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[The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

OBSERVATION OF CAUTION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Speaker: Hon. Members, I just wish to bring to your attention that we still need to be very cautious on the COVID-19 disease. Therefore, we must observe the guidelines as provided by the Ministry of Health. You are all aware that the disease is on the rise not only in the country but also in our region specifically in Nanyuki town. The numbers are growing. It will be very important to know whom you interact with.

The County Assembly is ensuring that those people who serve in the cafeteria behind here observe health guidelines and the security officers should vet them thoroughly to make sure that they also comply with the guidelines. We must play our own roles to protect ourselves as Members. We must sensitize those whom we represent. The disease is in this town in Majengo, Muthaiga and other parts of this town. We then need to be extra careful. It is not like the time we began. When we began we took very strict measures but people tend to relax as we continue.

It is my wish that we all protect ourselves. By protecting ourselves we protect others and our own families. We as government leaders let us be on the frontline sensitizing our people on how to continue protecting themselves. Thank you so much.

STATEMENT

RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT ON FOOD DISTRIBUTION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC PERIOD

Speaker: A statement that was raised by Hon. Chris Mark is supposed to be responded to by the Chair Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Now that the Chair is not in, we can then have a Member from the same committee to respond.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Mr. Speaker, I just wish to get your guidance. I have read this statement and it is then the Member to confirm that he is comfortable with the response. I think as a committee we have read the response.

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Speaker: Okay. We go direct to the Hon. Member who raised this statement. It was Hon. Chris Mark Said. You can kindly have this chance to give comments or remarks on the same.

Hon. Chris Mark Said: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I indeed raised this statement. I went through it. There were reservations here and there. The Hon. Member from Ngobit, whom I do not see in the House, was disputing the figures of the food distributed at that time. I have got to understand that this is an ongoing process. The time I was given this statement the food distribution was on going. I understand that it is something that must be ongoing to guard our people.

I would wish that Members of the various wards be involved in such processes. We have heard issues of people who are not needy being beneficiaries. You look at the names in the list and see that this is a person who is not needy but he ends up getting the food that is supposed to be for the needy. I tend to translate this to that may be the people from the Executive do not understand the ground well, as the elected member there would, to give guidance of such processes. That is the importance of involving the leaders in Laikipia at the ward level when doing this distribution.

I would commend them since they have gone further and looked at people example the caddies. There has been no income for them since the golf clubs have closed. We can see them and the mountain guides are beneficiaries. We must go beyond these two categories. There are a lot of people who lost in the transportation sector. Example is when the matatu capacities were reduced and there was cessation so they could not use the full matatu capacity. There were even some who were selling curios and lost their jobs since the tourists are not coming.

Mine is to say that we should extend beyond these two categories. I have seen that these are the two categories of people who are said to have lost income and are beneficiaries of this food distribution. I would say that I am comfortable. If you are told that fifty people are given food you cannot go and confirm. They might say that they have already consumed the food. This is just to look at the facts to see from the elected Members in the House and their constituents received what is written here. At least we get satisfied. Mr. Speaker, with that I would say that I am satisfied. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chris Mark Said. This is an issue that touches all of us. It is an issue that were are currently in. As Hon. Chris Mark said, you can confirm with facts that the area ward representatives may have more information. This chance I give to anyone who wants to make a comment or a remark on the same. It is time for us to do these comments.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to thank the Hon. Member who had raised this statement. This is one of the best pertaining to what has been going on the ground. I am sure that all those who represent the people on the ground have the information. In case of any concern I would wish that every person raises that concern. We need to confirm whether the money we allocated in the supplementary budget is being utilised to maximum.

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I stand to thank the young old man, Hon. Chris Mark Said for seeking for that statement. He has the concern of the people at heart. The concern has been well responded. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank him for having asked for the statement. I have no much.

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also wish to comment on this response. I first of all thank Hon. Chris Mark Said. It is very important to show that we really support and make follow up of this good event. Giving our people food is in order. Establishing who are the neediest is another task. When Hon. Chris Mark Said comes and raises this statement it is because not all benefit from this distribution of food. There are a lot of queries that we need to ask ourselves.

We have to always come in and let our people know that we are giving food to the most needy. How have we established the neediest? I recall the Father in charge of Ng'arua Parish when I follow this statement. He had been tasked to oversee the distribution of food in Ng'arua. He had been told to involve other Church Elders, Reverends and Priests and whoever but this exercise did not take place. Last week I got a group of people from that church leadership who wanted to know why they were ignored on this matter.

We need to make a follow up and really touch on this matter of giving food. We need to know who benefits and gets this food and those that have been left out, because it is not easy to give all, how do they benefit. On the other hand, we as Members, the representatives of the people despite being involved in giving this food we have to also be taken care of so that we also protect our names. Those that do not get food are our people. If we are given responsibility and that strength of identifying after a certain group has been given food, we are in a position of saying that you forgot so and so. If 1600 families benefit then we can be in a position of getting another 400 families to benefit.

We know our people better than anybody else. That is why they gave us the responsibility of being in this House. They know that we know them and that we promised them. The exercise is okay and is in order. The well-wishers are coming and giving donations. I still believe that the Members of this House need to be part and parcel of this exercise. I sincerely congratulate Hon. Chris Mark Said for coming up with this statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Ningetaka kumshukuru Mheshimiwa Chris Mark Said. Niseme kama vile amemalizia kuwa ni vizuri katika kila kitu kinachofanyika katika kaunti yetu kuwe na uwazi na uwajibikaji. Mheshimiwa Spika, kuna tofauti kati ya kuhusishwa, kushirikishwa na kujulishwa. Kama vile Kiongozi wa Wengi amesema, tulikuwa tumeambiwa ya kwamba kutakuwa na wachungaji lakini kazi iliyofanyika mwishowe ni ya aibu. Unakuta ya kwamba haikufanyika kwa familia nyingi ambazo zingetakiwa ziwe katika laini ya kwanza katika kufaidika na kile chakula. Hii ni kwa sababu tunapitisha pesa katika hii nyumba.

Wakienda kufanya kazi mashinani ni kana kwamba wewe unajulishwa tu kuwa kuna mpangilio wa kuenda kupeana chakula. Njia waliotumia kukusanya na kujua ya kwamba huyu ndiye anatakiwa kupewa chakula unakuta ukielekeza kusema ya kwamba kuna watu wengi

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wamefungiliwa nje. Nakumbuka Mheshimiwa wa Rumuruti akisema kuwa katika orodha ya kwake kuna mwana biashara, mtu aliye na duka anashindwa kama aende achukue chakula apeane ama nini.

Kwa nini? Ni kwa sababu kama vile nilisema kuna tofauti kati ya kushirikishwa na kujulishwa. Unakuta ya kwamba idadi ya wale waliohusika ukienda mashinani ni tofauti. Wale walisaidika sio hawa na idadi haiko vile ilivyo. Kwa sababu kazi yetu ni kuangalia kwamba fedha za umma zisiharibiwe tunatakiwa kuenda zaidi kuhakikisha.

Kamati ya Kilimo kwa kuwa ndiyo imepewa jukumu katika Bunge hili ihakikishe na sio tu kuchukua nakala na kuileta hapa. Ihakikishe ya kwamba kunayo ushahidi kuwa kunao watu waliosaidika na waliofaa wala sio kulingana tu na orodha iliyotoka Maina ama Manguo. Unakuta ya kwamba wale walio na shida na wanahitaji zaidi hawakufaidika. Ninashukuru na ni vizuri tujue na kutafuta njia badala ya kuhakikisha ya kwamba maneno haya yameshughulikiwa. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: I wanted to stand on a point of clarification from the Hon. Member if he has some information that would guide us. As a committee we got the information from the people who have been implementing the project. I would wish that if there is anything that he would advise us as an oversight committee we need to know. Could he please elaborate further if maybe there are some issues that we need to know and push for proper implementation? I would wish for further clarification.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Asante, Bwana Mwenyekiti. Wakati nilikuwa nikiendelea ninadhani kunacho kitu Mwenyekiti amekigundua katikati ya ujumbe ambao nimeutoa. Nimesema hivi, unakuta ya kwamba ujumbe ulio katika nakala hii ni uongo. Kunao wengine waliosaidika lakini katikati yao unakuta ya kwamba kunao wengi…

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I seek clarification from the Hon. Member if there are lies. I beg the Hon. Member to clarify how he got to know that they are lies because something that is consumable once you are given you just consume. May he please clarify to me how he got to know that they are lies and I would wish to make a follow up because if you are given something that is consumable then a Hon. Member says that they are lies he should clarify.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Mheshimiwa Spika, sijui Mwenyekiti yuko na shida gani anaruka mbele ya ngoma kwa sababu ninaona ameguza kidude wakati ninaendelea kueleza kwa nini ninasema kunao uongo. Nimesema ya kwamba Mheshimiwa kutoka Rumuruti katika nakala ya kwake, wacha hata nisitumie Mheshimiwa wa Rumuruti, kwangu mimi mwenyewe katika orodha ya wale waliostahili kunufaika unakuta mama yangu mzazi alikuwa amewekwa hapo na sijui kama ilikuwa na siasa.

Alipigiwa simu na akanipigia kuniuliza kwani mko na chakula kingi mnampa kila mtu? Isipokuwa ni uaminifu wake hiyo ingekuwa shida. Niliwapigia wahusika na kuwauliza mama yangu mzazi ananipigia simu kwa sababu yuko katika kijiji cha Maina na ananiambia ya kwamba

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anapigiwa simu aende achukue chakula. Mheshimiwa Spika, mwambie Mwenyekiti asubiri nimalize ama niketi aendelee.

Speaker: Hon. Kiguru, just continue and finish because you are clarifying.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Ndipo ninasema unakuta ya kwamba orodha ambazo Mwenyekiti alipokea angeenda awaulize Waheshimiwa wa mashinani kuzihusu. Sio kuleta idadi ya wale waliosaidika pasipokuwa na ujumbe kamili kuonesha ya kwamba huyu majina yake ni haya na namba yake ya simu ni hii. Hii nakala iliyoko katika Bunge hili ni mchezo na hakuna kitu.

Utadhibitisha aje ikiwa imesemekana ya kwamba Igwamiti walionufaika ni watu elfu moja, mia saba na ishirini na sita? Niulize, ni njia ipi tutakayotumia kuonesha kwa hakika? Ni kuleta jina, nambari ya simu, na nambari ya kitambulisho ndiyo itakayotuelekeza. Ninayo hakika huu ujumbe ulioko hapa hata Mwenyekiti hawezi kudhibitisha kama ni ukweli kuwa hao watu walisaidika.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, we responded to the statement as it was asked by the Hon. Member, Chris Mark. If there were other issues pertaining to the statement I would beg the Hon. Member to raise another statement then we go further to seek more clarification. As per what the Hon. Member had asked on the floor of this House that is what we responded to. I beg the Hon. Member to just respect what the Hon. Member had asked and we have responded as per his requirement. In case we have failed to respond as per his requirement I would seek for more guidance on how to go about it. As per what he had asked for we have tried to the maximum.

Speaker: Today I note you are very polite and even the voice you used.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwanza ninamshukuru aliyeleta taarifa hii siku ya leo. Vile Mheshimiwa Kiguru amesema ninashangaa Mheshimiwa wa Marmanet akitetea sana kwa sababu ukweli unaonekana hapa. Ukiona Sosian watu mia mbili sitini na saba wamewekwa na huo ni uongo. Mahali walienda ni Katutura na waliwapa kina mama kadhaa ninaowajua ni kina nani ndiyo maana Mheshimiwa Kiguru anaongea ukweli akisema huo ni uongo. Kama anataka ukweli kabisa niko tayari kumpeleka mashinani kabisa na niwaite hapo na kuwahesabu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Bwana Spika ninaomba tu kulingana na vile yule aliyeuliza. Mimi ninawawakilisha watu wa Marmanet na wale waliofaidika huko walitumiwa kwa simu ya rununu. Ningeomba tu Mwakilishi wa watu wa watu Ol Moran aliwajuaje waliosaidika. Ni yeye aliyapeleka majina…

Speaker: It is not Ol Moran but Sosian.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Sosian, pole. Kama Mwakilishi wa watu wa Ol Moran, alihusishwa kupeana majina ya wale watu wanaostahili. Nilihusishwa lakini wale waliopewa sijui ni akina nani kwa sababu ya huu ugonjwa wa Korona nilisikia walipewa kwa shule fulani wala kujua jinsi walivyopewa. Ningependa kujua alijuaje wale waliopewa kwa maana mtu alikuwa anatumiwa kwa

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simu yake. Hiki kitu kimekuwa kikifanywa kisiri kwa sababu ya ugonjwa na kama ingekuwa vile tunavyofanya mikutano ya hadhara kwa uwazi hata sisi kufuatilia ingekuwa rahisi.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Asante sana Mheshimiwa. Inaonekana ni ukora inaendelea kwa sababu unasema inafanywa chini ya maji. Kenya hakuna kitu kinafanyika chini ya maji. Kila kitu kinafanyika kwa uwazi kwa wananchi. Ninataka utufafanulie vizuri kama Mwenyekiti kwa nini inafanyika chini ya maji. Hakuna kitu ambacho kinafanyika chini ya maji Sosian kwa sababu hata kama sikuhusishwa lazima nijue kwa sababu mimi ni kiongozi wa huko. Hakuna kiongozi anayeongoza na haelewi ni nini kinafanyika kwake. Ukiangalia ukurasa wa mwisho inasemekana Loisaba na Koija zimesaidika. Koija haiko Sosian lakini unaona imeandikwa ni Sosian. Ninafikiri Koija iko kwa Mheshimiwa Meshami na ninaona imeandikwa ni Sosian. Kunacho kitu ambacho ukikiangalia sicho cha ukweli.

Mheshimiwa wa Marmanet anatetea kile kitu haelewi kwa sababu hazunguki hizo wadi zote. Anaenda Marmanet na kuchukua ripoti kutoka kwa waziri wala sio yeye amezunguka huko kuchukua habari hizi. Lazima utetee kile kitu ambacho wewe mwenyewe umeenda kule mashinani. Sasa ukisema ni Sosian na hapo pameandikwa Koija…

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mheshimiwa Spika naomba mwelekezo wako tafadhali kwa maana waliniuliza nielezee vile zile pesa walizotenga za dharura zinaendelea kutumika, na hata zile zingine wanaopenda Laikipia walizileta. Vile walinielekeza ndivyo nimefanya na kama kuna kosa nimefanya ningeomba usaidizi wako unielekeze. Mheshimiwa Chris Mark alisema niwaeleze jinsi ambavyo kile kilicholetwa Laikipia na kuwekwa kwa dharura kimetolewa. Kama wangenielekeza nitembee kila mahali nikiuliza ningefanya hivyo. Vile walinielekeza na kuniuliza ndivyo nimefanya na kama nimekosea kwa hilo ninaomba msamaha kwa Mwakilishi wa Sosian. Vile walivyoomba ndivyo nimefanya na kama nimekosea, kwa maana tumejibu vile waliniuliza, ninaomba msamaha.

Speaker: Hon Suge, what is it?

Hon. Joseph Suge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mine is just a clarification or a point of information to the Chairperson for Agriculture. I would urge the Hon. Member to give room for the rest of the Members to shed light and also contribute to this report rather defend it since this is a report from the Executive and its findings. We as the Hon. Members and representatives from the ground know a lot of things behind this relief distribution.

I want to say that the team from the Executive took the list that was registered under the Universal Health Care which had a lot of anomalies and issues and was to be followed by this Assembly. After that we had a consultative forum where I even heard the Chairperson for Agriculture saying his name was in another list from a certain sub-location. He should also agree that there were anomalies in this list but we have to follow the executive to see that the right people have been issued with this relief food because it has issues.

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We are not disputing the report because it is from the Executive but we still urge the committee to make a follow up and make a detailed report. I would request Hon. Kanyutu to sit down and hear how the rest of the Members are contributing their views because we are representing those people who need support from this county.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Sijui kwa nini Mheshimiwa Kanyutu akisikia Ndiritu anadhani ni yeye na yeye ni Mheshimiwa Kanyutu. Ningetaka tu kutoa maoni yangu kuhusu hii ripoti na haya majibu yaliyotolewa...

Speaker: Hon. Ndiritu, Hon. Jacob was contributing and as he was doing so the Hon. Kanyutu interjected. I thought you have an interjection but if it is contribution I will give you after Hon. Jacob.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Ningetaka Mwenyekiti afafanue sehemu inayoitwa kijiji cha Sagumai kwa sababu huko Sosian hakuna kijiji kama hicho. Hiyo ndio maana hapa kunayo ukarabati uliofanywa kwa sababu nimesikia vile Mheshimiwa anavyosema. Kwa ukweli sio makosa yake kwa sababu ameletewa ripoti na waziri.

Hiki ni kitu ambacho kinafaa kufuatiliwa vizuri katika Serikali ya Kaunti kwa sababu ukora uko hapa kwa ukweli kabisa. Tukifuatilia ndani kwa ndani mtaelewa ni ukweli tunaongea katika Bunge hili. Kwangu nimeandikiwa watu mia mbili na sitini. Tunataka orodha hiyo ije hapa na ije na majina ya hao watu pamoja na ije na nambari ya simu na nambari ya kitambulisho. Tuweze kubainisha ni ukweli kama amepata ama hajapata. Asante kwa hio, Bwana Spika.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Ningetaka pia kuongeza maoni yangu kuhusu ripoti hii ambayo nimekuta Mheshimiwa Kanyutu akiitetea kabisa. Nataka kumshukuru kwa kuleta hio ripoti. Ni haki ya Mbunge kupata ripoti kama hii. Jambo lingine, nimesikia Mheshimiwa Kanyutu akisema ya kuwa Mheshimiwa Chris Mark Said alikuwa ameikubali ripoti hii.

Ripoti hii inaelezea vile chakula kilipeanwa na ile wadi ambayo ilipewa. Ni hekima kwa Mheshimiwa kama Jacob kueleza katika hii ripoti ya kwamba hajaridhika. Yale majina anaona hapa sio ya kwake. Mheshimiwa Chris Said hata kama aliitisha hajui Thingithu yote. Kama Mwakilishi ndiye ninayejua ya kuwa Thingithu iko na sehemu hii na ile nyingine.

Speaker: Just for your information, while you were away Hon. Chris Mark Said made his remarks. He said that he can only rely on what is in the report from the executive. The people who can confirm the facts are the elected representatives of the people at the ward level.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Hapo nataka kumshukuru Mheshimiwa Chris Mark kwa hiyo hekima ambayo aliitumia. Alijua Mheshimiwa Stephen Ndiritu na Mheshimiwa Kiguru ndio wako na habari kuhusu vijiji na wale watu waliopewa. Mheshimiwa Kanyutu kusema ya kuwa kama Chris Mark aliridhika hio ni sawa, hiyo ni kukosa kupatia Bunge hili nafasi ya kupata habari ya kutosha.

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Bwana Spika, katika hili jambo la kupeana chakula, kulikuwa na shida tangu mwanzo tulipoenda kwenye ofisi ya Gavana. Hapo ndipo tulianza kuona kulikuwa na shida. Hata kama kulikuwa na COVID-19, ni haki ya mwananchi aliye mashinani kupata...

Speaker: Hon. Kanyutu what is it?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Bwana Spika, nataka ufafanuzi kutoka kwa Mheshimiwa. Lile swali nililoulizwa kama nimejibu kulingana na nilivyoulizwa. Kama singekuwa nimejibu vile na kama kuna mambo mengine yako juu. Inastahili iletwe nielekezwe na niweze kufuatilia ili niilete. Vile Mheshimiwa ambaye ni wa hapa na aliweza kuulizia, kama nimejibu kulingana na kama nimekosea ningependa tu nielezwe. Ikiwa nimekosa nitaomba msamaha kwenye hili Bunge. Kama vile nimeulizwa nimeweza kujibu, niko tayari kurekebisha. Vile niliulizwa kama nimejibu ndio tu ningependa unielekeze tafadhali.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Orodha hii vile nilikuwa nataka kuelezea ni ya kwamba. Mheshimiwa Kanyutu ameulizwa na anasema. Ni vile sioni maswali yalioulizwa kwenye taarifa hii. Sijaliona hapa na kama liko ningetaka kuona ili nijue liko ukurasa upi. Taarifa iliyoulizwa na Mheshimiwa Chris Mark Said...

Speaker: Is it on the first page?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Ukurasa wa kwanza Bwana Spika? Naona jambo la kwanza ni *the number of households that have benefitted from the 'Lisha Jamii'.* Ni sawa umeleta idadi ya nyumba na ukasema ni kumi na saba. Kulingana na jedwali hili kwa mfano mzuri ni kuhusu hii ambayo Mheshimiwa wa Sosian anaongea kuhusu. Ninaona kama hapa Loisaba anasema ni thelathini na tano. Unaweza kusema ni thelathini na tano lakini Mheshimiwa Jacob aseme sio thelathini na tano. Hata ikiwa umesema ni thelathini na tano na yeye amesema sio thelathini na tano na anajua hao watu hawakupewa na hicho kijiji hakiko huko, hilo ni jambo ambalo Mheshimiwa Kanyutu angefaa kusema ya kwamba amekubali hii ripoti ina makosa na ataenda arekebishe.

Jambo la kutetea Mheshimiwa Spika, halileti heshima kwa Bunge. Kama mimi ni Mwenyekiti na nimeulizwa jambo na likajibiwa hapa, kukiwa na makosa kuna haki ya huyo mtu kuelezwa na kujua. Kama Loisaba haiko Sosian basi anataka tuamini ya kwamba walipewa namna gani? Mheshimiwa kutoka Sosian anasema kwake hakuna jambo kama hilo. Hilo ni jambo moja la kuonyesha kwamba hajajibu kulingana na vile alistahili kujibu. Mheshimiwa Spika, napumzisha kesi yangu hapo. Asante.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I request your defence. The Hon. Member asked for just two questions. The number of households that have benefitted from the *Lisha Jamii* Initiative and the data presented to the Assembly to show distribution per ward. Haven't I done that?

The other question on food donation done through the County Government and how they have been distributed. Have I not done that as the Chairperson for Agriculture? I seek for your

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defence because I have really responded to the questions that were asked by the Hon. Member. If there is anything that needs a bit of clarification, I beg to be guided on how to go about it. I have tried to my level best and responded as per what they had asked.

Mr. Speaker, if there is anything wrong as per the two questions and as per the statement, I have done to the maximum. In case there is any other more clarification that I need to do I am ready as the Chairperson for Agriculture and the one in charge of whatever is going on. I am ready to answer. As per the statement, I seek for your defence because I have responded to whatever the Hon. Member had asked for.

CONSIDERED RULING

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chair for Agriculture. As you said, if there is any more clarification that you will be needed you will be able to respond. I believe the only concern of Members that the clarification they are seeking is that this numbers represent people. In this case, vulnerable persons from the wards and who are in need of food and support from the County Government.

The fact that this report did not originate from you and you also got it from the Executive, it is always good to have something that can be defended in the House. It would be very important that the numbers are supported by a list with the names of people, their Identification numbers and their phone contacts from the various wards. So that we do not have the Member for Sosian saying Sagumai village is not from his ward. Those are some of the things we can clarify. It is important.

All the same we said that this is an ongoing process of food distribution in the wards. Maybe that was just but the first bit. We still have more people receiving these donations. There are wards not included here because maybe they were not reached by that time. Therefore, it is important for you as the Committee Chairperson and as a Committee as a whole to be proactive and continue doing oversight. Interact with other Members or consult the Members in your oversight role on how it is happening.

For the statement, I think the questions that you were asked have been responded to. The answers needed have been given but I also request that as an oversight role of that Committee just be proactive and consult with Members. Be able to gather information for oversight on how that food distribution is being done. We did approve as a House and appropriated Kshs. 138 Million towards COVID-19.

It will be very important for us to know how this food has been used. The statement may not be enough. The statement may only ask a number of questions limited to what the Member intends to know and that is what you have done. We also have a role as a House to continue pursuing the same not now as a statement but in your oversight activities. You schedule on your own so that we will be accountable to the people of Laikipia.

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That the Kshs. 138 Million is the money we gave and how was it spent? You can be able to oversight what was spent in the line of food distribution that falls in your department, then that what went to the Health Department they will be able to oversight that and what went to other emergencies then the relevant committees will be able to oversight that. It is important that we continue following up on the second phase, the third phase until that distribution comes to an end.

Not now through a statement but in your oversight mandate. Kindly as a committee, be able to continue with that. I think that brings us to the end of that statement unless there is a remark to make. Hon. Kanyutu what is it?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I beg to concur with you and seek if the Hon. Members need all that entails to the food distribution, I am ready to provide. I had some of the information but as per the statement that the Hon. Member had asked, I just brought whatever he had asked. I did as per the statement. Mr. Speaker, in case Hon. Members require anything else apart from what we have here we have some more information but we would not have brought because it was not in that statement.

Speaker: Hon. Chair, maybe just to inform you. You know you have an oversight role. You are supposed to bring reports to this House whether requested or not. Therefore, any information that is deemed important to this House should be brought to this House. If today you go and visit a dam down there in Umande and realise you need to make the oversight report. You have always brought those reports here without any Member requesting for that information.

I was saying let the committees be proactive to bring those oversight reports even on food distribution to the House as Members need them. I think that brings us to an end of that statement. Thank you, Hon. Chris Mark for requesting for that statement and all those Members who have made their remarks.

Hon. Members, as I had said let us continue to be very cautious to the COVID-19 disease. When you read from the papers and the information given by the Ministry of Health, there are increasing numbers especially, in this town. This is where we do live and those who come from the other side, Laikipia West and Laikipia North, spend some time within this town.

Therefore, it is very important for us to continue being very sensitive protecting ourselves. I believe there is no better person to protect us than ourselves. Therefore, let us be very sensitive on the interactions we make, let us avoid the crowded places, let us always have our masks and make sure that we wash our hands regularly.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: Hon. Members, this House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 21st July, 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.47 a.m.

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