributions better. On the same, once a response has been given to a Statement that was sought, as Members we have an opportunity to make contributions regarding the same because Malindi Sub-County Hospital and other facilities that we have are issues that affect members of the public within the County of Kilifi; that is one. Two; as a Member, I am happy that hon. Mlanda raised the Statement and hon. (Ms.) Elina and other Members have made contributions and raised concerns that affect members of the public.

In that regard, I thought it is better if the Chairperson can acknowledge the various contributions that Members are making so that as they communicate and sit as a Committee they can be able to look at these issues even before Members bring up the Statements or Motions for these issues to be addressed. It is also good that Members get an opportunity to share the experiences they have had on the same.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Okay, thank you very much. Let me give guidance on this; when a Statement is sought and a response is given, the Member who sought that Statement is the one to acknowledge whether the response is okay or not. The other Members are supposed to give comments about it and in case there are issues that need to be addressed they can bring a substantive Motion to discuss it or to seek another Statement. That is the position; making an intervention without stating which Standing Order you are standing on is a breach of the rules of this House. The Chairperson has shared his response and we have taken a lot of time on it.

STATUS REPORT OF MAGARINI CULTURAL CENTRE IN MAGARINI SUB-COUNTY, GONGONI WARD

Hon. (Ms.) Elina: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to table this status Report of Magarini Cultural Centre in Magarini Sub-County, Gongoni Ward. Magarini Cultural Centre is situated at Gongoni in Gongoni Ward, Magarini Sub-County. This centre was started and registered as a community cultural centre with the Department of Social Services, Kilifi District by then (DGHS/MLD/LR/MAG-D/931/2004). This cultural centre is being managed by a management committee of nine members and 30 representatives all elected from the major active traditional artist (groups) within Magarini Sub-County.

The cultural centre lies on a three hectares piece of land that was purchased by the entire community cultural artists with much support from the then Defunct Malindi County Council where they received an allotment letter from the land registry office.

While pursuing their aim of preserving and promoting culture as well as earning some income through hire of traditional music for public entertainment, the management committee received a none conditional grant of Kshs.5 million in 2008 from the Ministry of Tourism to construct permanent buildings which include among others, the office block, the hall, toilets etc. This facility was opened officially by Hon. Najib Balala, the then Minister for Tourism in 2011.

Support from the Government: The County Government has so far assisted the cultural centre with small donations and grants that have facilitated them in trainings, food and travelling expenses and during county cultural festivals and other exhibitions. The Department of ICT, Culture and Social Services is however planning to rehabilitate and refurbish all the dilapidated buildings at a cost of Kshs.1 million this financial year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Allow me to thank the Chairperson for the response she has brought to this House. However, I am not satisfied at all. First of all, there has been attached a registration certificate by the CBO (Community Based Organization); the registration certificate was got in 2005 and I believe the cultural center for Magarini Sub-County by then was in Magarini District. Looking at this certificate, first below the registration number you will find Sabaki Ward and I believe by then Sabaki was in Malindi District. So I do not know whether this is a genuine certificate.

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Secondly, if you read the prayers of my Statement, I wanted to know the ownership of Magarini Cultural Centre which is situated in Gongoni. How do you prove the ownership of a place? It is by attaching the allotment letter on this document and subsequently the title deed. Again, we are being told that it is manned by nine and 30 representatives from the individuals found in Magarini. It was also in order for the membership to be attached. This is because I have seen a lot of problems in regards to the cultural centre in Gongoni. Mr. Speaker, I am not satisfied and I request for a concrete answer to this House. Thank you very much.

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika. Hili jibu limezua utata kwa sababu inaonekana kuna mambo fulani yanafichika hapa. Ikiwa utaniruhusu nisome aya ya pili inasema hivi: *“the piece of land was purchased by the community”*. Baada ya hapo inasema kwamba *“an allotment letter from the land registry was offered”*. Ikiwa ardhi imenunuliwa hakuna habari ya *allotment letter*. Ardhi ikinunuliwa kunakuwa na *transfer* na wale ambao wamenunua wanapata stakabathi zao za hati miliki. Lakini hapa inasema *allotment letter*; hii *allotment letter* ilikuwa imetoka wapi? Kuna mambo fulani ambayo hayako wazi.

Ukurasa wa mbele kuna barua ambayo imetoka kwa Said Seif Bin Salim ambayo inasema kuwa hawa wameruhusiwa kutumia ekari mbili kwa mambo yao. Hii inaonyesha kwamba hii ardhi ni ya mtu binafsi hivyo basi wamefanya kuruhusiwa kuitumia kwa hivyo haiwezekani kuwa walipewa *allotment letter*. Jambo lingine ambalo linaleta wasiwasi kwenye hili jibu ni kwamba inasemekana kuwa serikali ilitumia senti fulani kuwasaidia, hiyo haina neno, lakini hapa inasema Serikali ya Kaunti ina madhumuni ya kutumia pesa nyingine kwa yale majengo. Je, kuna haki ya kutumia zile pesa ikiwa majengo ni ya mtu binafsi?

Ya pili, nafikiri wengi wetu tumefika kwa yale majengo na hayako katika kiwango cha majengo ya serikali. Je, tuna haki ya kutumia pesa kwa majengo ambao tunajuwa pengine karibuni utaanguka? Hili jibu haliridhishi. Asante mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Mramba: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe the reply to the Statement as sought by the able Member for Gongoni, hon. Kiraga, is not enough on the strength of this letter that is from Said Seif bin Salim. With your permission I beg to read it. This letter is dated 15th March, 2006 well after the registration of Magarini cultural centre. Mr. Speaker, this letter is entitled *“Magarini cultural centre Giriama village, Gongoni plot No. 170. The appeal of Magarini cultural centre group has been agreed from the office of Mr. Said Seif Bin Salim and Bin Halfan. The Magarini cultural group is hereby allowed to use two acres of land from plot 170 as per their request. We kindly inform you that the said plot belonged to Said Bin Salim as the administrator of the estate of the late Salim Bin Halfan. Thanks, yours faithfully Said Seif Bin Halfan”*.

This is clear testimony that this land does not belong to the community but it is private land, Mr. Speaker. Unless other things happened thereafter but as per the date of this letter it is evident that this land belongs to an individual. Therefore, putting a lot of money as a County Government in this project is good because it benefits our people but later on, we may come to suffer because we are developing private land.

Once a plot is sold to someone, the transfer process is to be done so that the second party will have ownership of the document. Otherwise, an allotment letter is issued only if it is Government land. After a survey has been done, you are issued with a letter of allotment then subsequently you will get the deed plan and finally get a title deed. I believe the CEC Member or the Chief Officer in charge of ICT is not telling the truth. He needs to come to this Assembly and clearly state the correct position Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Looking at the documents that we have received from the Department on the Statement, the issue of the Department planning to rehabilitate and refurbish all the dilapidated buildings at a cost of Ksh one million in this financial year and the concerns about the ownership, are we going to be in order to request that any further development on the said land be halted until the issue of ownership is sorted out so that we do not lose this money to a private entity? We are sure that these monies are going to benefit the people of Magarini in Gongoni. Thank you very much.

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Pascal): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Let me also take this opportunity to question the ownership of this land as paragraph two states, and I am calling for further investigations on this land because we cannot have two different parties owning one piece of land. This paragraph states that this piece of land was bought by the then Malindi County Council and again when you go through this letter that was given by the person mentioned here, we can see that there is a contention over the ownership of this piece of land.

So, I think it is a bit proper to go by the suggestion that has just been put by hon. Kenga that we put on hold any development on this piece of land until the ownership issue is resolved so that we do not waste public funds. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Members, I think hon. Stanley Kenga wanted to know the position if it is in Order to make a request to stop the development of that plot until it is made clear who owns the plot. It is very much in Order and what the Committee can do is follow up on the matter and unearth all the issues that have been raised. I currently know the Chairperson has tried her best to bring all the documentations surrounding that plot and since we are having some reservations on it, let the Chairperson and the Committee make further inquiries.

I think hon. Kiraga should also be involved in that so that we get more information which will later on be shared in this House. You can get more information on the ground and also from the CEC Member so that you come back with a convincing response which Members will agree with before putting more money on that plot. As a Committee you should also make investigations on what was already used so that you know whether it really benefitted the intended persons or it was just PR (Public Relations). Since they have shared that information, then we also need to investigate into that including visiting the plot and coming up with a clear response that will convince us so that no money from the County goes to waste.

RECRUITMENT OF ECD CAREGIVERS

Hon. (Ms.) Ngala: Thank you hon. Speaker for this opportunity. On the Statement from hon. Kenga concerning the recruitment of ECD caregivers, there is a response here dated 14th July, 2016:-

Ref No. CG/KLF/DPPE/CA/VOL.1/015, to the Chairman, Early Childhood Education and Children Welfare, County Assembly of Kilifi through the Clerk to the County Assembly. Reference: Response to Statement on recruitment of ECD caregivers.

Attached please find data on the recruited caregivers in the County. Initially 700 were recruited but so far 674 are remaining because of the following reasons,

- Appointees who declined the offer.
- Patient Mbaga (deceased) from Kilifi South Sub-county.
- Caroline Tabu Ngala (resigned) from Magarini Sub-county.

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- Appointees who never showed up to collect their letters.

Signed, by James M. Angore, Director Pre-primary Education, Kilifi County. Attached is the list of the care givers, centres and the teachers employed. Thank you.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. First and foremost, allow me to again inform the House that the hon. Member who has taken position to give response to the Statement is not the Chairperson but she is holding brief on behalf of the Chairperson who is in Mombasa. He has communicated that his wife has delivered at Mombasa hospital and he is taking care of that.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say that this is one of the weakest Statements that we are receiving in this Assembly. In the Statement that I sought I wanted; one, for the CEC Member to acknowledge recruitment of Early Childhood Development (ECD) caregivers in the County. Out of the ECD care givers, I also wanted to know which institutions these caregivers were deployed to. Still on that, I also wanted to know what the needs of the institution were. Example, how many pupils are there at that level and if what is sent there is enough.

I also wanted to know the names of these people and the needs of other institutions that failed to get the services of these ECD caregivers. What we are receiving at the moment is a response that does not measure up to the Statement that was sought. Earlier, I indicated that the one who is giving the Statement is not the Chairperson of the Committee but is just holding brief but my position is that this Statement is short of what was expected and does not measure up or meet the issues that I had raised; the issues that I had raised have not been addressed.

Secondly; looking at all the responses that we received from hon. Mlanda and hon. Albert Kiraga, we had attachments of the same Statements sought by the hon. Members. I am worried because the Statement which I raised in this Assembly is nowhere to be found therefore Members may not be in a position to make contributions because they may not know what was sought from the Statement. Therefore that is one of the weaknesses that I am seeing and the Department must re-do this to the best standard so that my concerns are addressed.

I am saying this because I know of a school in Magarini that has over 300 ECD pupils that did not received even a single ECD teacher; Mapimo pre-primary school did not even receive a single ECD caregiver. I know of centres that did not meet or have less than 60 ECD pupils and we have seen even three ECD caregivers posted to such institutions. There is no equity in this and what we have seen is something that cannot even be appreciated by the minds of our people on the ground. It has raised so many issues; why in big institutions no ECD caregivers were posted while in small institution very many...

Hon. Mramba: Mr. Speaker, I am standing on a Point of Order. The hon. Member for Adu Ward is raising a very important and serious issue indeed. If indeed there is a centre with 60 students and below that had three ECD caregivers posted to that centre, we need to know that centre so that action can be taken immediately because if we have another centre with 300 pupils and without any ECD caregiver yet we have others with less than 60 with three ECD caregivers posted there, it is fraudulent and corruption at its most blatant level. I expect hon. Stanley Kenga to name such centres otherwise he withdraws. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much. In fact I wanted to stand on a Point of Order on the same under Point of Order No. 79 so that we are guided on the Point of Order that he was raising but again my attention escaped your eyes. The issues that I am forced to withdraw as he requests is that he is not forcing me but he is requesting are the same issues that I raised in the Statement. I wanted the CEC Member in charge of Early Childhood Education to respond again to this

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Statement so that the Department reviews the Statement that I had earlier sought and furnish this House with perfect and accurate information in regards to the issues of ECD caregivers that were posted to the various centres within our wards.

Hon. Mramba: Mr. Speaker, I hope you got me very clearly. Hon. Kenga said he is sure and he even knows the centres with less than 60 pupils and yet they received more than three ECD caregivers. Can he please list them? He must not escape from that, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Stanley Kenga, you want the Statement to be re-done. Like the other time, we mentioned about beach operators among other issues. I think we shared even names. So, this being an honourable House make sure that we put across the names so that the one who is holding brief can be clear when coming up with resolutions on the same. Thank you.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much. Mr. Speaker. I might not be in a position to know all the EDC centres in the county that have such issues but allow me to give examples. One, I have already given you the example of Mapimo that is one of the biggest ECD centres in the entire County of Kilifi and not even a single ECD teacher was posted. Two, we have the example of Chakama ECD centre that lacks even a single caregiver yet when you go to the neighbouring Shakahola, you will realize they have posted two ECD caregivers and I am looking at it on the needs of that institution verses what was deployed.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): How many students are in chakama and Shakahola?

Hon. Kenga: Mr. Speaker, given time I am more than ready and willing to furnish this House with relevant information that will help to correct the ills that we have witnessed taking shape in this Department. Therefore, I require time for me to be able to...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): I think it will be in order for you to reframe the Statement. You suspect that there are some centres which have more students with no caregivers...

Hon. Kenga: I do not suspect Mr. Speaker...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): ...because you said 60 and out of 60 you have not mentioned a particular institution with the 60 that hon. Mramba wanted clarity on. You mentioned names with no proper number of registrations of the ECD pupils. I think that is the position. So look at how best you can reframe it so that it can go on the HANSARD or you withdraw it and just seek for a proper response from the CEC.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know English is a language that is foreign to many and hon Mramba may not have gotten what I have been directing, but the position that I want to take and this must go on the HANSARD is that ECD caregivers were deployed to institutions that do not have that much need. This issue is of an ECD centre that has few pupils but was given a big number of ECD caregivers yet some institutions with many pupils do not have. I want to balance this exercise therefore what I am requesting, and this also should go on the HANSARD; how many did we recruited as a county? How were they deployed? To which centres were the ECD caregivers deployed and what were the needs of those institutions that qualified to get and those which did not qualify? That position will address the concerns that we have and those of the people of Kilifi.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): I think it is much clearer. There is nobody who has come with an intervention on that.

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to point out some shortcomings in this answer. I remember the question that was put by hon. Stanley Kenga; it actually needed more information but I do not have the details. From this answer, the Department employed 700 caregivers while in the list provided only seven were posted to Mwarakaya Ward. According to the mathematics, there should have been an average of 20 caregivers posted to each ward since we have 37 wards.

My main concern is that I believe there are some deliberate lies that were given to us as representatives. I have seen the officers and they gave me a list of those employed in Mwarakaya Ward but of late, I have received queries from people asking; where are the caregivers that were deployed? According to me, there were caregivers employed to those centres. It is now evident that somebody deliberately lied to me. There are only five of them from Mwarakaya here. So, this answer is not sufficient; if possible I would request that I get a list clearly showing who was employed in Mwarakaya and where they were deployed. It is a big concern because some of the answers that we have been getting from the Departments it's like they look down upon this House. We get answers thinking that all we need to do is to see papers and we go home. I wish to request that this House at one point writes and emphasize to the Executive that we need answers. If this one continues then we shall have to find a way of sanctioning some of these officers who bring outright lies to this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Thank you. Chairperson, do you have anything to share on the same?

Hon. (Ms.) Ngala: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity once again. I want to appreciate the comments from the other hon. Members. Indeed they are of concern and I wish to be given more time to consult with the other Committee Members and the Chairperson.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other Business to transact hon. Members, this House adjourns until tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

The House rose at 3:45 p.m.