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Town, at 9.00 a.m.*

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Morning hon. Members?

Hon. Members: Morning Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Mr. Clerk do we have quorum?

Clerk-at-the-Table: No, we do not have quorum Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Ring the Quorum Bell.

(The Quorum Bell was rung)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Mr. Clerk, do we have quorum?

Clerk-at-the-Table: Yes, we have quorum Mr. Speaker, Sir.

MOTION

UPGRADING KILIFI COUNTY HOSPITAL

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to move this Motion. Mr. Speaker, before I read it through, there is a typo error in the Notice. In the last prayer, it was talking about level four but it was level five which is now included in the main Motion. Mr. Speaker, allow me now to read through. The Motion is directed to the CEC Department of Health and the Department of Finance and Economic Planning;

AWARE THAT, the Kilifi County Hospital (formerly Kilifi District Hospital) is centrally positioned and being the aspired upgraded institution by the great people of Kilifi County.

Further, Aware That, the former Malindi District Hospital was upgraded to level five Hospital through the Management Equipment Services by the National Government without prior due consultations.

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This County Assembly urges the County Executive Member in charge of Health and Economic Planning to:

1. Acquire all grabbed or mis-allocated land back to the hospital so as to facilitate expansion.
2. Start allocating funds every financial year starting with the 2016/2017 budget to facilitate the upgrading of the hospital to level five so as to serve the great people of Kilifi as per their aspirations.

Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir. Allow me to call upon hon. Pascal Thuva to second the Motion.

(Hon. Pascal stood at his place to second)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you hon. Member. Hon. Members, the Motion has been presented by hon. Teddy Mwambire. I now propose that the same is ready for debate.

(Question proposed)

Yes hon. Pascal.

Hon. Pascal: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me an opportunity to contribute to this Motion which is on the Floor. Mr. Speaker, let me first congratulate the Member hon. Teddy Mwambire for bringing this Motion to this hon. House.

Mr. Speaker, we all understand that Kilifi District hospital is one of the oldest hospitals that has actually served many of the Sub-Counties that we have today. We understand that Kilifi Sub- district Hospital has assisted the people of Kaloleni, Rabai, Kilifi North and Kilifi South and for it to remain the way it is, that is without facilities, is really bad. It will not be good to have another hospital come to the limelight leaving the hospital which has assisted many people of Kilifi and Kenya in general. In my own understanding, that will be bad and I think this is the proper time for people to look at the health of Kilifi people. I am not against the upgrading of Malindi District Hospital because it has also served other Sub-Counties. But as we upgrade Malindi, let us not forget the fact that Kilifi has been the ‘mother’ hospital and in my reasoning, I think it should have been the first to be upgraded as we look into ways and means of upgrading other hospitals.

So, Mr. Speaker, let me commend the Government for upgrading Malindi, but it should not forget Kilifi, because these two hospitals are critical towards upgrading the health of the people. This is also the best opportunity for the County Government to start the process of proposing to the National Government to upgrade the former Kilifi District Hospital. Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you hon. Pascal. Yes hon. Emmanuel Chai.

Hon. Chai: Thank you very much hon. Speaker, for giving me this chance to stand in support of the Motion which has been brought by hon. Teddy Mwambire. I think he has indicated that it was in bad faith to upgrade Malindi hospital before upgrading Kilifi hospital and according to the details he has given, the reason is just because there was a big piece of land in Kilifi which has been grabbed and that is why the upgrading of Kilifi District Hospital was not considered. Now we have realized that most of the land in Kilifi was grabbed and I am very sure if this is true, then it should be... *(Inaudible)* and it is a must the lands office knows about it. As

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a County Assembly, I think we should know who grabbed it and why the lands office does not know about this. We should make sure that we get the land immediately and have the facility expanded so that it is upgraded to level five. I think allocating money for this hospital will help us upgrade it and at least we will get to the level that all people from all Sub-Counties can get the service. So for that, I stand to support the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you. Yes hon. Mwayaa.

Hon. Mwayaa: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi pia nasimama kuunga mkono Mswaada huu ambao umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Teddy Mwambire. Kusema kweli, Kilifi ni jimbo ambalo linakua. Ukiangalia upande wa Kaloleni, imeenda mpaka maji ya chumvi, na upande wa Mheshimiwa Daniel Mangi imepakana na Tsagwa. Kilifi ni katikati, na ile hospitali inastahili iwe kiwango cha daraja la tano ili iweze kutuhudumia vyema.

Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa sababu jimbo letu linakua, sikatai Kilifi au Malindi iwe daraja la tano. Kwa hivyo, kama ni mikakati ianze kule ambako ardhi imechukuliwa kimabavu, iregeshwe na hata ikiwezekana zote mbili ziwe daraja la tano kwa sababu huku nako ukiangalia maafa yameenda sana. Kwa hivyo, sijakataa Malindi ikue daraja na kuwa daraja la tano pia ile ya Kilifi iwe itafikia viwango hivyo. Kama, Kiranja wa wengi Bungeni, hili likiwa litafanyika hivyo, litaniridhisha kuona watu wamehudumiwa vyema na nitaridhika kufanya kazi hapa Kilifi Kaunti. Asante Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Japhet Nzaro.

Hon. Nzaro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion at hand. The Bill of Rights in our Constitution portrays that every Kenyan has a right to adequate health facilities and if you look at the way these level four hospitals are distributed, I think it would be in order for us to upgrade Kilifi District Hospital to a level five hospital.

As an Assembly, we should not have this notion that we do not want to upgrade Malindi District Hospital to level five. I think the people of Malindi also deserve to have a level five hospital. If we look at the proximity of our County, we have areas like what the Member hon. Mwayaa has pointed out, that their areas as far as Bamba, Jila and the sides adjacent to Samburu are very far from accessing these services at our level five hospital in Malindi. If you look at citizens from Mariakani for example, if they want to access a level five hospital they have to come all the way to Malindi so most of them find it cheaper to find those services in neighbouring Counties like Mombasa. So, I think it is right for Kilifi District Hospital to be upgraded to level five.

Mr. Speaker, the issue of land grabbing has to be put to rest. The grabbed land which is adjacent to those hospitals or any public land which is grabbed in this County, it is the duty of the County to reclaim these lands so that it goes back to the rightful owners. We lack public land to build public utilities like the hospitals. I think the land grabbing menace should stop and for it to stop, all the people involved in land grabbing... not only repossessing the land, but I think prosecution of these culprits should be done so that we can create an atmosphere where land grabbing will not be tolerated in this County. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I beg to support.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. (Ms.) Barka.

Hon. (Ms.) Barka: Asante Bw. Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja hii. Kwanza kabisa tukiangalia katika upande wa mahesabu ya watu, Kilifi tunaongezeka kila siku. Nikizungumza kwa lugha ya kimombo tunasema "*population has increased*" na tunahitaji huduma kama vile wenzetu wa Kaunti nyingine. Tuliambiwa kwamba ugatuzi ni kuleta huduma

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nzuri karibu na wananchi. Nimepitia hospitali ya Kilifi na nashukuru wodi ya kujifungua tunaona watoto wengi wanazaliwa katika hospitalini ndogo. Hiyo hospitali haipendezi kuitwa hospitali kubwa Kilifi Kaunti. Ikiwa Kilifi ndio kitovu cha Kaunti nzima, ingekuwa ni vyema zaidi watu wafanyiwe huduma nzuri na pia wapate majengo mazuri katika Hospitali hiyo ili hata mtu akifika pale akiona yale majengo pengine anaweza kupata nafuu.

Lakini kwa wakati huu hata haijulikani ni daraja gani. Tukiangalia watoto wetu pia wamesoma na wanataka kazi; kazi zile watazipata wapi? Madaktari ni wengi lakini wako nyumbani. Hospitali ni ile ile angalau ikiwa itatengenezwa vizuri na ipanuliwe, naona kutatoka nafasi nyingi za kazi. Itakuwa hatuna shida za kusema lazima twende Nairobi au Kaunti nyingine. Kwa hivyo, ningeomba kupitia Bunge hili iangalie Kilifi na hata Malindi. Ikiwa Malindi pia inaweze kufanywa kuwa daraja la tano basi itakuwa ni vyema. Lakini saa hii nasimama kuunga mkono hospitali yetu ya Kilifi iweze kupanuliwa zaidi. Asante.

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

Hon. Mangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity. I stand to support this Motion. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it will be unfair if I will not congratulate hon. Teddy Mwambire who happens to be the MCA Sokoke Ward, and the Deputy Speaker, for his wisdom and understanding of this issue. I will not repeat what hon. Members have said, but I will just add to it. I am in support of both Kilifi and Malindi District Hospitals being upgraded to level five health facilities.

Mr. Speaker, health is a very important and mandatory issue and it is stipulated in the Constitution. That is a service that no one can dispute, and as such, every individual, be it an entity as a Government or an individual should be supportive of this. Kilifi centrally gives us an option of being upgraded. Someone from Jila or Shirango, the furthest point in Bamba Ward, coming all the way to Kilifi and not getting the required services at Kilifi and getting referred to either Mombasa or another place would be penalizing somebody who is already sick. I think as a County Government, now that devolution has taken its course, health is one of the services that has been devolved, we have no other alternative than to give support and more so in the Motion, as said by hon. Teddy Mwambire, that in the 2016/2017 budget if this Motion is approved, it would be in order if we allocate funds to enable the Kilifi Hospital reach to a status that is expected of it. I again call upon hon. Members to support this Motion so that Kilifi County can be serious in service delivery in the health sector. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I support.

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

Hon. Hassan: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi hii muhimu kujenga hoja hii ya afya. Bw. Spika, inapokuja swala la afya sidhani kama kuna mtu anaweza kusimama na kupinga. Afya ni sawa sawa na maji ambayo ndio uti wa mgongo. Nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja hii. Bw. Spika, kuna vitu viwili bado sijaweza kuvifahamu pale. Sijui tunasukuma kwamba ardhi ipatikane ama tuifanye iwe daraja la tano. Lakini ninafikiri Mheshimiwa Teddy Mwambire atanifafanulia. Ninasema Waheshimiwa tuunge mkono hoja hii kwa sababu zitakapopanda hizi hospitali kubwa, ndio tutapata nafasi ya zile ndogo ndogo mle mtaani kama vile kituo cha afya cha Matsangoni kiweze kupanuliwa kipande juu.

Jana nilikuwa naangalia runinga nikapata picha moja ya mama amejifungua nafikiri ilikuwa sehemu ya Bungoma lakini alijifunguwa katika hali ambayo ni nzito. Pale mahali hapakuwa na hospitali na imemsababishia maradhi ambayo sasa amekuwa ni mlemavu. Kuanzia sehemu ya kiuno kuja chini hawezi tena kujisaidia. Sasa baba amewacha shughuli zake imebidi

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amshughulikie tu huyu mama pale. Yote ni kwa sababu alikosa usaidizi wa haraka. Kwa hivyo, Mheshimiwa Spika, ni muhimu tulipitishie kwa haraka na ikiwezekana, swala hili hii bajeti kama ilivyopendekezwa hapa, pia zile hospitali ndogo ndogo kama Matsangoni pia naomba zifikiriwe. Asante Mheshimiwa Spika.

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

Hon. Nzaka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to support the Motion before the House as read by hon. Teddy Mwambire Member of Sokoke Ward. Kilifi County has seven sub-Counties and the central place is Kilifi. In fact, Kilifi some years back was the ‘mother’ council known as Kilifi County Council which originated Malindi, Mariakani and Kilifi town councils. Residents from Kaloleni, Rabai were having a rough time. We lost one of our friends. When we went to Mombasa, the body was transferred to Kilifi County and in Kilifi we do not have good facilities for instance, the mortuaries are of low standards.

Hon. Teddy Mwambire has come up with this Motion so that we can uplift and upgrade that hospital which most of the people will get good services from; as we know, life is very important. We know that Malindi Hospital needs an upgrade, but first let’s take Kilifi Hospital which is centralized and it can perform all health services. People from Adu Ward all the way from Balagha and Mapotea in Ganze, need services...

Hon. Kenga: Point of Information Mr. Speaker, Sir!

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Nzaka, do you wish to be informed?

Hon. Nzaka: I do not. The road network is not good. So if we upgrade this hospital and the infrastructure is good, we won’t lose lives. Young mothers loose lives because of our ignorance. We do not have good facilities for the women to deliver in.

I urge my fellow Members to support this Motion because it is as well going to create job opportunities for our youths. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Lali (Sadi)

Hon. Sadi: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Kwanza nichukue fursa hii kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Teddy Mwambire kwa kuja na Mswada mzuri na safi kama huu. Mheshimiwa Spika, nimesimama kuunga mkono Mswada huu kwa sababu zifuatazo; Hospitali ya Kilifi ina haki ya kupandishwa hadi kiwango cha tano kama hospitali ya Malindi ilivyopandishwa na serikali kuu ya Kenya. Nasema hivi kwa sababu hospitali ya Kilifi imekuwa iko katikati ya kaunti nzima ya Kilifi ambayo kimawasiliano kila pembe ya Kaunti hii mwananchi ni rahisi kufika na kuhudumiwa na kupata usaidizi unaostahili.

Mheshimiwa Spika, swala lengine ni kuwa hospitali ya Kilifi ilikuwa na ardhi kubwa sana ya kutosha. Ukumbuke, katika ardhi ya hospitali ya Kilifi ndio kulitolewa ardhi ikatengwa ikatengenezwa kituo cha KEMRI (Kenya Medical Research Institute) ambacho kina utafiti wa hali ya juu ya kuweza kuwasaidia wananchi wa Kaunti nzima ya Kilifi. Hospitali ya Kilifi katika ardhi ile yake kulitolewa ardhi ikatengwa kwa ajili ya sehemu inaitwa Kwashakor. Pale kuna utafiti wa ugonjwa wa Kwashiorkor na kuna ardhi kubwa sana ambayo watu kutoka Kaunti nzima ya Kilifi wakienda wanasaidika pale.

Mheshimiwa Spika, katika ardhi ya hospitali ya Kilifi kulitolewa ardhi ikatengwa kwa ajili ya chuo cha mafunzo ya Utabibu. Kiko katika hospitali ya kaunti ya Kilifi ambapo wanafunzi wanaweza kutoa mchango mkubwa sana kwa hospitali ile. Ardhi iliyonyakuliwa katika hospitali ya Kilifi iko wazi na inajulikana na ni ardhi kubwa sana. Nataka Bunge hili lipitishie Mswada huu ili tumsaidie waziri wa ardhi, tumuonyeshe zile ardhi zilizochukuliwa na

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mpaka leo ziko pale pale hospitalini na waliochukua tunawajua na tunawatambua. Tunaweza kuziregesha ili hospitali ile iwasaidie wananchi wetu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, pia naunga mkono swala la kwamba kupatikane nyongeza ya kifedha katika pesa za matumizi ya serikali ya mwaka 2016/2017, kwa sababu kunapopatikana fedha hizi, ndio kunaweza kupatikana uwezo wa kupata vifaa vinavyoweza kusaidia watu katika hospitali ile. Jana nilikuwa katika hospitali ya Kilifi; msichana wangu alikwa amekuja *half term* na shida ya macho na tulipoenda, nilikuta umma wa watu wengi wamekuja kutaka matibabu hata sisi matibabu mengine ilibidi tuende kwa hospitali ya kibinafsi kwa sababu hakuna vifaa vya kutosha. Wabunge wenzangu, tuunge mkono Hoja hii ili tuhudumie hospitali ya Kilifi ipanuke na wananchi wetu wasaidike. Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Matsaki.

Hon. Matsaki: Asante sana Bw. Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii. Nataka tu niongee kwa uchache sana. Mheshimiwa Lali aliposimama kwa sababu najua alikuwa Mwenyekiti wakati wa mabaraza ya miji ameeleza vilivyo, anajua ni nani ameingia pale au ni kitengo gani kimepatiwa ardhi pia ameelezea hata wale walionyakua kwa maana ana ufahamu. Kwa hivyo, mimi naona Mswada huu sidhani kama kuna mtu ataupinga. Hapa cha umuhimu zaidi ni sisi sote tukubaliane tuupitisha ili yale mengine tuyaone. Kitu muhimu, maana mara nyingi sisi huwa tunapitisha, ni utekelezaji ambao imekuwa ni shida. Tunapitisha mambo mazuri hapa lakini tukirudi upande mwengine watu wanazembea; wanakaa ni kama hawajui ni kazi yao wafanye.

Kwa hivyo, hata baada ya kupitisha huu Mswada, itakuwa ni vizuri zaidi kwa sababu nafikiri Mheshimiwa Teddy Mwambire katika Mswada huu amesema mambo mawili. La kwanza, ni kupata vile viwanja ambavyo viliibiwa, na kama ni viwanja ambavyo viliibiwa na watu wanajulikana, kwa nini tusipitisha sisi ili kwamba hata kama ni kupandisha au kuboresha ile hospitali hauwezi ukajenga vitu vyengine ikiwa hakuna ardhi ya kutosha. Wapatikane, wapokonywe zile ardhi ili kama ni maendeleo zaidi yawe yatafanyika vizuri zaidi pale ili kwamba zile huduma wananchi wazipate kisawasawa.

Ni kweli kabisa, hospitali kuu ya Kilifi iko katikati. Yamezungumzwa na wenzangu hapa; usitarajie mtu kutoka Ndigiria afike Kilifi kwa matibabu, akose matibabu achukue tena gari aende Malindi. Kwa hivyo, nina uhakika hospitali ile itakapokuwa daraja la tano, na pesa zimetengwa na vifaa vinapatikana, sidhani kama tutakuwa na shida. Huku Malindi wenzetu wakitoka upande mwengine wakija wanapata huduma nzuri. Sisi tunatoka upande ule mwengine tukifika Kilifi na sisi pia tupate huduma nzuri. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii. Asante sana.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Stanley Kenga

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Allow me to start by congratulating the hon. Member for Sokoke Ward who brought this Motion to this House. I am forced by the Constitution, the Bill of rights that is Chapter 4 Article 43 to support this Motion and I will quote ‘that every person has the right (a) to the highest attainable standard of health which includes the right to healthcare services including reproductive healthcare.’

As a County, we might not be in a position to offer better healthcare to our people if we do not upgrade and improve on the services that we are required to offer to our people. Therefore, being a provision in the Constitution to make sure that the citizens of Kilifi attain the highest standards of better healthcare, this is one of the directions that when taken will enhance

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better services to the people of Kilifi. But as we support the adoption of this Motion, let us not contribute and be seen as if we are fighting Malindi District Hospital. Mr. Speaker, why am I saying so? Many people have argued that Kilifi District Hospital is centrally situated which according to me, unless facts are given to prove that, Kilifi District Hospital is not centrally located in the entire County of Kilifi. I come from Adu Ward and the hon. Member when contributing said the road network and whatever; given that Adu is closer to Malindi than Kilifi then we try to put an argument that Kilifi District is centrally ... you see we are even around the border because where Kilifi is situated less than some few kilometers we go to the sea, and being an area within the County of Kilifi, we cannot now say that Kilifi is centrally located. What we are saying is that it is one of the institutions of health in our County, and we need to upgrade in order to offer services to our people not just because it is centrally located, but because the people of Kilifi deserve to have better health care services.

Mr. Speaker, I want to put it across to the Members that the County Assembly of Kilifi is hosted in Malindi. We have families of hon. Members who stay in Malindi and therefore let us not just look at upgrading the services of Kilifi District Hospital while disregarding Malindi District Hospital which as a town, Malindi is hosting the County Assembly of this great County. Therefore, as we set aside more funds to take care of Kilifi District Hospital, let us also know that it is our families and it is the people of Kilifi, the people of Malindi, the people of Matsangoni who are near Malindi Sub- County Hospital who need these services and therefore we need to make sure that efforts are put towards upgrading Malindi, upgrading Kilifi and anything within our Wards is good and this has already... I am sorry that the Chairperson of Health Services seat is vacant; he is not present today as I make this contribution. Nevertheless, I know we have discussed this with him and I know the CEC Member is planning to upgrade the dispensaries we have in all our Wards to the status of health centers where our people will now be able to access better health care services.

I think about the issue of land Mr. Speaker, it is not the first time we are talking about public assets that have been grabbed and are supposed to be owned by the County Government but there are issues that need to be settled first. I want to call upon those concerned, we said that we must, as a County, be in a position to identify all public land within the County that has been grabbed and the relevant departments must now take measures that this land is now taken back to the people of Kilifi. We cannot again upgrade...by upgrading, we need to make sure there is enough land for expansion to put up structures that will house some of the services that may be lacking in these institutions.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I want to say thank you very much, and I want to urge my fellow hon. Members to support this Motion. On the same note, as we support Kilifi we also support Malindi, Mtwapa and Mariakani and the other institutions that offer health care services to our people. Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Stanley Kenga you have very interesting submissions but you have been forced by the Constitution... but your suggestion... anyway let us proceed. Yes hon. Hamza.

Hon. Hamza: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would like to take this opportunity and put it in a nut shell or rather add my voice in supporting the Motion. It is very important that we note that at this particular moment, especially when you observe the Motion, from my observation, I have seen that we have had the issues of expansion limited because one; we have had a problem

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in acquiring the land which has been grabbed. If I may contribute, especially in that angle, it is very important that all the grabbed land is acquired back. We are facing challenges of opening institutions or even expanding some institutions, reasons being we have some parcels of land that are being illegally owned by some individuals.

Expanding Kilifi does not give limitations to expansion of other institutions. Kilifi is one and I strongly believe that if Kilifi is not going to be expanded to level five, then we might face great challenges. It is indeed very important to note that there are some people or rather individuals coming from very far. As a matter of fact, if they come to Kilifi and they are not eligible maybe to access adequate services, they have to travel all the way to Malindi which is indeed a very long distance.

If Kilifi is expanded, it will actually give room and even the services will be able to... each and every Member will have favor for two health facilities. Mr. Speaker, I don't want to say that I have facts to prove that Kilifi is centrally positioned, but if you look at it and if we have any variations, then those variations were approximated and give a position that Kilifi is centrally positioned. Variations could be very small and of course you know the language of rounding it off to the required position. It is very important as the Member of Adu has put it that when contributing we should not only look at it as Kilifi alone. Definitely we need to see more and more health centers being expanded so that the common *mwananchi* can be in a position to access these services with ease. Therefore, I don't want to say much on this but to ask each and every Member to support this Motion and see that the implementation of it is done with fewer limitations. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi.

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Thank you very much hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I stand to support this Motion knowing that the needs of Kilifi people are many and one of them is accessible and adequate health services. I think it is not in doubt that this Assembly pushes to have the upgrading of Kilifi Hospital. What has been a problem and what as the Governor had mentioned earlier is that the land is not sufficient for expansion although he wishes to do that.

This Motion states that this Assembly authorizes that this land comes back to the public. How is it going to come back to the public? I believe there are very many legal ways of doing that.

Secondly, I wish to say that transition is usually a disease. At each transition there is loss of public facilities; whether it is land, money or whatever it is. We have experienced three transitions and we have seen that. I say we need to show the people indeed that it does not help you to grab during that transition period. That land under Kilifi District Hospital was grabbed around 2007, part of it was left and it was grabbed again around 2013 and people began fencing it. I believe this is the right time to give that land back to the public so that as we go forward, we don't lose any public land anymore. So I stand to support this Motion and I request my fellow Members to adopt it. Thank you Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Teddy Mwambire do you wish to make any submissions?

(Question that the mover of the Motion now be called upon to reply put and agreed to)

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Hon. Mwambire: Thank you very much hon. Speaker for awarding me this opportunity to respond to the great comments that my colleagues have put in support of this Motion. I am humbled because most of the critical issues have been touched and I believe Members do understand the very need for the passage of this Motion. I wish to share some information particularly based on the arguments that have been made by my neighbour hon. Member for Adu (hon. Kenga) of the need to make sure that all the health facilities have been given an equal opportunity for expansion.

Mr. Speaker if we pass this Motion, Kilifi will be the best in service provision. Why? Even in the National Government record and aspirations, they wanted to have a level five hospital in every County. The parameters that were used Mr. Speaker, to upgrade Malindi to a level five hospital were vehicles that Malindi Hospital has been serving people from Lamu, Tana River and even Garisa and that is the reason why Malindi was upgraded to Level five hospital. Even though it is upgraded through the Management Equipment System Mr. Speaker, we are not very convinced with some of the machinery in the hospital, which means the Kilifi County Government should make sure that they also allocate funds to make it fully Level five but not motioning it to Level five.

Now Mr. Speaker, because the National Government has chosen that in every County that means Lamu will have its Level five, Tana River will have its Level five and Kilifi; they have picked Malindi. As Kilifi people we want to make Kilifi, which is currently called the County Hospital to also be Level five so we will be having two Level five hospitals. It is an advantage Mr. Speaker, because if you look at the Coast region, Kilifi is the County which has the highest population. So the congestion already will have been solved because we will be looking far ahead. If you look at the records Mr. Speaker, another issue which is very critical; family planning has not taken place in Kilifi. They (health care workers) have been going round sensitizing people but still it is very difficult. Our population is increasing highly. So, having two Level five hospitals Mr. Speaker will be a very great advantage. I am very impressed with how this County Government has been handling the issue of health services because there are some institutions for instance ...

(Hon. Kenga stood on a Point of Order)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon.Kenga.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I am worried by the statement that I ... from the hon. Member. I am getting it like it implies that we need to control the population of Kilifi because it is increasing at a higher rate yet we need more people. I am the forth born in my family, and if my parents had done family planning and said that they need three children, would I have been born? I mean as a County we still need more people Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Okay.

Hon. Mwambire: You need not to worry...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): You are saying that had your parent considered...

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(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Teddy Mwambire.

Hon. Mwambire: Mr. Speaker, I am just giving the report that I have from the family health option, where I am one of the members, I have that information. I am a living testimony Mr. Speaker, and I have colleagues behind... I have five siblings even after I was born so we are Mr. Speaker, if you look at the level which this County Government has improved the health services in this County, it is currently encouraging because it is the third year and we have seven institutions which are known to be health centers. One of it is in Marafa. There are also others in Vitengeni, Ganze, Matsangoni, Mtwapa, and Vipingo. Mr. Speaker, those were only names but the facilities that were being provided in those centers were equal to a dispensary but now, the level at which they have moved, they are almost equivalent to the health center.

Most of them, as we are speaking also have ambulances, which is a very big plus. So, I am very sure if we pass this Motion the notion of having two Level five hospitals, one; Malindi has a KMTC (Kenya Medical Training College) and Kilifi as well, is a plus to us as a County. It is an indication that a good number of people will get an advantage to study those courses which are being offered in those institutions. It is also an advantage because we believe a good number of people will be employed in those centers. It will also be a business opportunity because we will be supplying different equipment and even food stuff among other issues in those hospitals. Mr. Speaker, by doing that we will be solving a number of issues; especially the Member for Matsangoni raised a very critical issue of land.

Mr. Speaker, I went through the records of those who grabbed the land. The institutions which hon. Lali Said has motioned are public institutions which we accept and we cannot claim, but there is a very big piece of land near Kilifi County Hospital which was grabbed. Some of the names are hon. Members. We do not know how they participated; either directly or indirectly but my call is that let them make sure that they give back that land freely and if not, other measures should be taken whether one is a hon. Member or not. I saw some names of Members including some in this House whose names appear in the list. I do not know how they landed in the list of beneficiaries from that loot which is very sad. So, let that land be given back to the institution so that it can be expanded. If we do that Mr. Speaker, I believe everybody will enjoy because a health facility is an institution which is equal to a prison, thereby there is indication that somebody is saying welcome to such a health facility.

Anybody is free to go to that facility; it will not be beneficial just to me but to all members even those who are in America can also benefit from that institution they might find themselves in Kilifi and get those services. So, it is my call to my colleagues and now that they have shown an interest in supporting, let us support and make sure that we safeguard even the implementation part of it because that is where the challenge is. Utilization of resources in making sure that implementation is done is not a big deal. The big issue is making sure that we get the best health services in this County which is our aspiration as it was stated in the Constitution. With those few remarks, I stand to call my colleagues to rally their support in the implementation of this Motion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Kahindi): Thank you hon. Teddy Mwambire. Hon. Members, the Motion has been presented by hon. Teddy and the same has been deliberated. I now put the question.

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(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members in the absence of any other Business in the Order paper, I move to adjourn this House until 2.30 in the afternoon.

The House rose at 9:55 a.m.

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