

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA****COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KILIFI****SECOND ASSEMBLY –FOURTH SESSION****THE HANSARD****Wednesday, 12th August 2020**

*The House met at the County Assembly Chamber,
Malindi Town, at 3:30 P.m.*

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

PRAYERS**STATEMENTS****LACK OF LEARNING EQUIPMENT AT SOME ECD SCHOOLS**

Hon. Mwarandu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Statement was sought through the Department of Education not ICT so I think the person who is responsible to read the Statement is the Chairperson for Education Committee. The Chairperson is not around but the Vice-Chairperson is in the House.

Hon. (Ms.) Sidi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Chairperson of Education who has assigned me this responsibility to present this Response, I beg to proceed. Before I proceed to read the Response, allow me to read the Statement that was raised by hon. Peter Ziro through the Chairperson of Education on matters to do with ECD learning materials, chairs and tables:-

Whether the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) is aware that the following ECD (Early Childhood Development) Schools which were constructed by the County Government have no learning materials, chairs and tables;

1. Garashi Pre-School at Garashi Primary School,

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2. Kakuhani ECD,
3. Kata ECD,
4. Kaguguta pre-school,
5. Zhongwani ECD,
6. Makumba ECD,
7. Karimboni ECD.

If yes, what measures is the CECM putting in place to make sure that the aforementioned schools are equipped with the necessary learning materials and equipment? The Response is as follows:

The above subject matter refers.

Reference is made to your letter Ref: CAK/DPT/ECD/3/VOL.1/66 dated 2nd July, 2020 on the above named matter. It is the wish of the Department to equip all ECDE (Early Childhood Development and Education) Centres with learning materials, chairs and tables. However, the Department is always faced with budget constraints which make it not able to fulfill this wish. The Department has adopted a measure of equipping these projects in phases. The Department has already equipped the following projects:-

FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/2016	
NAME OF THE SCHOOL	NUMBER OF DESKS
Kaguguta pre-school	20
Masindeni Ecde	40
Lukole	20
Gandini	20
Kata	20

FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017		
NAME OF SCHOOL	NUMBER OF TABLES	NUMBER OF CHAIRS
Garashi pre-school	18	108
Bate ECDE	30	180
Kata ECDE	21	126
Karimboni ECDE	30	180
Bodoi ECDE	12	72
Lukole	8	54
Bungale ECDE	30	180
Kayadagamra ECDE	7	42
Mikuyuni ECDE	8	108

The Department also provided ECDE learning materials to thirty seven (37) ECDE Centres (see attached distribution list).

The Department is planning to equip at least two schools in Garashi Ward this financial year. The area Member of County Assembly (MCA) will be notified once the consignment is ready for delivery.

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The area MCA was also advised to set an allocation from the Ward Development to facilitate the efforts of the Department. Thank you.

Hon. Ziro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am partially contented with the Response that has been given here simply because the figures that have been given here in connection with equipping of the various facilities that I have mentioned here was done way back in 2016/2017, and I believe by then I was not even the area MCA.

All the same, what I want to say is that if you look at the table that has been provided here, we have catered for the school that has an enrollment of 113 students and if you look at the equipment that has been given to cater, they do not even match the number of the students. You have coloured crayons which are 12 in number and they are supposed to make sure that 113 students have been provided for.

If you look at Ulaya Primary School they have an enrollment of 113 pupils, Mikuyuni has 251 pupils and every pre-school has been given the same number of crayons, including chalk and different materials. My request was if at all the equipping is being done they should go by the population of the students that is my prayer.

Again, if you look at the Response in the second last paragraph they are saying that the Department is planning to equip at least two schools in Garashi ward this financial year and the area MCA will be notified once the consignment is ready for delivery. I am happy that the consignment has already been taken there but I was not notified. However, because I am ever on the ground that is why I was able to notice that things were being shipped over. Otherwise, I want to say that I am partially contented but it is okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

INCOMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF KWA UPANGA ECD CLASSROOMS IN GANDA WARD

Hon. (Ms.) Sidi: The next Statement was from hon. Reuben to the CECM for the Department of Education and ICT through the Chairperson of Education Committee:-

Whether the CECM in charge of the Department of Education and ICT is aware that (2 No.) ECD (Early Childhood Development) classrooms at Kwa-Upanga in Ganda Ward which were allocated funds in the FY 2016/2017 budget have not been completed.

If yes, what measures is the CECM taking to ensure that the project is completed and handed over to the public for use?

The Response is as follows:

Reference is made to your letter Ref: CAK/DPT/ECD/3/VOL.1/66 dated 2nd July 2020 on the above named matter. I would wish to respond that the said project is complete and is ready for commissioning. The Department will officially hand over the project for use once the schools re-open. Attached herewith as appendix one please find photos of the project.

Hon. Reuben: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to give my views concerning the Response. There was a little part that had been left aside towards the completion of the project and once I wrote this Statement they rose quickly to the occasion and accomplished it. So, I am satisfied with this Response.

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INCOMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSROOMS AT MERE YOUTH POLYTECHNIC

Hon. (Ms.) Sidi: This is a Statement that was raised by the hon. Member for Ganda Ward through the CECM for the Department of Education and ICT through the Chairperson of Pre-primary Education and Vocational Training Committee:-

Whether the CECM in charge of the Department of Education and ICT is aware that a (2 No.) classrooms project at Mere Youth Polytechnic budgeted for and initiated in the financial year 2016/2017 has not been completed.

If yes, what measures is the CECM putting in place to ensure that the project is completed before the end of the financial year and handed over to the community for use?

The Response is as follows;

Reference is made to your letter Ref: CAK/DPT/ECD/3/VOL/66 dated 2nd July 2020 on the above named matter. I would wish to respond that the Department did not initiate such a project and does not have it on their project repository. The MCA is hereby advised to visit the office for further clarification. The Department has only one youth polytechnic named Ganda Youth Polytechnic that was abandoned by the contractor at roofing level which the Department has hence terminated the contract and is waiting for BQ (Bill of Quantities) from the Department of Works necessary for its re-tendering. Attached herewith are copies of termination documents and photos of Ganda Youth Polytechnic.

Hon. Reuben: Thank you Mr. Speaker for granting me this opportunity to give my sentiments upon this Response. Mr. Speaker, you will clearly register that there was a problem with the nomenclature of the project itself; however I am satisfied with the fact that this Response has touched on what was required by the delegation from Ganda Ward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you hon. Member. On Wednesday 19th of this month we shall have the Governor of this County giving his formal address. It will be one session and the Order of Business will be the Governor's Address only. So, any Business that was to come next week will be forwarded to the other week because under the law once the Governor has given his speech, the Assembly must take at least four sessions within which to deliberate on the speech. Kindly be notified.

ADJOURNMENT

In the absence of any other business in the Order Paper, the House stands adjourned.

The House rose at 3:45 p.m.

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