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Malindi Town, at 11:00 a.m.*

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

PRAYERS

STATEMENTS

MISMANAGEMENT OF BAMBA VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to read my Statement. This Statement is directed to the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of the Department of Education and ICT, through the Chairperson of the Education Committee:-

Whether the CECM in charge of the Department of Education and ICT is aware that Bamba Vocational Training Centre (VTC) has no fence and is not connected to electricity.

Whether the CECM is further aware that Bamba VTC has only one watchman who works without off-days and has not been paid for the last six months.

If yes, what measures is the Department taking to have the VTC secured, connected to the power grid and the watchman is paid?

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INADEQUATE STORAGE OF DRUGS AT THE MALINDI SUB-COUNTY HOSPITAL

Hon. Thaura: The County Government of Kilifi took over the management of County Health Services as stipulated by Fourth Schedule, Part 2 of the Constitution 2010 in 2013. The County Government inherited a myriad of challenges ranging from inadequate staff, inadequate medical commodities storage space, inadequate health service delivery and building infrastructure, inaccessibility of health facilities by citizens, inadequate ambulances, inadequate diagnostic equipment, inadequate medical laboratories, to name but a few.

The County Government of Kilifi began its journey towards addressing the aforementioned challenges in the spirit of providing the best attainable standards of health which includes the right to healthcare services to her citizens as enshrined in the Constitution.

The CEC Member for Health services is aware of the inadequacy of the medical commodities storage facility at Malindi Sub-County Hospital. The CEC Member is also aware that part of the medical commodities is stored at the old Malindi Law Courts. We wish to confirm that Malindi Sub-County Hospital has prioritized expansion of the existing drug store through the Health Services Improvement Fund (HSIF) in Quarter one (1) of the financial year 2020 /2021. The bill of quantities (BQs) is ready and the works are expected to be complete end of October 2020.

To address the health commodities storage challenge countywide, the Department engaged in the construction of a County medical warehouse at a house located at Kilifi County Referral Hospital. The County Warehouse is a shared storage facility for all the health facilities in the County. The warehouse is 95 percent complete. The works are expected to be complete by end of September 2020.

Currently, the medical commodities and supplies ordered for each health facility are being delivered directly to the respective facilities. This has strained the limited storage space in Malindi Sub-County Hospital. However, once the county warehouse is complete, the ordered medical commodities and supplies will be delivered at the county warehouse. The commodities will then be delivered to the health facilities on need basis. This will reduce the strain on the facilities storage space.

Once the county warehouse is complete, the Department will be able to order health commodities for up to six months. This will resolve the current challenge of medical commodities shortages and out of stock situations caused by the current system of ordering in bits due to shortage of storage space challenge.

We wish to confirm that the Department is dedicated and committed to ensure that the county warehouse project is complete and operationalized by September, 2020 to ensure value for money and ensure the citizens access health care services and medical commodities and supplies with ease.

However, the Department is focused on improving the storage capacity for Malindi Sub-County Hospital being the referral centre for Malindi and Magarini Sub-counties. Consequently, the Department has prioritized construction of a proper medical commodity store at Malindi Sub-County Hospital in the 2021/20200 Annual Development Plan (ADP) to be supported by the 2021/2022 budgetary allocation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. (Ms.) Saumu are you satisfied with the Response?

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Hon. (Ms.) Saumu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, before I respond to the Statement that has been read by the Chairperson of the Health Committee, I would like to first go on record that the Health Services that we are experiencing at our level four facility in Kilifi County are wanting. Right now amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, we do not even have an ICU (Intensive Care Unit) centre where people can be referred to. As Kilifi, we lack a lot in terms of health.

Back to your question, my answer is that the Response is not satisfactory. There are two issues that I had highlighted for the CEC to confirm to this House; whether it is true that there is an incomplete room that was meant to be used as a toilet which is now being used as a storage facility and that has not been confirmed. However, he has confirmed that they are using a room in the old Malindi court as a storage facility. He has also gone further to say that at Malindi Sub - County Hospital they had constructed an expansion of the existing drug store to be able to store the drugs but Mr. Speaker, we do not have the copy of the BQ and they are saying this storage facility was supposed to be completed by the end of October 2020. We are now in November and we do not even have a photo of the same building that is being spoken about.

He has gone further to say that they are constructing a storage warehouse that will cater for the whole of the county at the Kilifi County Referral Hospital which is 95 percent complete and they are also saying that it ought to have been completed by September 2020 yet we also do not have the documentation for the same.

When we do these statements, this is the information that we know. I know for a fact that we do not have this warehouse facility at Kilifi County that also has to be confirmed. Another thing that is also contradicting on the last paragraph he is saying that consequently, the Department has prioritized construction of a proper medical commodity store at Malindi Sub - County Hospital which is supposed to be in the ADP of 2021/2022 but already in paragraph three he is saying already an expansion has been done and the BQ is supposed to be out and is supposed to have been complete by the end of October 2020. So which is which? Are we looking at a facility that is already complete or we are yet to plan for another one in the financial year 2021/2022? So this Response, Mr. Speaker, is not satisfactory. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Chairperson, do you have anything to say?

Hon. Thaura: Not really. I think I also need to get more information from the CEC Member. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): In the absence of no other business in the Order Paper, the House stands adjourned.

The House rose at 11:20 a.m.

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