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*The House met at the County Assembly Chamber,
Malindi Town, at 11:00a.m.*

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF THE KILIFI COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET
ESTIMATES (NO.2) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. I beg to give the following Notice of Motion:-

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations on the consideration of the Kilifi County Supplementary Budget Estimates (No.2) for the financial year 2020-2021 laid on the Table of this House on Wednesday, 28th April 2021. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you next order! Hon. Maitha Masha. Is the Member present? Proceed.

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STATEMENTS

LACK OF WATER SUPPLY AT MBUDZI-CHIVARA WATER PIPE LINE PROJECT

Hon. Maitha: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Allow me to read the Statement to the County Executive Committee Member in charge of the Department of Water, Environment, Natural Resources, Forestry and Solid Waste Management through the Chairperson; Water, Environment, Natural Resources, Forestry and Solid Waste Management.

Whether the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in-charge of Water, Environment, Natural Resources, Forestry and Solid Waste Management is aware that Article 43 (1) (d) of the Constitution provides that every person has the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities.

Whether the CECM is aware that Mbudzi-Chivara water pipe line project which was constructed in the FY 2018/2019 under the specifications and advice of the Department's engineers has been dry since inception hence denying the people of Jaribuni Ward their right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities.

If yes, what measures is the CECM putting in place to make sure that the aforementioned water problem is solved so that the great people of Chivara can enjoy clean and safe water? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much hon. Member. The same will be sent to the Executive and be executed as by the provisions of the Standing Orders.

Next is a Response sought by hon. Christopher Mwambire. Is the Member for Bamba present? Thank you. Chairperson Education, proceed.

LACK OF AN ECDE CENTRE AT SHIRANGO AREA

Hon. Chiriba: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I rise responding to a Statement as sought by the hon. Member for Bamba and for the benefit of Members, the Statement was:-

Whether the CECM in charge of the Department of Education and ICT is aware that Shirango Community which is inhabited by 80 percent of the Wartha community does not have an ECDE (Early Childhood Development and Education) Centre.

If yes, what measures is the Department taking to ensure the community has an ECDE Centre?

Following that Statement, this is the Response:

Reference is hereby made to your letter dated 15th March 2020 on the above subject. We wish to state as follows:-

One; that the CECM of Education and ICT is aware of the existence of the school and has a current enrolment of about 50 pupils.

Two, it is important to note that the Department has tried to build over 50 percent of ECDE centres in the entire county and is yet to cover about 50 percent, Shirango ECDE being

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one of them. With the budgetary ceilings and constraints, exercising patience will be a virtue in mitigating the overwhelming needs of classrooms in the county.

Three, despite the constraints mentioned above, the Department still has plans to build more ECDE centres to cover the remaining areas. The CECM for Education and ICT requests partnership with hon. Christopher Mwambire of Bamba Ward in building and equipping of this ECDE Centre through the Ward Development Fund. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you hon. Chairperson for the Response. Member for Bamba, are you satisfied with the Response given?

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this chance. First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chairperson for Education here and the CECM for responding to this Statement which I raised earlier. Indeed I am contented and more so for that the Department is also aware.

The area as I indicated in the Statement is 80 percent inhibited by the Wartha community and the area has a number of around three ECDE centres which through I and the Department have mobilized the community to at least send their children to the centres as per the Kenyan Constitution now guiding us that each and every pupil should join school at their early life stages. So in reference to number three of the Response...

(Hon. Kiraga stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Kiraga: Hon. Speaker, the Member is misleading this House. I do not know whether the Constitution talks of pupils being sent to school. Can he outline the specific Article because I believe it is a Policy from the Ministry of Education so if at all we can outline the Article in the Constitution ...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): I do not see anything wrong with the Statement by hon. Mwambire given that the right to Education is a right that is in the Constitution and that is what he was trying to say. Proceed.

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for protecting me. So in number three, the CECM has indicated that we should partner. I record this statement that we should partner with the Department because the numbers of centres that need to be established in the area are very numerous. So, thank you very much through the Chairperson for Education. For the Executive part and I as the ward representative, we are going to see that we make some allocations to see that this community is not left behind in matters of education. Thank you.

Hon. Pascal: Thank you Mr. Speaker. There is something that I want to put across despite the fact that the Member who requested the Statement is satisfied. I think the Education Department in their Response to this Statement; it is Statement that cuts across the board more so the ASAL (Arid and Semi-arid Lands) areas where the ECDE centres are a problem to many of the societies living in those areas. I think this Department was non-committal on how they will come up with the ECDE centres in these areas. They did not define when they will actually build up these facilities.

The Wartha community is one of the very deprived societies in this county. It is very rare to find a Wartha struggling to attain education and this is because access to these opportunities is not fairly distributed. Therefore, I think this is something we need to discuss in great depth and

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the Education Department must be very clear on how they will sort out the ECDE problems more so in these areas. I think this Statement is not properly addressed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Thank you hon. Member.

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): There being no other business, this House stands adjourned.

The House rose at 11:25 a.m.

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