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THE HANSARD

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

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

PRAYERS

STATEMENTS

POOR SERVICE DELIVERY AT MALINDI SUB-COUNTY HOSPITAL

Hon. Kenga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Allow me to submit the following Statement that is directed to the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Health Services through the Chairperson; Health Committee regarding the Malindi Sub-County Hospital:-

Whether the CECM in charge of Health Services is aware that the County is aware:-

That Malindi Sub-County Hospital is a level four hospital;

That the Hospital serves the people of Malindi and Magarini Sub-Counties;

That the same facility serves as a referral hospital for the people of Tana River County and Lamu County;

That the Hospital is supposed to have 32 doctors working at the facility;

That 21 Doctors of the 32 doctors working are out on study leave;

That 6 Doctors out of the 32 doctors have resigned and have not been replaced;

That the facility that serves a huge population has only five doctors available and working at the facility;

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That as a result of the above illustrated issues the quality of services offered at the facility is poor leading to numerous public complaints.

If yes, why has this situation been allowed to occur? Who is responsible for this? What measures is the Department doing to address this problem so as to guarantee quality services at the facility?

DELAYED UPGRADE OF MARERENI DISPENSARY TO A HEALTH CENTRE

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker and again another Statement to the same Department:-

Whether the CECM in charge of Health is aware:-

That the workload at Marereni Dispensary warrants the facility to be upgraded to a health Centre;

That previously, efforts have been made to have the dispensary upgraded to a Health Centre;

That the process to upgrade the facility has taken a lot of time.

If yes, what has delayed the upgrading process? At what stage has the Department reached on the upgrading process? When will the facility be upgraded to a Health Centre?

LACK OF A CATTLE DIP IN GANDA WARD

Hon. (Ms.) Messo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to read a Statement sought by hon. Reuben Katana of Ganda Ward:-

Whether the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries is aware that Ganda Ward has got more than 15,000 livestock farmers with over 35,000 cows and 20,000 goats.

Whether the CECM is further aware that the said farmers do not have even a single cattle dip which can be used as a vaccination point.

If yes, what measures is the CECM taking to ensure that Ganda Ward has a cattle dip in the financial year 2020/2021?

This is the Response from the CECM; the above matter refers. Your letter dated 2nd July reference No. CAK/DPT/AGR/VOL1/28 was received and its contents well noted. Kindly find the attached responses from the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

The Office of the CECM is aware that Ganda Ward has more than 15,000 livestock farmers with over 35,000 cattle and 20,000 goats. The Office of the CECM of Agriculture is aware that Ganda Ward has a cattle dip by the name Kijiwetanga dip and not Ganda as stated in the Statement. One dip can sufficiently serve the Ganda Ward livestock population. This is one of the dips, which was rehabilitated by the County Government in the 2013/2014 financial year. This dip was put to use thereafter both for dipping purposes and as a vaccination site.

Due to the challenges of water availability, encroachment by farms, vandalism of the wooden parts of the dip and weak dip committee, the dip operations stopped. The dip committee members include Chairlady; Mrs. Mariam Mkali 0742910389, Secretary; Miss Elizabeth 0703373387 and Treasurer; Mr. George Kazenya 0712156357 who can be reached for clarification.

However the dip site remains an ideal vaccination site especially during dry periods when farms have not been planted. The Department has a plan to revive dips operations in the FY

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2020/2012 through appropriation of funds during Supplementary budget for the FY 2020/2021 for rehabilitation of all dips in the county. The evidence of Kijiwetanga dip renovations is attached.

- a) Local Service Order (LSO) for renovation of Malindi and Magarini cattle dips signed by then Chief Officer Mr. Baha Nguma.
- b) Inspection and acceptance report of Tender No. KCGI255I2014-2015 by company name Arabuko General Traders Ltd.
- c) Payment Voucher.
- d) The photos attached are evidence of the dips while in operation in the financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015.

These landmark photos below were taken at the dip in the year 2015 during the launch of the World Rabies day. The participants present were the then Permanent Secretary (PS) State Department of Livestock, Director of Veterinary Services, Dr. Ngeyiwa; the Chief Officer, Mr. Baha Nguma; County Director of Veterinary Services Dr. Kitti; County Director of Livestock Production, Mr. Gideon Wambua, Kenya Veterinary Association Members and members of the public. You can find the attached photos and payment vouchers. Mr. Speaker, I think I am through. Thank you so much.

Hon. Reuben: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir for giving me this opportunity to air my views regarding this Response. I am pleased with the way hon. (Ms.) Messo has read the Response but in meaning I would like to by far diverge from this Response. I am aware that Ganda within its borders does not have even a single cattle dip. This cattle dip which has been attached here in the Response by the name Kijiwetanga does not exist in my ward; it is just the nomenclature. This cattle dip is found in Mabirikani next to the fence of Kenya Airport Authority (KAA). It is far away from Ganda.

I do not know whether the CECM consulted to know the locality of this cattle dip which he is referring to in this Response.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Mabirikani is in which Ward?

Hon. Reuben: Mabirikani is in Malindi Town Ward.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahind): Okay proceed.

Hon. Reuben: I am not satisfied with this Response. What I need is to get a Response that will make me affirm to the farmers that we will one day have a cattle dip within Ganda Ward. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you. Hon. Messo, I think he has stated that the cattle dip as stated is not in Ganda Ward and I think you need to go back to the CECM because that is misrepresentation of facts; he needs to get his borders right. You also seek further clarification as to whether hon. Reuben will get a cattle dip in the near future within Ganda Ward.

ADJOURNMENT

In the absence of no other business in the Order Paper, the House stands adjourned.

The house rose at 2:45 p.m.

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