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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISIT BY PUPILS FROM MTWAPA ELITE ACADEMY

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Members, I would like to acknowledge the presence in the Speaker's Gallery of pupils from Mtwapa Elite Academy. They are here for a study visit to appreciate the legislative procedures, practices, traditions and parliamentary practices. I request each pupil to stand when called out so that they may be acknowledged in the Parliamentary tradition.

The names of the pupils are as follows:-

- 1) Breda Bahati
- 2) Purity Makau
- 3) Hassan Hamisi
- 4) Joseph Mumba
- 5) Sadiki Charo
- 6) Eddy Prisca
- 7) Bakari Mgoja
- 8) Brian Baraka
- 9) Brian Kazungu
- 10) Sumea Nasibu
- 11) Prisca Hadoyo
- 12) Aisha Awadh
- 13) Shufa Khamisi
- 14) Kelvin Kazungu
- 15) Emmanuel Katama
- 16) Abdhulrazak mahfudh
- 17) Said Jamal
- 18) Zainab Hamisi

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- 19) Stellan Mbodze
- 20) Noah Khamisi
- 21) Elvis Matuga
- 22) Stanely Shauri
- 23) Zubeda Abdhala
- 24) Ibrahim Arif
- 25) Shelly Novel
- 26) Moses Juma
- 27) Rachel Joseph
- 28) Winnie Kahindi
- 29) Noah Fedheha
- 30) Ahmed Ali
- 31) Emily Nuru
- 32) Aisha Abdhulraham
- 33) Faith Charo
- 34) Aiman Abdulhakim
- 35) Zubeda Ali
- 36) Rukia Mwangiri
- 37) Nawal Aiman
- 38) Abraham Kiti
- 39) Sharlet Dzidza
- 40) Faith Benson
- 41) Paustine Mkami
- 42) Maureen Janji
- 43) Aisha Juma
- 44) Salim Said
- 45) Austine Chiro
- 46) Nasrin Arif
- 47) Faki Ali
- 48) Benedict Hamisi
- 49) Rama Said
- 50) Kulthum Mwangiri
- 51) Abubakar Omar
- 52) Khadija Mubarak
- 53) Nevil Yawa
- 54) Karen Kiti
- 55) Brian Mwambire
- 56) Samira Baya
- 57) Davies Charo
- 58) Juster Kinya
- 59) Emmanuel Mutuku
- 60) Allan Mukoba
- 61) Neema Daudi
- 62) Neema Sadi

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63) Christopher Sadi and

64) Mwadziso Dena

The pupils are accompanied by:-

1. Mr. Wamwea
2. Mr. Dennis
3. Madam Mishi

I hope that they have a fruitful programme. On my behalf, I welcome them to the County Assembly and I wish them well. Thank you. Is the hon. Member from Mtwapa around? I will give an opportunity to one or two Members to welcome the students.

Hon. Juma: Nachukua fursa hii kuwakaribisha wanafunzi ambao wametoka Wodi ya Junju. Waliniambia wanataka kutembelea Bunge ili wajifunze zaidi kuhusu maswala ya Bunge. Asante.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. Mramba: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to welcome Mtwapa Elite Academy which is situated in Junju Ward and well represented by the Vice-Chairperson for Budget and Appropriations Committee hon. Juma popularly known as “*Kanyambweso*”.

Mr. Speaker, as a tradition when schools come to this Assembly, they have come to learn how we conduct our business. I wish to tell Mtwapa Elite Academy that this Assembly is equal to the National Assembly. We have the Speaker and they also have a Speaker.

The County Assembly budgets for Kshs. 350 million every year towards education for our students. On that note, I wish to advise the students who are here and for those who are not here, to take their studies very seriously and be disciplined. We have seen students coming to this place and after leaving this place, they become role models.

Mtwapa Elite Academy has been an academic giant for a long time. They have produced students nationally to Shimo la Tewa, Ribe boys and other schools. Therefore, I wish to advise them to continue with their hard work because we will retire and we would wish such students take our positions and represent other people in different spheres of life. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you and we will end at that and kindly press the intervention button once you want to make a comment.

MOTION

SHORTAGE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION CAREGIVERS

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion:-

THAT, aware that every person in the Republic of Kenya has a right to education. Further aware that Article 53 (1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides the right of every child to free and compulsory basic education.

Noting that, many children in Kilifi County cannot access pre-primary education due to the challenges of raising fees required to pay the salaries of the Early Childhood Development Education caregivers.

This House urges the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Education and ICT to carry out a county-wide survey on the number of caregivers needed in the schools and

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ensure sufficient allocation is provided for in the financial year 2018/2019 financial budget estimates to address the shortage for caregivers.

Mr. Speaker, many are the children in Kilifi County that have been made to go without proper pre-primary education due to the fact that their parents are not in a position to raise the fees that is required to enable them access education. The challenges that most people in this county are facing are issues of famine, hunger and poverty that have been occasioned by persistent drought that we have witnessed all over the county has really affected the people of Kilifi in making sure that they are in a position to provide for their children's education.

The Constitution of Kenya, Article 43(1)(f) is talking about every person having a right to education; but why did the Constitution go even further to state that every child has a right to free education and compulsory basic education in Article 53 (1)? The only right that we have been able as a County to provide and is even guaranteed to our children is the right to a name and a nationality which is also provided for in the Constitution. Our County has not been able to achieve the right to education to every child and neither have we achieved the provisions of Vision 2030, and the Millennium Development Goals. I want to believe as a Second Assembly, we shall be in a position to enable this County to be able to achieve Vision 2030 that will be able to change and even develop our Country.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Nelson Mandela who is one of the great statesmen in Africa and a world renowned figure said that "education is the only weapon that can be used to change the world positively". Why have we not been able as a County to provide free pre-primary education? Let us also look at it this way. The National Government came up with the free education policy for primary and day secondary schools. We have now started witnessing parents..., given that the students in the pre-primary classes are still in the same primary schools where we have the other students in the primary section. When it is being said that education is free, then it has increased the challenges that we are facing as leaders. Apart from the Ksh350 million that is set aside for bursaries to take care of the secondary, the university and the polytechnic students, we have now started witnessing parents coming even to the pre-primary section looking for bursaries for the reason that the Government is talking about the free education policy and if a student in class one is able to acquire free education, why can't the student in the pre-primary section be in a position to acquire free education?

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the development of a child is very important at the early stages and what is planted into that child will determine a lot about the kind of people that we as a County are coming up with. Therefore, we will need to get the facts and figures correctly. The budget making cycle is already in progress but we want the County Executive Committee (CEC) Member in charge of Education and ICT to be able to give us facts after having conducted a County wide survey. The survey is supposed to inform the County the shortages that we have in our pre-primary education section within the County Government of Kilifi.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I was consulting in some of the wards that we have within the County and it is sad to note that in a Ward where there are more than 78 or more than 60 ECDE centers, only a handful of caregivers have been employed by the County to be able to offer education to the *kids* in those centers. This cannot be the way for us to go. Even in the Bible, God talks about his people perishing due to lack of knowledge. Knowledge is an investment which earns the best interest and it can only be achieved through education. Once we are educated as a community, we are able to acquire knowledge and be able to appreciate the happenings of the world and

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overcome the challenges that we face and this can only be determined by the way we put our foundation in terms of pre-primary education.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, nationally the performance of Kilifi County is not the best and it is not good. Every time the Ministry of Education is releasing national results either Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) results or the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) results if you want to easily get the performance of Kilifi County then you should not start at the top because Kilifi County will not be found at the top. You just immediately go to the bottom and then start coming up and you will realize that, that is where Kilifi County is; but, should this be the way to go as a County Mr. Speaker? Where are we going wrong?

I want to believe that the foundation that we are putting in place has a lot to determine in how we are going to progress in the issues of education. If this is done and an allocation that is sufficient enough to take care of the recruitment of ECDE caregivers within the County of Kilifi is provided, it is going to tremendously change the performance of our students and this will guarantee us very positive results in the various areas. Even when it comes to the issues of fighting hunger, poverty and any other challenges that we face as a County; once we have a population that is well equipped and have the best foundation in terms of education, I want to believe that we shall be able to move ahead and even prosper better than we are today.

I beg as Members we support this Motion for its implementation for the benefit of the great County of Kilifi. Before I take my seat, I want to call upon the hon. Member for Bamba Ward, hon. Mwambire to second the Motion. Thank you, very much.

(Hon. Mwambire seconded)

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to second this Motion moved by hon. Stanley Karisa Kenga concerning the shortage of ECDE caregivers. I beg to support this Motion because caregivers are very important people in dispensation of ECD education in our areas. As we know very well, early childhood education is very important. It is the foundation of education and needs very well supported structures to enable the children to get the basic foundation of education. In reference to my Ward which is Bamba, the area has 78 ECDE Centers with only 16 caregivers. This means that when we look at the margin, it is very minimal keeping in mind that the First Assembly passed this Motion of employing the ECDE caregivers. However, we find that the allocation was not sufficient to enable to at least cater for around 30 percent of the need; this is in comparison to my ward.

I am in support of this Motion to cater for the ECDE teachers so that we can support our community to get the best education. Following the submission of the budget and the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) is currently in the stage of being amended, I stand to support this Motion so that during the implementation of the CIDP, this factor is considered and in the coming budget we include it to ensure that funds are allocated and the CEC members can employ more ECDE teachers to alleviate the situation. Thank you, Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. Shaban: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also rise to support this Motion brought by hon. Stanley Karisa Kenga on the issue of the shortage of the ECDE caregivers. A caregiver is a

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person who provides direct care for the children so that they can be comfortable. The persons who are teaching in these ECDE centers are overburdened by the workload. So, by employing more caregivers, we will have relieved them of some of the duties like taking the children to the toilet, feeding them and maybe doing exercises.

I am in support of this Motion that we have caregivers in these institutions so that we can have these centers prospering very well. I want to agree that because we currently do not have the budget to cater for the caregivers, I strongly agree that in the coming budget for the financial year 2018/2019 we prepare a good budget to cater for the salaries and allowances of the caregivers and in doing so, we will be creating employment for our people. With that, I stand to support this Motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Pascal: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me an opportunity to support this noble Motion that is before this House. As the Member who brought this Motion has pointed out, it is directed by the Constitution for us to provide compulsory early childhood education. As a House, we need to put the proper laws in place that will direct this Motion and this is what we are doing.

If we do not as a County Government provide the foundation of proper early childhood education, then we shall be giving room to spoil these children that we have. Already when you go to the streets you will see young children of 12 years chewing *miraa* and *mogokaa* that is because this generation has actually been neglected and it seems like we have left them for the world to care for them.

We all know that many of us who live in the rural areas have witnessed the drought that has ravished our farms; the poverty that has eaten into our society has actually taken toil on the parents to an extent that if we do not come up as a Government to support these children, it will be like we are planting our own bomb that will explode and eat us and our children on the ground. We have seen young children growing up to despise their parents and calling them witches. If you look at the real facts behind these actions it is simply because these children have not been taken care of and now they want their parents to go so that they can inherit the property that is there.

This is all because education has been left behind and these children have been totally neglected and it seems like we are now coming up to take some space out of the mess that was not tackled at the right time. I find it ironical that as a county Assembly and a County Government we have always been budgeting for Ksh350 million to support secondary education which is a partial mandate because ECDE is a primary function of the County Government.

It is like we are watering a plant from the leaves; we are supporting secondary education while we need to actually start by supporting the base and the corner stone of education which is early childhood education. I believe that this is a noble idea and the time has come for us to pass this Motion so that we can start watering this plant from the roots where it will be absorbed and production of the right order can be gotten at the right time. I stand to support this Motion. Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. Omar: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First I want to say that understanding is an art and not everyone is an artist. I thank our Deputy Speaker for coming up with this important Motion. For the ones who come from the local areas, they are always facing hard times from the parents. Some of the families cannot even afford a pen. For the sake of the parents, I am supporting this Motion 100 percent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Not everybody is an artist. For those Members who have just walked in kindly press your intervention button.

Hon. (Ms.) Messo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I support the Motion and I would like the House also by the time we are passing this Budget we should know that foundation is very important because without foundation there is nothing these children will do in their future. I am also suggesting that if possible, we can also buy diapers for the ECD *kids*. The reason why I am saying this is because these caregivers have a difficult time because these children are still very young and if we give them diapers, they can have a smooth running. That is also a way of giving love to our *kids* and the caregivers.

Kilifi has high levels of poverty and we should also budget for materials like marker pens, crayons and books as well. This will set a good foundation for our *kids*. We cannot just say we are giving them good education without giving them these materials. Also, if possible there are other areas where we can even pay school fees mostly in Ganze where the level of poverty is so high. I really support this Motion and thank our Deputy Speaker for bringing such a good Motion to the House. The students as well in the Assembly can see how much we are struggling for education in Kilifi. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. Mumba: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion before this House with the following submission. First, I want to say this is education we are talking about here and education is very paramount; very important and very key for development of every kid in the whole world, not only in Kilifi and not in Kenya. Having this Motion before us to me is timely. We need to support and approve it so that action can be taken immediately and forge ahead for our kids to have the basic foundation so that they can move forward. Just recently we were taking pride in the credentials that were brought to us as we are trying to approve the Report and adoption of the nominee to be the CS (County Secretary) of this county. Notwithstanding that, it means that he had come from a certain foundation to reach wherever he can reach.

Here we are; our County today cannot afford to provide more caregivers and even pay them well so that they can produce the best. From where I stand, even the CEC Member in charge of Education carries a lot of wealth in his credentials. He is a Professor; he has all the papers but still he must have had a foundation in education which is the ECD. Maybe during their times they never had ECDs but in today's world and education this is where we start and we need to put our efforts there so that our *kids* can get the best from that foundation.

So, Mr. Speaker, as I submit my support for this Motion, I want to say that in creating this Motion, the Deputy Speaker had very important points to bring forth to us and in his submission; I have understood that even the County will be creating employment for our people. From where we stand, many families live below the poverty index; as the hon. Member for Ganda has said, some of the families cannot even afford to buy a pen, and it is very true. It is just recently that in my ward Tezo, a student was being denied admission to standard one because he had a balance of fees from ECD amounting to Ksh14, 000. This is very pathetic! If they can't pay that much at that level, how will they sustain education to the campus level?

I think we need to fast track this and work with speed and make sure that the ECDs and the caregivers are there in plenty and it should be free of charge so that every kid and every student in Tezo, Ganda and in Kilifi County as a whole can access this education without any problems. By doing so, I am humbly submitting that even the performance of these kids will

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improve because they will always be in school; there will never be cases whereby they have to be sent back home to collect fees. They spend more time out of school and when they get back to school, they cannot catch up with those who are already in school and eventually it determines even the performance of those children.

This is very paramount that the CEC, after we have passed this Motion, he should work with speed and ensure that all this is happening and as a county we can move forward when it comes to education. I also wish to acknowledge the presence of the students in this House. This is a school which I know well because I had a friend who had a *kid* there and we have been frequenting that school and they have been performing very well. It is because of that foundation they have created there. They have been taking students to National schools and I know by following this foundation that we are trying to create, we are going to reach there. Mr. Speaker, I wish to say I support this Motion and end my submission there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. (Ms.) Victoria: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity. I support the Motion that has been brought forward by hon. Stanley Kenga. I am supporting the Motion because it is for sure that parents have been burdened so much. In most of these centers, parents have been forced to pay for the caregivers. Most of these caregivers that have been employed in the centers are paid by the parents but most of them are not well informed or even qualified because nobody will accept a low pay yet one is learned and professionally qualified.

The parents are burdened because the *kid* has to go to school while he/she has taken breakfast; well clothed and healthy. All that goes to the parent and at the same time, the same parent has to pay for the caregiver. At the end of the day you find most of the kids end up staying at home because the burden has become too much for the parent. I support the Motion but I oppose the issue of buying diapers. Africans are Africans; the moment we buy diapers and take them to schools, the caregivers will carry them home. We will find the kids naked at schools not knowing where the diapers are going, and the *kids* at home have diapers.

We will be filling a sack with water; we should not buy the diapers but at least make sure the caregivers are well paid. We should also make sure that all centers are facilitated with all the necessary facilities needed for the *kids* to get fundamental education, but the issue of diapers I do not propose...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Member, the subject matter is free education and caregivers not diapers. I am sure the CEC Member will not go out of his way buying diapers. Thank you so much for bring that to our attention. Hon. Mwarandu.

Hon. Mwarandu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Last week I made a promise to hon. (Ms.) Carol Kalume that from today, I will speak the Queen's language so that she can understand me clearly. Whenever I make my contribution in the House she struggles to understand me so my sister, worry not.

I stand to support this Motion and I am not only supporting the Motion but I also want this House to direct the Department of Education to employ the ECD caregivers on permanent basis. Let this House be informed that the first batch of 300 ECD caregivers were employed in 2015 August; so in August this year those 300 caregivers are at risk of losing their jobs. I urge this House to *force*, if that is a right word, the Department of Education...

(Hon. Mramba stood on a Point of Order)

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The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes what is your point of Order hon. Mramba?

Hon. Mramba: Can the hon. Member on the Floor explain clearly what he means when he says that; “The first batch of caregivers is at risk of losing their jobs?” We know that they were employed on a permanent basis.

Hon. Mwarandu: I have a cousin who was employed in 2015 as a caregiver and the letter of appointment was written that it was on a contract basis for three years. So, when I say that their jobs are at risk, I mean by the end of August this year they stand to lose their jobs. So I am not only supporting for the increment of the caregivers but also for the Department to employ them on permanent basis.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. (Ms.) Scholastica.

Hon. Thaura: Mr. Speaker, allow me to use hon. (Ms.) Scholastica’s *mic* because I do not own a card.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): How is it that you do not own a card and you are a Member of the County Assembly?

Hon. Thaura: That is so unfortunate.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): You have never been provided with one or you lost it?

Hon. Thaura: It got lost.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Then you have to pay for another one to be made because it is un-procedural for you to use hers. On record you have not said anything.

Hon. Thaura: Okay, Mr. Speaker. Allow me to congratulate our able Deputy Speaker for tabling this noble Motion in this House. The challenges in Adu are more or less the same as those in Sokoke; Adu is my neighbour at the furthest end of Muryachakwe. In those remote areas of Muryachakwe we suffer so much.

Ganze is known to be the poorest Constituency in Kenya. It has been a tendency that we, the people of Ganze, have been through a lot including hunger and all the calamities. If we cannot manage to get basic meals, I do not know how we can manage to pay for caregivers. Most of those teachers in our ECD centers are those who we call BOM (Board of Management) teachers who are paid by parents.

It has been unfortunate that our children go to school almost at the age of ten because parents cannot afford to pay the teachers. The role of an ECDE teacher is more of a parental role; they are like mentors to our children. It is unfortunate that at this age, our County has not been able to employ enough teachers.

I stand here in full support. To add on what my fellow Members have already said, we not only want teachers to be employed but to be employed on permanent basis and make sure we look at the number of schools that we have in the Wards. In my Ward, I have over 100 ECD centers and we only got 20 ECD teachers.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I stand to support the Motion. If you go by the objective of the ECD, it clearly states that we have to provide education geared toward development of the child’s mental capability and physical growth. Across Kilifi County, the caregivers and the number of ECD centers show a very big margin.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have an example of an ECD in my Ward by the name Maya ECD. There is no learning in that institution because the parents cannot pay for the teachers. The structure is there; though the MCA did the construction, there is no learning because the parents cannot afford to pay. The distribution of ECD teachers I can say is in query because most of the

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ECD caregivers were sent to those ECDs in the primary schools while we have independent ECD centers of which in my thinking were to be given the first priority.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, if we want to foster the child's exploration skills and creativity, we have to employ these caregivers with immediate effect. We have to make sure that at an early stage we give education to our children so that they can have a good background. I stand to support this Motion and I want to thank my able Deputy Speaker for bringing this Motion at the right time. As I was trying to find out why the number of caregivers is still very minimal, I went further to ask my Sub-County ECD Officer and he said that there are some who applied and were called for interview and up to date, have not been employed. The reason may be well known by the Executive.

I believe as the MCAs, we are struggling to see that education, especially in rural areas, has improved but I guess there is a gap between the MCAs and the Executive. I stand to support this Motion and I beg my fellow hon. Members to support it and my colleague has said we 'force' but I do not want to use that word *force* but come up with measures that can at least have a smooth running of the Education sector because it is our mandate as the County Government. Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion.

Hon. Ziro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to support the Motion. I want to thank God today because as a pastor, I want to make a prophecy that...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes, hon. Mramba.

Hon. Mramba: Mr. Speaker...

(Hon. Mramba spoke off record)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Your microphone is off hon. Mramba.

Hon. Mramba: Mr. Speaker, I have never known that hon. Peter Ziro Ngowa is a Pastor. Can he please clarify if he is really a Pastor or he is just a quack?

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Peter Ziro, please proceed.

Hon. Ziro: I think hon. Mramba should withdraw that for calling me a quack because I am a renowned Pastor Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Okay, proceed.

Hon. Ziro: I said I want to make a prophecy in this House that when I go to church before preaching, I have prepared my summons. Normally we go to worship and then we have somebody who is going to confirm that the message that the Pastor is going to preach is a true message from the Almighty God.

Mr. Speaker, in the event of this Motion, we are talking about education and the people in charge of education are here. We have students up there who have come to witness and they are going to be messengers who will pick this message and take it down there that the County Assembly of Kilifi is really caring for education in Kilifi County. So, that is the prophecy I wanted to make to this House.

(Applause)

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Mr. Speaker, it is very painful in this era when you go to the ground, you realize most of the small boys and girls are just running up and down. Most of these ECD facilities have been changed into play grounds because of lack of these caregivers. Last week I was going round in my Ward and I realized in a school called Karimboni Primary School, we have 160 young boys and girls who have no caregivers. What the school has done is to tell the school Committees to take care of these small children. I had a chance of going to their class and started teaching because my first job was a teacher. So, I had to remember that job and start teaching.

It is very shameful Mr. Speaker in this era in Kilifi County where we expect many caregivers to have been employed because if you look at the salary they are being paid, I think it is not a big salary that can make Kilifi not be able to employ these people.

Mr. Speaker, I think not employing enough caregivers in these ECD centers is a contravention to the very essence and spirit of Article 53 of the Constitution of Kenya. Every child has a right to education and we have to adhere to this Constitution. I think somebody somewhere is not doing his or her job well.

Mr. Speaker, I want to support this Motion and I also want to urge my fellow Members to support this Motion although already God has spoken that the Motion is through but we also have to give our consent to it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. Mae: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion and I think everyone knows this problem in Kilifi has become a crisis. I remember during the campaigns, His Excellency the Governor himself promised the people that every year he is going to employ 500 caregivers. So, I urge the Members to summon the CEC if not the Governor because we are holding the power.

There is this Giriama saying which says; 'We are holding the knife by the handle'. I want us to implement that '*holding the knife by the handle.*' We summon the CEC or the Governor himself to come, it is not a humble request; it is a demand and a must because he promised and the people there are waiting.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite disgusting because I believe and my fellow Members also believe we are now being forced to carry the burden of paying these caregivers because every day the parents are flocking in our offices requesting for cash. If you go around Kilifi, you will find that those who are in classes are fewer than those outside playing. I urge my fellow hon. Members to come together and push for the increased number of caregivers in Kilifi County. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. (Ms.) Victorine: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me this chance. I rise to support this Motion by hon. Stanley Kenga Karisa on the shortage of caregivers. I support because it will create employment for caregivers not just in regular schools but also in special schools. I urge the CEC Education to post the caregivers with knowledge for special education especially the Kenyan Sign Language. This is because you will find that a four year old child with hearing impairment accessing education in a boarding since there is no caregiver in local available schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Nominated Member (Hon. (Ms.) Loice Kombe Ngari): Asante Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa nafasi hii. Ninaunga mkono hoja na kama Wabunge wa Kilifi ile hali ilivyo kule mashinani tuko hatarini. Tukiwa tumelenga kuboresha elimu kwa wanakilifi, kwa sasa kiwango

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cha elimu kiko chini sana kulingana na utafiti. Ili kuinua kiwango hicho, jambo la muhimu ni kuweka msingi mzuri wa elimu lakini kwa sasa ni bora elimu lakini sio elimu bora. Ninaunga mkono kuandikwa kwa hawa waalimu wa chekechea ndio tuone kwamba msingi wa elimu uko imara. Asante.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. Mramba: Asante Bw. Spika. Nataka kuwashukuru watu wa Adu kwa kutufanyia jambo la kutuchagulia mjumbe ambaye ana maono kwa jina la Stanley Karisa Kenga. Namuombea kila la heri na hata miaka ijayo hata kama hatakuja Bunge hili aende Bunge lile kuu la Nairobi.

Bw. Spika, mimi nataka kuchangia hoja hii kwa kuiunga mkono kwa sababu vijana wanapata tabu sana. Wazazi hawana kwa kukimbilia ila kwa wajumbe kila asubuhi kutafuta pesa. Serikali ya Kaunti imetuletea maziwa ya watoto wa chekechea, wametujirira wasaidizi mia tatu (300) lakini kiwango hakitoshi.

Bw. Spika, ninasema hivi nikimaanisha ya kwamba ile idadi ya wanafunzi ukilinganisha na idadi ya walimu haiwezi kuingiliana hata kidogo. Nikitoa mfano wa shule ya Kavunyalalo ambayo iko kwa Wodi yangu, iko na wanafunzi mia mbili na hamsini (250) wa shule za chekechea na walimu walioajiriwa ni watatu pekee.

Inakuwa tatizo kwa sababu darasa hili linafundishwa na mwalimu aliyeajiriwa na Kaunti na darasa lingine linafundishwa na mwalimu aliyeajiriwa na wazazi. Huyu mwalimu wa Kaunti analipwa mshahara kwa hivyo kisawa ni wazazi wasilipe. Ikiwa Kaunti italipa mwalimu mmoja, basi hata wazazi itawalazimu walipe yule mwalimu lakini si sawa kwa sababu shule bado ni hiyo moja. Ingekuwa bora wote waajiriwe ili tukisema ni *free ECD education* iwe ni huru. Hawafai kulipa mwalimu lakini haiwezekani ikiwa mwalimu ameajiriwa na wazazi.

Ninaposema hivyo ni kwamba hivi juzi *County Public Service Board* (CPSB) ilitangaza nafasi kwa gazeti ili waajiri *Ward ECD manager* kwa kila Wodi. Sasa tunaajiri afisa atakayesimamia shule za chekechea lakini walimu hatujawaajiri. Nikikumbuka kabla Bunge la kwanza kuvunjwa, bodi ilizunguka kila Wodi kufanya mahojiano ili kuajiri walimu lakini baada ya mahojiano hayo matokeo bado mpaka leo.

Ninaomba Idara ya Elimu ifanye hima ili waajiri walimu wa kutosha ila tu ninaomba wajumbe wenzangu tuwahimise wazazi wajukumike. Sisi tukijaribu kuwasaidia, hao pia wajasaidie maana serikali haitaweza kuwafanyia kila jambo. Yule mtoto ni wako ulimzaa na kuna majukumu ambayo yeye kama mzazi lazima uyasimamie. Leo tuwaajiri walimu wengine watarudi hata sare ya shule uwanunulie. Hatutaweza kufanya kila kitu kwa wazazi. Tunajaribu uwezo wetu na lazima wawajibike kwa majukumu yao. Asante na naunga mkono.

Hon. Juma: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Hata mimi naunga mkono hoja hii ya Mheshimiwa Kenga. Leo nimebahatika kuwa na wanafunzi kutoka kwa Wodi yangu na nimehuzunika kwa sababu niko na shule za chekechea tisa na walimu wanne lakini wengine kama Wodi ya Bamba anasema yuko na shule za chekechea sabini na sita (76) na walimu ni kumi na nane (18).

Hii Kaunti ya kilifi ina uwezo mkubwa sana hivyo tunaomba iwaajiri walimu wengi ili wanafunzi wafaidike kielimu. Nina huzunika ikiwa wazazi wetu hasa upande wa pesa huwa wanapata taabu sana na ikiwa Kaunti ya Kilifi itaweza kusimamia wanafunzi wa chekechea kupata maziwa, naona hata uwezo wa kununu unga wa wimbi ili watoto wapate uji inao. Kwa hivyo, nimesimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii mia kwa mia na sioni kwa nini tuweze

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kuichelewesha. Waheshimiwa tusimame kidete tupitische haraka ili Kaunti yetu iweze kuangalia hii shida ambayo inatupata. Asante mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. (Ms) Nuzla.

Hon. (Ms.) Nuzla: Asante mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama hapa kuunga mkono hii Hoja aliyoleta mheshimiwa Stanley Kenga Karisa. Kwanza natoa shukrani zangu za dhati sana kwa mheshimiwa Stanley Kenga kwa kuleta Hoja kama hii. Kama tunavyojua, changamoto ni nyingi ndani ya Kilifi Kaunti na serikali imejaribu.

Mtoto wa chekechea alikuwa analipa lakini saa hii mtoto wa chekechea halipi na pia serikali ya Kaunti ilijitahidi zaidi mtoto wa chekechea saa hii anakunywa maziwa ya bure. Vitabu anavyotumia na kalamu ni vya bure ndani ya Kilifi Kaunti. Kama tunavyojua ECD zilijengwa nyingi ndani ya hii Kilifi Kaunti lakini walimu ndio wachache na sitaki kutumia hili jina walimu kwa sababu serikali kuu ilitupiga vita sana kipindi fulani. Walikuwa wamesema hawataki sisi kama serikali ya Kaunti tuandike walimu, ila tuliwabadilisha jina tukawaita wasaidizi wa watoto wa chekechea.

Kwa hivyo mheshimiwa Spika, hili jambo ni lazima litiliwe maanani sana kwa sababu saa hii kuna Wodi fulani sitaki nizataje jina. Wazazi, kwa sababu walimu sasa ni kidogo, wameamua wao walipe walimu. Kila mzazi ikifika mwisho wa mwezi analipa shilingi 500 kuhakikisha yule mwalimu anayesomesha pale kwa chekechea anapata kitu; haya ni mambo ya aibu sana ikiwa mwalimu mwengine analipwa na mwengine halipwi. Nasihahi waheshimiwa wenzangu waliunge jambo hili mkono ili watoto wetu wa chekechea wasonge mbele. Sina mengi mheshimiwa Spika ni hayo. Asante.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. (Ms.) Carol: Thank you so much Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to support this Motion brought forward by hon. Stanley Kenga. I think it is overdue for this Motion to be tabled and from the mood of the House, I have seen that almost every hon. Member is supporting this worthy course. From next month we shall be having the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP). I urge every hon. Member to support this Motion so that our people see how we fight and stand for education in our County.

The survey has to be done and this has to be transparent and open and qualified caregivers to be employed. As we wait for the budget 2018/2019, I also urge Members once we receive the budget we fully support it so that we push our education standards in Kilifi County forward. I stand to support this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Mwayaa: Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika, kwa kunipa nafasi hii niweze kuongeza uzito Hoja ambayo imeletwa na Mbunge wa Adu. Wacha nianza kulipa kongole Bunge la kwanza kwa kuandika, wakati ule ilikuwa ni walimu. Nikikumbuka nilikuwa mmoja wao na pia Spika, ulikuwa mmoja wetu na baadhi yao wako hapa ndani. Tukapigwa vita kiwango cha kushtakiwa na ikasemekana kazi ya kuandika walimu ni kazi ya *TSC (Teachers Service Commission)*. Lakini kwa maarifa na hekima ya lile Bunge la kwanza, tukabadilisha ikabidi tuwaite walezi wa chekechea na ilifanyika hivyo kwa sababu ya hekima na maarifa ili tuwezeshe malengo yetu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, wacha tu leo hii tunaongea kuhusu kuongeza walimu lakini wakati huo haikuwa ni rahisi kwa sababu tulikuwa tunataka kutunga sheria ambayo itatuwezesha kusaidia Kilifi yetu. Wacha tupitische Hoja hii ili walezi wa chekechea waweze kuongezwa Kilifi yetu isonge mbele. Kule mashinani saa nyingine unakuta shule za chekechea ilibidi ziwachiwe

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wazazi kwa sababu kwengine kuna mwalimu mmoja ama wawili ambao waliandikwa na serikali ya Kaunti. Utakuta kuna mjengo lakini kwa sababu hakujaandikwa mlezi wa chekechea inabidi wazazi wanakataa kupeleka watoto kwa kuwa wanajua wanalipa pale na inabidi wawapeleke mahala pengine hata kama ni mbali.

Basi wacha tupitishie Hoja hii kwa sababu leo tunaongea kuongeza wakati ule akili zililiwa sana tukiongea kuunda mjadala ambao ulipigwa vita sana na TSC. Naomba tuipitishie tuweze kuwaongeza, na wakati wa bajeti ukifika tuajiri walezi zaidi katika Kilifi yetu ili tuweze kufaidika. Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. Matsaki: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to support this Motion and before I give out my contribution let me take this opportunity to congratulate hon. Kenga. He has brought this Motion in good time and I would like to say as follows; The prayer of this Motion is only one and it urges the County Executive Member in charge of Education and ICT to carry out a county-wide survey on the number of caregivers needed in the schools and ensure sufficient allocation is provided for in the 2018/2019 budget.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, my take is that let this survey be done and the Report be brought to this hon. House so that the members can deliberate on the Report and then give the way forward. I am sure we all agree that the foundation of education starts from the ECD classes. So getting these caregivers in good time I am sure will make our children have the best knowledge so that we can have very good students in our schools. I do not want to say much because most of the members have contributed positively and I urge those who have not spoken and are given time let them support this Motion so that we can move forward. Thank you. I stand to support.

The Member for Ganze Ward (Hon. Chengo): Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi hii niweze kuongezea uzito kwenye hii Hoja ya kusema kwamba walimu wa ECD waweze kuongezwa. Pia nataka nimshukuru mheshimiwa Stanley Kenga kwa kuweza kuleta mjadala huu katika Bunge hili ili tuweze kusaidia watoto wetu na wazazi wao kule mashinani.

Wabunge wamezungumza mengi ambayo ni muhimu na mimi nimesimama ili niweze kuunga mkono Hoja hii maana nikiangalia kule kwangu, halafu ukiangalia hii shida ya njaa, wazazi hawawezi kabisa kujisaidia. Kwa hivyo, mara kwa mara wazazi wanakuja ili wasaidiwe hata pesa za kupeleka mtoto katika shule za chekechea. Basi ombi langu ni kwamba tuweze kuwaondolea mzungu huu. Wabunge wenzangu nawaomba muunge mkono Hoja hii na iweze kupita haraka iwezekanavyo. Nashukuru sana mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. Hadad: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I support this Motion as you cannot start building a storey building house from the top floor but you must start from the foundation. This will not only help us now but it will help other generations in the future. We will start to witness the grades of our students improving and this gives a chance and encouragement to the students at the ECD level.

Employing enough caregivers will give them more opportunities to have more knowledge and it will help them in many basic ways. So for us to have performing students, this is the fundamental time for everything; when they are at a young age. So, we must push for them to get the best so as to improve our own grades and results. I stand to strongly support this Motion and

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I urge that this should be done as soon as possible because the more we delay, the more we hinder the generation to come from being a strong generation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Members, thank you very much for your contributions. The Motion has been presented and deliberated and I will now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members in the absence of any other business in the Order Paper, I now move to adjourn the House until 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon. Thank you.

The House rose at 10:02 a.m.