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*The House met at the County Assembly Chamber,
Malindi Town, at 2:30 p.m.*

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

PRAYER

PAPERS LAID

Hon. (Ms.) Maneno: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table: -

1. Report of the Auditor General on Jibana Sub-County Level 4 Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2022, County Government of Kilifi.
2. Report of the Auditor General on Kilifi County Referral Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2022, County Government of Kilifi.
3. Submission of the plan, PDF, reference number 134/KLF/2018/06-Existing site for Cashem Squatter formalization scheme.
4. Submission of the plan for the proposed Mambrui/Sabaki Squatter Regulations Scheme, Ref No. 216/KLF/02/2022.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Hon. (Ms.) Maneno laid the documents on the Table)

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The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Okay, let the two committees; PIAC (Public Investments and Accounts Committee) and Lands take up the matter and adhere to the timelines which is 21 days.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF KILIFI COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2022

Hon. Mohamed: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion: -

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Kilifi County Health Service Improvement Fund (HSIF) for the Financial Year ending 30th June 2022.

Mr. Speaker, before I call upon hon. Mary Anzazi Maneno to second, I wish to submit to this House that this Report is clean. The Auditor General's opinion in this Report is an unqualified Report and an unqualified Report is a clean Report. We have four types of Reports when the Auditor General investigates the accounts. Good enough, I wish to inform the House that the Report that is before the House today is clean. Even...

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Mohamed, I thought maybe you are going to share the four reports. You said we normally have four reports then you are saying this is a clean report. I thought you were sharing to the House the types of Reports. Why is that there and why this one is clean so that Members can understand?

Hon. Mohamed: Okay, for your guidance...

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): The House might be aware but you had offered to share...

Hon. Mohamed: The first Report as I have stated is unqualified. An unqualified Report is a clean Report as I have earlier stated. The second one is a qualified Report. A qualified Report is an opinion where the Auditor expresses that there are issues in the Report that he has gone through. Then we have an Adverse Report, in which the statement in that Report is questionable and the Auditor is not satisfied with the opinion or the financial statements for the period that he has undergone. The last one is a Disclaimer Report. Now a Disclaimer Report is a report whereby even the Auditor himself cannot give an opinion. That means that the financial statement has not been well prepared.

So, this one is an unqualified Report. Though there are a few issues that the Auditor noted, the issues which are there are immaterial; the issues that cannot affect the financial statements of this Report that he has undergone. The few issues that the Auditor had highlighted in this Report were budgeted issues. Budgeted issues in terms of the budget that this Report had been budgeted for and the way they had spent the actual amount; they had not spent the actualization of the budget that they had been provided and that is why the Auditor raised a few issues.

The statement of the comparison of the budget and actual amounts reflects the final revenue budget and the actual comparable amount based on Kshs418,426,159, against Kshs402,699,307 respectively, resulting in under-funding. That is why this was one of the issues

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that the Auditor had noted that they had budgeted Ksh418 million, but they were funded Kshs402 million, which resulted in underfunding. As I had said, this one is immaterial in terms of an opinion forming because it is internal.

Then, the other issue that the Auditor had noted in this Report was prior matters which had not been resolved. In a statement Report, the Auditor normally checks if, for example, he is going to audit this year's report, he checks in the other years. If there were any matters which were not sorted or resolved, then automatically they just come to the Report. So, there were only two issues which were raised in this, and these issues are not affecting the Report. So, we did not have much on this Report.

I wish to call upon hon. Mary Anzazi Maneno to second the Motion and plead with the House to adopt the Report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. (Ms.) Maneno: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to second the Motion on the Auditor General's Report on the financial statement of the Kilifi County Health Services Improvement Fund for the Financial Year ended that year June 2022. The Mover has explained everything, and this is the first time this House received a clear Report from the Auditor General, therefore, I second the Motion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): The Committee is challenging us; they are saying this is the first time you have received a clean Report.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): We are still facing some challenges. So, in case you wish to speak and think we do not see you, raise your hand so that I can reach out to you. Yes, Thomas Chengo (Mumba), the Leader of the Minority.

Leader of Minority (Hon. Mumba): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this privileged moment. First, I rise to support the Motion on the Report on the Health Services Improvement Fund (HSIF).

Secondly, may I take this opportunity to wish all of us a happy October month and I hope we had a very successful engagement with the constituents during the recess. I never had the privilege, at least to say something after recess.

Mr. Speaker, I want to echo the words of hon. Mary Maneno. It is indeed very true that in the Auditor's Reports that we have been scrutinizing, this is the cleanest Report we have received. So, it is very true, and I really echo those words because I sit on the Committee, and I have gone through these Reports, and this is a very good gesture going forward.

Looking at the fund and the aim of the fund, if it can bring a good Report before this House, it means the future is bright and we are going to get more health services through this fund.

Mr. Speaker, indeed, the Report as it is, I will not talk much on the issues, on financial statements, because the Auditor's Report has reviewed these Reports and has given us a clean Report. However, three issues emerged in the period we were engaging the people from the Department.

So, for those witnesses who appeared before the Committee, we happened to identify a few issues which now play a very key role during the audit cycle. Mr. Speaker, standing before this House, it is very important that I mention these issues, and the very many engagements that

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we have had with them, I believe now they are working on these issues, and we do not expect them in the future.

One of them, Mr. Speaker, is the failure to provide documents during the audit time and in fact, that is even an offence. It has been occurring in various places and various audit cycles, but now with the trend, I think this is improving and we are happy to report that. After noting these issues, the Departments are now working on them, and we are moving in the right direction.

Again, Mr. Speaker, it is the failure to provide details of surrendered interests. For instance, we had an issue with an interest being un-surrendered and the details were very unclear but after the request from the Committee, these things were submitted, which could have been submitted during the audit cycle.

The last one, Mr. Speaker, was the failure to reconcile and provide information on different sets of records. I believe this is not an issue, but they could not work during the audit cycle at a good time for them now to make sure these things are reconciled.

So, it does not give you a big picture for them to come and reconcile during the committee level. It means, or it may even imply, there is certain information which is being hidden, or they are even cooking the information, which sometimes may not be true, Mr. Speaker. So, these few issues which were noted, I believe now, going forward, Mr. Speaker, standing before this House, we shall not have an opportunity to talk about them, because I believe they are working on them and according to the report that I am getting, this is the audit cycle also that is going on and they are really cooperating there and we expect a good Report, and even if there are issues, they will be addressed during that audit cycle.

So, thank you, Mr. Speaker, and with those few remarks, I stand to support the Report. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Very well. From my notice board here, my dashboard does not share any requests, unless the Speaker catches the eyes of any other Member. Let me not pre-assume that whatever the three Members; the Mover, the Seconder and hon. Chengo (Mumba) or the Leader of Minority views are the final views for the Members. In case there is anyone who wishes to make any contribution to the same before I call the Mover to respond... hon. Mae?

Hon. Mae: I support, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Yes, you can share your voice, because I think from recess...

Hon. Mae: I support, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Okay, that is great. You know that those who have not spoken since we came from recess. Yes, hon. Paul?

Hon. Paul: I support, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Bule (Amina).

Hon. (Ms.) Amina: I support too.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Yes, honourable Member for Mwawesa.

Hon. Kalama: I have no objection. I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Okay, allow me Members to call upon the Mover to respond.

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(Question, that the Mover be now called upon to reply, put and agreed to)

Hon. Mohamed: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, looking at the mood of the House, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the honourable Members present today in the House for supporting the Motion. I wish to assure them that the Committee will always do a good job as we have done this time. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Let us take this opportunity to applaud the Committee for the good work. I believe that in the other Reports which have been forwarded, your recommendations will better the services of the county. So, make sure that you give them the best recommendations out of the findings that you are going to get especially what the Leader of the Minority has shared; the issues of surrendering imprest and giving reports. I think if they do not give reports, it means maybe they have problems with filing.

So, I try to talk to them so that they can give a clean bill of health to the county and members of the public will be very happy that the County Assembly is doing its work as it is supposed to be. So congratulations.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Honourable Members, the House now adjourns until Monday, next week at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 2:48 p.m.

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