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

PRAYERS

STATEMENTS

DEPLORABLE STATE OF VIRAGONI DISPENSARY

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Response to a Statement sought by hon. Pascal. Is he present? It is from the Department of Health Services. Okay, if he is not in let us move to the next Statement sought by hon. Kiraga. I can see he is in. Yes, hon. Maneno.

(Statement deferred)

UPGRADING OF MARAFA HEALTH CENTRE TO A SUB-COUNTY HOSPITAL

Hon. (Ms.) Maneno: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to read a Response to a Statement raised by the hon. Pascal and the Statement itself is as follows:-

Whether the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in-charge of Health Services is aware that Magarini Sub-County lacks a Sub-County hospital;

Whether he is aware that leaders in the Sub-County have been advocating for the upgrading of Marafa Health Centre to the level of Sub-County Hospital;

If yes, why has it taken so long to do the upgrading and when is the CECM planning to do the upgrading of the facility?

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Here is the Response; Marafa Health Centre is located in Magarini Sub-County, Marafa Ward. The facility serves a catchment population of 8,593(District Health Information System DHIS2). The Health Centre is operational and has increased access to the much needed health care services to the community. It has a functional Health Centre Committee (HCC) which represents the community in the health facility management. The Health Centre Committee serves as the link between the health facility and the community. The facility was built through CDF (Constituency Development Fund) and opened in the year 1940.

The health centre serves 1,406 outpatients per month on average. It further conducts 30 deliveries per month on average. The health centre has 31 staff namely:-

- Four Clinical officers
- Nine Nurses
- Two Lab technicians
- One Bio-med officer
- One Trauma Technician
- Two Physiotherapists
- One COHO (Community Oral Health Officer)
- One Accountant
- One procurement officer
- Seven Support staffs
- One electrician
- One VCT (Voluntary Counseling and Testing) Counselor

The facility has tap water and rain harvested water supply. It also has electric power and solar power back-up. The facility receives medical drugs and commodities from the Kilifi County Government.

The facility has the following streams of revenue:-

- DANIDA (Danish International Development Agency) Grants
- Linda Mama user fee forgone
- County Government of Kilifi

The Health facility offers the following services:-

- Curative services
- Maternity and child welfare services
- Laboratory services
- Public health services
- Deliveries

We wish to confirm that the CECM (County Executive Committee Member) Health Services is aware that Magarini Sub-County lacks a level-four (Sub-County) hospital. The CECM is further aware that the leaders in the Sub-County have been advocating for Marafa Health Centre upgrading to a level-four (Sub-County Hospital). We wish to confirm that the Department of Health Services remains committed in line with the vision and the spirit of the County Government of Kilifi to bring services closer to the community and to increase access to health care services to Kilifi citizens.

To realize this dream, there was need for infrastructure upgrading to expand the scope of services offered in the facility to meet the set requirements and upgraded to a level-four (Sub-County Hospital). Consequently, the County Government of Kilifi is constructing a maternity

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and operating theatre at the facility. The project is 95 percent complete. The contractor is doing the final touches to complete this noble project. With the completion of the maternity and operating theatre, the facility will expand the scope of services offered to include specialized surgical services.

The completion of the maternity and operating theatre will be by end of December 2020. The upgrade of the facility also requires upgrade in terms of furniture and equipment. The budget for furniture and equipment for the maternity and operating theatre has been catered for in the financial year 2020/2021 development budget. This is key in the operationalization of the maternity and operating theatre to actualize the much-deserved services to the community. The process of procurement has been initiated.

The Department will further upgrade the facility by establishing an X-Ray unit which is a requirement for the level-four (Sub-County Hospital). This will be a support service for maternity and operating theatre and other specialized services to be provided in the hospital. The Department will further rationalize human resource for health to ensure staff mix that meets the set standards for a level-four (Sub-County hospital) to include medical officers and specialists. The maternity and operating theatre will be operationalized by March 2021. The X-Ray unit will also be operationalized by March 2021. Staff will be deployed by February 2021 for ease of the operationalization of the specialized surgical and X-Ray services.

The Department has further allocated funds for construction of two inpatient wards at the facility in the 2020/2021 budget allocation. This will further go a long way in realization of infrastructural upgrading of the facility to meet the set standards as per the policy. The wards will be complete by May 2021. However, while all the strategies for upgrading of the facility are ongoing, the Department will liaise with the Ministry of Health for an assessment towards the gazettelement of the facility as a level-four (Sub-County Hospital) as per the set policies. We target to have that process carried out so as to culminate in May 2020, hence have the facility operate as level-four come 2021/2022 financial year. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Kiraga, do you wish to seek further clarification on that or are you satisfied?

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. I am not satisfied with this Response. I am not satisfied due to the following reasons; the Department of Health has been giving some responses to this House which they do not honour. If you look at this Response, it is full of information which does not match what is on the ground. The first paragraph if I may read; it says, “The facility was built through CDF and opened in the year 1940”. I believe there was no CDF by then.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): The CDF Act just came into place a few years ago.

Hon. Kiraga: Yes exactly. These are some of the responses we have been getting from the Department. Secondly...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Who signed that Response? You know hon. Kiraga, these are some of the issues that you do not even require to engage yourself in.

Hon. Kiraga: The prayer of the Statement was whether the CECM is aware of which he has noted that he is purely aware of this problem. The second item of the prayer is if yes, why has it taken so long to do the upgrading and when is he planning to do the same upgrading. I am not going to dwell much on this but let us go to the final paragraph of the Statement. “However, while all the strategies for upgrading of the facility are ongoing the Department will liaise with the Ministry of Health for an assessment towards the gazettelement of the facility as a level-four

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(Sub-County Hospital) as per the set policies. We target to have that process carried out so as to culminate in May 2020.” We are now in March 2021 and the Member of the County Assembly of that Ward is here and nothing has been carried out so far.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): When was this Statement requested?

Hon. Kiraga: This Statement was requested on the 18th of August, 2020.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): August 2020 and we are getting a Response in 2021?

Hon. Kiraga: Exactly. So, if the Department is talking of the X-ray unit being operationalized by March, 2021 yet nothing has happened at the ground. We are talking of staff being deployed by February, 2021 nothing is happening and these are the kind of responses the Department has been giving to this Assembly.

I also want to refer this House to a Response which was brought to this House concerning Shomela Dispensary in Gongoni Ward. May I read part of the Response; “We hereby confirm that the Department is aware of the cracks in the Shomela Dispensary. The Department will ensure that the facility will be rehabilitated before December, 2020...” and nothing has been done up to now. They went ahead and said “...the Department will allocate funds for the renovation works during the 2021 Supplementary (one) Budget. If you look at that budget, there was nothing that was allocated.

We are tired of getting some responses which do not match the ground work and I humbly request your office to call the Department, the CECM with his staff to the Committee on General Oversight. These are very grave issues. The other day I brought a Statement concerning Garithe Dispensary and they wrote a Statement here that and I have the Response and the Statement that the dispensary will be complete by then. It was October, 2020 up to now nothing has taken place at that facility. So, I really humbly request that the Department should be called to the Committee on General oversight so that they can answer some of these questions. Why are they bringing some fake responses to this Assembly? This is an Assembly of honour. Thank you so much Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Kambi (Karisa).

Hon. Karisa: Asante mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi hata sitakuwa na mengi. ningeomba tu ikiwezekana iweze kuandikwa hiyo barua waweze kufika kwa sababu hata ukiangalia hii *paragraph* ya mwisho acha niisome, “*The completion of the maternity and operating theatre will be by end of December 2020*” na pale ground hakuna chochote pale sijui hii maternity ambayo wanaiongea ni ipi na ukiangalia hapa kwanza hii *facility* ilijengwa na CDF na saa hii wanasema kuna nyengine ambayo ni kama imeanza ambayo kufikia December 2020 itakuwa imeisha na hakuna. Mimi naona yale maswala zaidi kama wangukuwa hapa labda wangeweza kutujuza kwa sababu hata hiyo Kamati ya Afya ikienda saa hii pale *ground* haitaona lolote na wakisema kwamba hii *theatre*; hakuna ni ile *building* peke yake, hakuna *facilities* zozote. Kwa hivyo, mimi ningeomba kama vile ambavyo mheshimiwa Kiraga ameongea, waandikiwe barua angalau waje watuelezee vizuri kwa sababu wametudanganya wazi hapa. Asante mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Kenga: Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika. Nitasema kwamba tumekuwa na ugatuzi kwa muda wa miaka saba sasa ama minane na ugatuzi tulitarajia kwamba utaleta huduma karibu na wananchi ili wananchi waweze kupata huduma. Haiwezekani kwamba miaka saba baada ya ugatuzi ikizingatiwa kwamba Kaunti ya Kilifi iko na kaunti ndogo saba, Magarini ikiwa moja wapo. Kwamba kwa sasa bado tunazungumza kwamba hakuna hospitali *level four (4)* hii na ikizingatiwa kwamba Magarini ndio Kaunti kubwa, inabeba asilimia 57 ya Kaunti nzima ya Kilifi na watu wametapakaa kona zote za Magarini. Hivyo basi, inatupatia picha ya kwamba ili

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watu waweze kupata huduma za kimatibabu, ni lazima labda mahali pa karibu ni Malindi na Malindi ni mbali.

Kwa hivyo, tunajaribu kuangalia zile athari ambazo wananchi wanapitia ile gharama na jinsi ambavyo wanaathirika kwa sababu ya kukosa hii huduma na kutokuwepo kwa ile hospitali kiwango cha *level four*. Hivyo mheshimiwa Spika, labda niunge mkono kwamba kuna haja swala hili la afya na matibabu ndani ya Kaunti yetu ya Kilifi... tayari kuna wakati niliuliza vile hospitali yetu ya Malindi inasimamiwa kwamba hospitali ambayo inatarajiwa iwe na daktari zaidi ya 30 inafikia mahali kwamba wengi wameenda likizo. Wengine wameenda masomo na hospitali inakosa nafasi ya kuweza kupeana huduma kikamilifu ilhali ile ya Malindi kwa sababu ya kukosekana ile ya Magarini imebidi watu wa Magarini waahudumiwe pale. Sasa tusipokuwa na mikakati ya kuweza kuhakikisha kwamba hiyo hospitali imeweza kukamilika ili kupeana huduma, wananchi wataendelea kutatizika. Kwa hivyo, nauliza kuwe na mwelekeo ambao utatusaidia ili tuweze kukamilisha hiyo hospitali na kupeana huduma.

Hon. (Ms.) Elina: Asante Bw. Spika kwa kunipa mimi nafasi niweze kuchangia. Kama mheshimiwa Kiraga alivyoongea kwamba hawa watu wanamdanganya mpaka Gavana; siku ya *Women's day* Gavana alitangaza kwamba amejaribu kutengeza hizo hospitali kila *Sub-County* na kule Magarini hakuna kinachoendelea. Gavana anajua kazi zinaendelea kwa sababu majengo yamekamilika na kule majengo hayajakamilika. Kinachohuzunisha kabisa katika hii Idara ya Afya ni tunajua kabisa kila *Sub-County* iko na *ambulance*; hivi ninavyoongea *ambulance* inayotumika Magarini ni ya Mjanaheri peke yake. Zile nyengine zote zimekufa. Tunashindwa yule mwananchi atasaidika namna gani.

Kwa hivyo, mimi nimesimama lile neno ambalo mheshimiwa Kiraga amelizungumza niliunge mkono waweze kuitwa haraka iwezekanavyo maana anayeumia ni mwananchi na aibu inazidi kuongezeka. Bamba wako na *Health Centre* na kila kitu kule mpaka *theatre*. Tukienda Mariakani iko lakini ile *area* ambayo anatoka Gavana ni jambo la kusikitisha sana. Wale wananchi kule wanatupiga matope wakisema kwamba hata Gavana anatoka huku na hakuna chochote.

Kwa hivyo, ule ulegevu ambao uko katika Idara ya Afya tunataka tuje tuwaite waje tuwaulize. Halafu ukiwapigia simu ukitaka kuwauliza jambo fulani kwa Idara hiyo; kuna huyu Bwana anaitwa Alio, lile analolifikiria humo mwake akilini ndilo atakalokujibu wewe; si kwamba atakujibu lile swala ambalo umemuuliza.

Kwa hivyo, tunaomba haraka iwezekanavyo tuweze kuwasaidia wale wananchi kule Magarini. Ni hali mbaya, ni hali ya kusikitisha, ndio nimesimama kuunga mkono kwamba waje watueleze kinaga ubaga. Juzi nilikuwa na Mwenyekiti wa Afya nikamueleza shida fulani zilikuwa kwa Idara ya Afya, akaniambia nitakusaidia *madam*, nitakupigia simu nikujibu kama mambo yanaenda namna gani. Hadi leo sijajibiwa; sijapigiwa hata simu.

Kwa hivyo, kuna kitu ni wakati wake mheshimiwa Spika. Hawa watu uwaite na waje watuelezee. Kama kazi imewashinda, afadhali tutafute mwengine anayetaka kufanya ile kazi awe pale atuambie ule ukweli. Pesa ni za serikali na miaka inaenda kuisha; mwaka ujao ni wa kampeni. Tutasema nini Magarini kama lile jengo bado halijaisha na halijatumika?

Nashukuru mheshimiwa Spika kwa nafasi hii. Nilikuwa namuunga mkono mheshimiwa Kiraga na mheshimiwa Stanley (Kenga) vile alivyokuwa ameongea kwamba kila *Sub-County* lazima tuwe na hizo hospitali maana kuna umuhimu wake. Malindi *Hospital* ukienda pale utasikitika; wagonjwa ni wawili wawili, waliozaa ni watatu watatu, wanalaza watoto wenyewe wakae chini. Kama unavyojua mwanamke akizaa basi alale chini, walazwe wale watoto kwa

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vitanda. Hii ni aibu na kama ingelikuwa imeisha ya Marafa, Malindi ingekuwa haina watu wengi zaidi. Nashukuru mheshimiwa Spika kwa hii nafasi.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): These are my directions. Clearly from the Response, it is in no doubt that the CECM either has not conceptualized what the Department is doing or he doesn't understand because to say that a health facility was built through CDF in 1940; hon. Kiraga, was the building done in 1940? Even if it is so, was there CDF in 1940? That tells you that there is a big problem there and probably now what I would say is it is not within my mandate to summon the CECM to appear before the Committee on General Oversight as it is stipulated in the Standing Orders; it is a Member who raises a Question and the Question is then forwarded to me for approval then it is taken to the CECM who is then required to appear before the House within a stipulated period.

So, you have verily put it together and I think there is justification that this matter is supposed to be handled by the Committee on General Oversight but I also want to advice you that it is still within your mandate to draft that Question, send it to the Clerk who will then forward it to my office for approval. Once it has been approved, we shall allocate time within which the CECM will appear before this Committee and as you do so, it seems he does not take time to go to the ground to see what is happening. It is important that you invite the people who are on the ground to also appear with him because if you invite him alone you will still not get the answers you want. So, my direction is in your Question, just compile all the questions that you have which you have brought to the House that they have not been responded to well.

Let us give him ample time, let him prepare, come together with his entire Department here and then we shall get to see the other side of the story. So those are my directions.

Hon. Pascal, I want to give the benefit of your seniority in the House; your microphone is not working, there is a problem there. It seems I am not reading anything from that line. You will come and address in the front here. I think those two microphones are not working. Hon. Hassan, you wanted to say something with regard to this issue? Okay I will allow you because then I did not see your request to speak.

Hon. Hassan: Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika. Na bado niko na *complaint* ya hii kadi yangu; bado haijatengenezwa mpaka sasa. Labda nakuomba unifuatimize tafadhali.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Serjeant-at-Arms, please make sure that is done.

Hon. Hassan: La pili, mimi bado nawahurumia watu wa Magarini. Kwa kweli hilo swala ni zito lakini mahali ambapo sijapaelewa, *is it in order* kutaja kwamba Gavana anatoka Magarini? Inasaidia kwa chochote kweli? Halafu mheshimiwa Spika, *Chairperson* wa *Budget* si anatoka Magarini? Anashindwa vipi yeye kuweka pesa akamalizia. Asante mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): I have given the opportunity to hon. Hassan to make his submissions. However, a ruling on that matter had not been given. I think hon. Kiraga it is still within your purview to ensure that the CEC appears before this House. I was addressing hon. Pascal; you have just come in before we end the Business. You had requested a Statement from the Committee Chairperson of Health and I am saying because of your seniority in the House now that you are here, I will give the opportunity for you to get the Response. Hon. Vice-Chair Mary Anzazi, please respond to the first question now that hon. Pascal Thuva has entered the House.

DEPLORABLE STATE OF VIRAGONI DISPENSARY

Hon. (Ms) Maneno: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Allow me to read the Statement from hon. Pascal Thuva, Mwanamwinga Ward through the Chairperson Committee on Health Services on Viragoni Dispensary:-

Whether the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in-charge of Health Services is aware that, Article 43 (1) (a) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of Health.

Whether the CECM is further aware that all Viragoni Dispensary buildings have leaking roofs and cracked walls hence endangering the lives of the health care workers and patients seeking services at the facility.

If yes, what immediate measure is the CECM taking to make sure that the facility is renovated?

Here is the Response; Viragoni Dispensary was constructed in the year 2002-2007 by CDF. The Dispensary is a level two facility located in Kaloleni Sub-County, Mwanamwinga Ward. The facility was opened officially in 2011.

The Dispensary is operational and has increased the community access to the much-needed health care services. It has a functional Dispensary Health Committee (DHC) which constitutes the governance arm and represents the community in the health facility management. It therefore serves as the link between the facility and the community.

The Dispensary serves a catchment population of 10,041 (DHIS2). The Dispensary serves 665 patients per month on average. It further conducts about 12 deliveries per month. The Dispensary has 8 (eight) staff namely; two nurses, one clinical officer, one public health officer, three support staff and one CHW (Community Health Worker).

The facility receives medial drugs and commodities from the County Government of Kilifi. The facility source of revenue includes;

1. DANIDA grant
2. User fee forgone
3. Linda Mama
4. County Government of Kilifi

The facility offers the following primary care services

1. Curative services
2. Maternal and child welfare clinic
3. Public health services
4. Drugs dispensing services

We confirm that the CEC Health Services is aware of the citizen's right to the highest attainable standard as enshrined in the Kenya Constitution, 2010.

We hereby further confirm that the Department of Health services is aware of the cracked buildings at Viragoni Dispensary. The Department will ensure that the facility is rehabilitated before February 2021. The Department will allocate funds for the refurbishment works during the 2020/2021 supplementary budget allocation. That is the end of the Response Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Pascal, are you satisfied with that Response or do you need to seek further clarification?

Hon. Pascal: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this noble opportunity since I came late but you found it prudent for a hon. Member to come up again and read the Statement to the House.

I thank the CEC Member for bringing this Response to this House but I am not contented with the Response Mr. Speaker. The information which is brought here is probably overtaken by events because the CEC Member categorically stated that the raised question would have been attended to by February this year, but looking now it is March and the promise has not been fulfilled up to now.

Therefore, there is need for the CEC Member to come up with a very conclusive answer to this question because the people of Viragoni in Mwanamwinga as they have stated that this facility serves a population of more than 10,000 people. With a facility which has been in this state means the people are suffering.

Mr. Speaker, earlier on I had made another Statement regarding the same dispensary; that the facility lacks power supply despite having some equipment that need power supply. Therefore, I think the CEC Member has a lot to do and therefore I call upon the said Member to be summoned before this House. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): I had made a ruling concerning the issue of hon. Kiraga. Now I direct you enjoin your question together with hon. Kiraga so that both of them can be presented as one issue so that we can pick it from there.

Hon. Anzazi (Maneno) just out of curiosity purposes, have you engaged this CEC Member on a one on one with the Committee before concerning anything on Health matters?

Hon. (Ms). Maneno: No, not yet.

(Hon. Mwambire stood on a Point of Information)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Who wishes to be informed? You can not inform the House. You can only inform those who have spoken before you. Hon. Pascal, do you wish to be informed?

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. The responses given by the Department of Health do not contain what has been asked. I am speaking this because several Statements have been raised concerning health matters even in my ward. Hon. Kiraga was speaking about Marafa Sub-County Hospital. I understand that last year the Governor came to Bamba and officially opened the Bamba Sub-County Hospital but it is unfortunate that even today the facility is not giving the services as required.

To add to that, there is a dispensary known as Bandari Dispensary which was registered and some drugs were delivered there last year. We procured some equipment through the Ward Development Fund and today I had several engagements with the Department including the Chief Officer and CECM and I was given a nurse to take charge of Bandari Dispensary.

We went there and the drugs were there with everything else but still the dispensary has not been opened. When we contacted the Department, we were given several challenges concerning it. So, I also want to concur with my fellow Members, hon. Pascal and hon. Kiraga that they should also consider my ward because I am also experiencing the same issues and the people are really suffering. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

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The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Victor Gogo you have a Point of Order? I am seeing an intervention.

Hon. Gogo: Niko na *Statement ya Environment* ambayo iko *approved* lakini haiko kwa Order Paper. I was just requesting if I can read it please.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

ADDRESSING CONCERNS WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): No it is okay. We will do that at some other time. Now it seems to me and it appears that we might be having issues with the Department of Health. These issues will never be addressed if they are not put down on paper and the only way to do that is to do it in line with the rules and provisions of the Standing Orders.

So, I am opening it up for anyone who has an issue with the Department to let us have one single document registering all these concerns specifying the wards so that if we give the CEC Member time to respond, he will be responding to all your issues in one meeting of the Committee on General Oversight. So by extension, yes you are allowed. Have a session with hon. Kiraga and hon. Pascal, put your issues together but you must be specific in terms of wards so that then as he is responding, he knows what we are responding to so that we can have that as one single Statement forwarded and then we will invite him to come here and give answers to this House.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): There being no other Business in the Order Paper, this House stands adjourned.

The House rose at 10:18 a.m.