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THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 26th November 2024

*The House met at the County Assembly Chamber,
Malindi Town, at 9:30 a.m.*

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kombo) in the Chair]

PRAYER

QUORUM

QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kombo): Can we take our seats. Do we have a quorum, Mr. Clerk?

The Clerk-at-the –Table: Mr. Speaker Sir, we do not have a quorum.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kombo): Order the Bell to be rung as per the Standing Orders.

(The Quorum Bell was rung for ten minutes)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kombo): Mr. Clerk, do we have a quorum now?

The Clerk-at-the –Table: Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have a quorum.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kombo): We have a quorum. Next order.

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PAPERS LAID

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Mumba): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand on behalf of the Majority Leader. Mr. Speaker, Sir, today being Tuesday, 26th November 2024, I wish to lay on the table of this honourable House the following papers: -

1. Department of Water, Environment, Forestry, Climate Change, Natural Resources and Solid Waste Management Project Implementation Status Report for the financial year 2022/2023 and 2023/2024.
2. Department of Public Service, Management, Devolution, Civic Education and Public Participation First Quarter Report for the financial year 2024/2025.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Hon. Mumba laid the documents on the Table)

STATEMENT

STATUS OF DISBURSEMENT OF DANIDA GRANTS TO DISPENSARIES

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Mumba): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was consulting so that I could be well-guided before I read the Response.

Mr. Speaker, before me, is a Response from the Department of Health and it is on the issue of disbursement of DANIDA (Danish International Development Agency) grants to dispensaries.

Mr. Speaker, I just stand to hold brief for the Chair who is not here today. I have the following Response to bring forward to this House.

First, Mr. Speaker, before I read the Response let me acknowledge that the Statement was drawn on 7th October 2024 by one hon. Ngirani. The Response was received on the 24th of October 2024. I will just read as it is indicated, Mr. Speaker. There is a letter which is the covering letter, and it is referenced here.

I will read, "Reference is made to your letter through the County Secretary dated 15th October 2024, Ref. number CAK/DPT/HLTH/2 VOL 3/71 on the above subject matter that is on the disbursement of DANIDA grants to dispensaries. Kindly find enclosed here with the following for ease of reference: -

One, a detailed Report on the subject matter as appendix one. Two, a forwarding letter for payment vouchers to the County Treasury for payment purposes as appendix two. Three, a list of beneficiary health facilities; appendix three, should you require more details, please do not hesitate to refer to us. Thank you for your continued support as signed by the CECM (County Executive Committee Member) Health and Sanitation Services.

Mr. Speaker, we hereby confirm receipt of the County Assembly to a Statement dated 15th October as the reference above. The Department confirms being cognizant that the list of disbursement of DANIDA grants had been distributed to the beneficiary health facilities across the county. We are further well informed that the grants were not disbursed after the lists were served to the concerned health facilities. We would wish to provide a Report on the status of disbursement of financial year 2023/2024 DANIDA grants to dispensaries in the Department of Health and Sanitation Services as below: -

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The DANIDA fund disbursement from the National Treasury to the County Treasury was delayed. The disbursement was done at the end of the financial year and the IFMIS (Integrated Financial Management Information System) was closed before the disbursement to the health facilities accounts was done. However, the Department of Health and Sanitation Services has initiated the process of disbursement of the funds to the beneficiary health facilities accounts...I think there was a typo there.

The Department processed and submitted the payment vouchers to the County Treasury on 17th October 2024 and the same were received on 18th October 2024. We hereby confirm that the process of transferring the funds to the beneficiary facilities accounts is ongoing. Thank you for your continued support as signed by the CECM Health and Sanitation Services, one hon. Peter Mwarogo. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kombo): Thank you, hon. Mumba, for the Response. Hon. Members and especially hon. Benson Ngirani, a Response you sought on a Statement from the Department of Health has been received and presented to this House today. It is your time to react whether you are satisfied with the answer or if not, we need to hear you.

Hon. Ngirani: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. By the time I wrote this Statement, the funds had not yet been disbursed to the various health facilities. They had already received the allocation, but the funds had not reached the health facilities. Upon receiving this Response, I made a few follow-ups with my health facilities in Ganze Ward, and it came to my realization that they received the money. It is upon every Member of this House to confirm with the various health facilities where they reside, maybe to make sure that the said funds from the appendix have been received.

It is also upon the Health Committee to make follow-ups to all these facilities that have been indicated to prove that they have received the money. What is missing, Mr. Speaker, is the allocation from the Government of Kilifi. There is a special fund the facilities also receive apart from DANIDA they receive some funds also from the Government of Kilifi whereby these funds assist also in curbing other challenges of the facilities. I call upon the Chief Officer also to organize these funds so that they can reach the health facilities even in the coming Supplementary (one) budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kombo): In conclusion, are you satisfied?

Hon Ngirani: For the DANIDA, yes, I am satisfied, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kombo): Thank you. So, does any Member wish to make any reaction to that? Mr. Clerk, we move to the next item which is a Response to a Statement sought by hon. (Ms.) Rose Baraka; is hon. Baraka in? We will take this matter back to the House Business Committee for timely relocation in the next Sitting as well as the other item which is a Response to a Statement that I had sought from the CECM Water.

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kombo): There being no other business to transact, we adjourn this House until 2:30 p.m. Thank you.

The House rose at 9:55 a.m.

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