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THE HANSARD

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*The House met at the County Assembly Chamber,
Malindi Town, at 11.00 a.m.*

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon.Mumba) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

PAPER

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR KILIFI COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 2019

Hon. Ndago: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to lay on the Table, the Report of activities for the Kilifi County Public Service Board for the period January to December, 2019. Thank you.

(Hon. Ndago laid the Paper on the Table)

NOTICE OF MOTION

FORMATION OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES TO DISTRIBUTE SANITARY TOWELS AND EDUCATE
ADOLESCENT GIRL ON MENSTRUAL HYGIENE

Hon. (Ms.) Koki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to read a Notice of Motion:-

THAT, aware that, Kilifi County records extremely high cases of pregnancies among teenage girls with an estimated 18.4 percent of girls aged between 15 and 19 years in Kenya reported to have begun child bearing. Out of this, 21.8 percent are from Kilifi County. (The change initiative TCI (The Challenge Initiative) Report 2019.)

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AWARE THAT, lack of sanitary towels among teenagers has highly contributed to the engagement of this vice with reports indicating that girls from the poor and underprivileged communities end up in transactional sexual relationships with women for sanitary towels and other basic needs.

The Basic Education Amendment Act, 2017 mandates the National Government to provide free, sufficient, quality sanitary towels to every girl child registered and enrolled in a public basic education institution and have reached puberty but this initiative has been manned with inconsistency in distribution forcing local organizations and well wishers to step in and salvage the situation.

NOTING WITH CONCERN, that the Covid-19 pandemic has worsened the situation putting more teenage girls at risk of engaging in immoral sexual relations which in turn rise the number of early pregnancies within the county.

This honourable House therefore urges the County Government Departments in charge of Health Services and that of Gender, Culture, Social Services and Sports to come up with community programmes aimed at distributing sanitary towels and educating the adolescent girls on menstrual hygiene. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mumba): Next Order!

STATEMENTS

MANAGING NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF SAND HARVESTING

Hon. Pascal: I am privileged to stand for the Member of Gongoni who is out on crucial matters. This is a Statement to the CECM, in-charge of Water, Environment and Natural Resources through the Chairperson; Water Environment and Natural Resource:-

Whether the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in-charge of Water, Environment and Natural Resources is aware that sand harvesting in Ngomeni and Mjanaheri has created open ditches which have now been filled with water thus creating breeding grounds for mosquitoes and harmful bacteria which poses health hazards in the areas.

Whether he is further aware that the sand harvesting is also done near county roads and other roads thus eroding the roads;

If yes,

1. When shall rehabilitation of these ditches be done?
2. What measure shall the Department put in place to ensure that sand harvesters do not harvest sand near roads and residential areas?

CREATION OF BUFFER ZONES BY SALT FIRMS IN GONGONI WARD

Again there is a Statement by the same Member to the CECM in-charge of Water, Environment and Natural Resources through the Chairperson; Water, Environment and Natural Resources:-

Whether the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in-charge of Water, Environment and Natural Resources is aware that Malindi Salt and Kensalt firms have not created buffer zones with the local residences in Kinyaule, Kibaoni and Jambiani Villages in Gongoni Ward thus causing harm to the environment leading to dying of crops like palm trees and roads being submerged by water from the salt harvesting pans.

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If yes, what measure is the Department putting in place to ensure a buffer zone is created to separate the salt firms and residents, farms and villages?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mumba): Is the Chairperson Water, Environment and Natural Resources present? What of the Vice-Chairperson or any Member of the Committee? Kindly liaise with the Chairperson and the Department so that you can report to this House in 21 days.

KAMALE HOLDING GROUND

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mumba): We have a Response to a Statement sought by hon. Kenga and he is not in so we will drop that.

(Statement dropped)

MISMANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTED AND CASUAL EMPLOYEES ATTACHED TO HOSPITALS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mumba): Before me, there is a Statement that is a matter of urgency and the Member has requested to proceed and rise, so I will give you this opportunity to seek your Statement.

Hon. Mramba: Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. I wish to issue a Statement to the CECM in-charge of Health Services through the Chairperson, Committee on Health Services:-

Whether the CECM in charge of Health Services is aware that contracted and casual employees attached to hospitals in the county did not receive their July and August salaries on time and when the salaries were paid in September, the Department had revised them with a good number of them having their salaries reduced without any notice.

Whether the CECM is aware that Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) under a letter addressed to the Treasury Cabinet Secretary and copied to all the 47 Counties dated 28th April 2020 directed all Counties to pay Covid-19 allowances to front-line health workers which included the contracted and casual employees.

Whether the CECM is aware that these contracted and casual employees in the health Department attached to hospitals have their salaries subjected to statutory deductions like NSSF (National Social Security Fund) and PAYE (Pay as you earn) and such deductions are not submitted to the relevant bodies.

Whether he is aware that the contracted employees have not signed any new contract since 2018 and their contract is only for three months while the casuals have been engaged for over three years contrary to the Employment Act 2007.

Whether the CECM is aware that a large number of the contracted and casual staff are now being transferred from the County payroll to the facility attached without notice given to them;

If yes;

1. Why were their salaries revised without notice given to the employees?
2. Why haven't they received their Covid-19 allowances to date?
3. When will the Department employ them under permanent basis?
4. Why are the workers being transferred to the facility without appropriate procedure being followed?

Signed today, 30th September 2020 by hon. Mramba. Thank you.

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The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mumba): It is a matter of urgency because we all know that casuals have been affected by the said Statement. I direct you pick up the matter very quickly, liaise with the Department and Report to this House so that we can get clarity on that issue.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mumba): There being no other business on the Order Paper, this House stands adjourned.

The House rose at 11:20 a.m.