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THE HANSARD

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The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM

Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have got quorum.

(Quorum confirmed)

PAPER

HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON COVID-19 SCREENING

Speaker: There is a report that was to be laid by the Health Services Committee. Do you have the report on your desks?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Looking at this this order paper, I can see that there is a paper that need to be laid and I wish to lay it on behalf of the committee so that we can save time.

Speaker: On behalf of Hon. Ikunyua?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Yes, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Hon. Ikunyua, I wish to lay the paper on Health Services Report on the ongoing screening at the county's entry points and COVID-19 precautions at Nanyuki and Thingithu Ward Markets.

(Paper Laid)

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndiritu.

NOTICE OF MOTION

HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON COVID-19 SCREENING

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua through Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Hon. Veronica Ikunyua, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the Health Services Committee report on the ongoing screening at the county's entry points and COVID-19 precautions at Nanyuki and Thingithu Ward Markets dated 15th May, 2020.

STATEMENT

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NANYUKI AND NYAHURURU MUNICIPALITY CHARTERS

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 45 (2) c, I wish to seek a statement from the Chairperson of Finance and County Planning Committee regarding the above mentioned subject matter.

Mr. Speaker, the Nanyuki, Rumuruti and Nyahururu Municipality charters were laid in this Assembly on 4th July, 2018 and committed to the Finance and County Planning committee. The committee only considered the Rumuruti charter in this Assembly on 23rd August, 2018. The committee went further ahead to approve nominations of Rumuruti municipality board members on 10th April, 2019.

Mr. Speaker, municipality charters are beneficial to any County Government in many ways including;

a) Promotion, regulation and provision of refuse collection and solid waste management services;
b) Promotion and provision of water and sanitation services and infrastructure (in areas within the Municipality not served by the Water and Sanitation Provider)
c) Construction and maintenance of urban roads and associated infrastructure;
d) Construction and maintenance of storm drainage and flood controls;
e) Construction and maintenance of walkways and other non-motorized transport infrastructure;

Mr. Speaker, I urge the Chairperson for Finance and County Planning Committee to inform this House on why the Nanyuki and Nyahururu municipality charters are yet to be considered in this Assembly yet they were tabled in July, 2018. I further urge the committee to expedite the two charters and inform this Assembly on when the reports will be considered.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that we are mandated by the urban city area management Act, 2019 that through certain classification mostly determined by population, a Governor through the approval of this Assembly to classify areas as either cities, municipalities, towns or market centres. All these are guided by the population. The excuse has been that we have been undergoing a population census and to my understanding this census was collected and concluded last year.

By November we had the results and therefore I do not see any other hindrance of making these two towns a charter so that they can grow and get proper facilities. During this period of Corona, the status of a municipality or a town or whatever classification we can put Nyahururu or Nanyuki, we would better inform how services are undertaken. I hope that the committee will not be given a lot of time since it is energetic and hardworking. In fact, I heard them say that they can be able to do this in two weeks' time but it is upon your guidance Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Chairman for Finance, this is a statement which is directed to your committee and you could tell us how much time you need for you to respond and to access the document that is required.

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Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. As a committee I think because of official documentation for the census, we need three weeks. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chair. Last evening, we were talking of pending statements and therefore let us ensure that this happens within the time which we have suggested.

MOTION

HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON COVID-19 SCREENING

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua through Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT this Assembly adopts the Health Services Committee report on the ongoing screening at the county's entry points and COVID-19 precautions at Nanyuki and Thingithu Ward Markets dated 15th May, 2020.

Mr. Speaker. First I wish to thank your office for being able to facilitate the Health Committee to continue doing its job even during this time when this pandemic continues to hit us massively. I also want to thank the Members of the County Assembly who have been able to join the committee while we have been visiting the wards because we have been visiting the dispensaries.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in COVID -19 infection cases, 80% are mild and fatality rate at 2%. This means that for every one hundred of the cases, 98% recover fully. The disease is spread through coughing, sneezing and spitting and enters the body through nose, mouth and eyes. However, infection from the virus can be prevented through the following procedures as guided by the WHO and MOH:

1. Proper wearing of face masks at crowded areas and public places.
2. Regular hand washing with soap and running water or alcohol-based sanitizer when one cannot access water and soap.
3. Keeping the 1 metre social distance rule.
4. Avoiding crowded places.
5. Voluntary Covid-19 screening.
6. Stay or work from home.

Since H.E the President of Kenya announced the first Corona Virus case, the County Executive has undertaken several precautionary measures to protect its citizens. Among them are

- Erection of mandatory screening points at all entries into the county.
- Fumigation of markets and enhancement of social distancing.
- Fumigation of public vehicles at Nanyuki main stage, public Service vehicles, boda-boda's as well as tuk-tuks.
- Continually educating and encouraging Laikipians to observe guidelines issued by WHO and MOH. In so doing they have been issuing masks and sanitizers.
- Continued supply of water to the markets.

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Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Executive has erected road blocks at entry points into the County to undertake screening for all persons entering the County. The county's screening points are:

- Entry point from Meru County next to ASK show ground.
- Entry point from Nakuru County at Mamboleo in Igwamiti ward.
- Entry point from Maralal County at Kandutura area.
- Entry point from Nyandarua County at Gulf Petrol Station (Igwamiti ward).
- Entry point from Nyeri County to Nanyuki at the airstrip.

Mr. Speaker, these screening points are being manned by police officer's, Medical personnel, CHV's and Red Cross volunteers so that the activity runs smoothly. This activity is a success due to the collaboration between the County Government and office of the County Commissioner.

The Department of Medical services has ensured that every point has two (2) Public Health personnel, six (6) CHV's and two Red Cross personnel. They operate on a six (6) hour shift basis which is one of the recommendations by WHO that people should not be exposed. So in case somebody passed there and were exposed, you should not be there for more than six hours to reduce the infection.

At the screening points the following details are being recorded:

- Temperatures of passengers and pedestrians.
- Individual's names.
- Identification number.
- Telephone number.
- Where the individuals are coming from and destination.
- History of any recent upper respiratory infections. In case your temperature is slightly high, then they will take your history.

The purposes of the collection of information is for follow up in case there is a case of the virus that needs to be traced.

Mr. Speaker, we have also been able to visit the markets and fumigation has been carried out in the county's major and most exposed markets in Nanyuki and Thingithu Ward and Nyahururu Markets. The reasons for fumigation is because the virus survives longer on surfaces especially on walls and wood than on air. On page 10 you can see on the photograph that we visited the Old Market and even you can see where the MCA from Thingithu sells his items.

We noted that the sellers were observing social distance between the stalls. If somebody was coming to purchase something, then they don't come very close to one another. The committee also observed they had taken precautions by providing running water and soap to the buyers in each and every stall. You could see the residents and buyers really taking time to wash their hands.

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We were also informed that the County Executive Department of Water, Natural Resources and Environment was refilling their tanks twice in a week. They also informed the committee that the market had been fumigated once since corona was declared a National pandemic. Fumigation is done using a mixture of chlorine and water.

Unfortunately, we found that the roads and drainages at the market are stagnant posing as a health hazard to the food stuff and people in market. We would like to urge the County Government to ensure that this is taken care of because as much as we are fighting corona, we also need to live in a clean environment.

The committee also visited the new market at Nanyuki ward where sellers have undertaken precautionary measures to curb spread of corona virus. They wash their hands very keenly and here we found that the youth have already done gravity on the wall as a way of communication.

The County Government has also placed a sanitization booth at one of the market's five entry points. This means that if the market has got five gates and it has only been placed at one point, then if you use the other entries then you are not sanitized. It only waters down the efforts and therefore the County Government should look either into closing of the few gates or installing booths to only those passing through the gate with the booths at all entries. Mr. Speaker, we also found that the booth is placed at a windy entry area thus the sanitizing solution sprays upward and outward. So this solution goes to waste.

The County Assembly Management has also undertaken a number of precautionary measures on COVID -19 for its Members of the County Assembly, staff and visitors. The Assembly has taken the following measures;

- Limitation of visitors into the compound.
- Adequately supply with surgical mask to the M.C.A s and staff.
- Installation of sanitizing equipment at strategic points.
- Rearranging of sitting positions at the chambers to enhance 1m social distance rule
- Recommendation of use of the larger board rooms and restaurant and chamber for committee sittings.

The committee made the following observations;

- That the screening points lack washrooms. For example, the one which is at the airstrip. In fact, I am shocked to say that they use the bush for lack of toilet.
- That some screening points e.g. ASK show ground in Nanyuki ward has police officers but lacks road blocks. When we were there we observed that the motorbikes just cross without stopping. So they are not even checked and that waters down the efforts.
- That the airstrip screening point lacks soap for handwashing and sanitizers.
- That despite fighting Corona, the Old market paths are in a deplorable state and could cause other diseases e.g. cholera.
- That fumigation was carried out once in all the major markets.

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- That the sanitization booth at the new market does not serve its purpose as it is placed at the entry of one gate while the market has four gates which remain open.
- That the booth has been placed at the front of two business premises thus blocking them and causing the solution to enter into their shops which could cause them to inhale a lot of chlorine and not good for their health.
- That the solution that is sprayed in the booth is blown away by the wind into the two premises it blocks.
- That the jets in the booth are not well set such that they spray outward.
- The sensors are faulty as they continue spraying long after a person has walked out of the booth.
- That there is no screening going on at the County Assembly entrance gate.

The committee made the following recommendations;

- The Executive to ensure provision of mobile toilets and adequate supply of water and sanitizers at the screening points.
- The County Government to rehabilitate the market paths to prevent other diseases from cropping up.
- Fumigation in public places e.g. markets and bus parks to be carried out fortnightly.
- That the sanitization booth in Old Market be strategically placed at one entry and all other gates to be closed.
- That the booth jets and sensors be well regulated to avoid wastage of sanitizers.
- The County Assembly management need to sensitize its Members and staff on covid-19 by putting up information posters on notice board.
- The County Assembly should ensure thorough screening at the entrance gate for persons entering on foot or vehicles.
- That the county Assembly ensures that everyone who enters the premises to have their masks on.

(The Speaker left the Chair)

(The Temporary Speaker Hon. Mutahi took the Chair)

Mr. Speaker, I urge the Members to adopt this report. I wish to call the Chair Health Committee who is also the Nanyuki Ward representative, Madam Veronica Ikunyua to second the report.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Asante, Bwana Spika kwa hii nafasi. Ningetaka kumshukuru Mheshimiwa Nyawira kwa kutupeleka vizuri kwa hii ripoti. Nafikiri kila mmoja wetu ameifuatilia na tumeona vile kamati ya Afya imetembea na vile imeona huko mashinani.

Bwana Spika, kusema ukweli kazi imefanywa na hii Kaunti lakini pia tunahitaji kuongeza bidi ndiposa tuweze kukabiliana na huu ugonjwa sawa sawa. Sitaki kupitia tena kwa sababu Mheshimiwa amepitia lakini ningetaka tuungane mikono kutokana na zile shida tumeona ili tuweze kujikinga pamoja.

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La kwanza tumeona Wizara ya Afya imelegeza Kamba kwa sababu hauwezi weka *CHWs* wakafanya kazi mahali hakuna maji ya kunywa au choo. Ni kuonyeshana ya kwamba kuna mahali ambapo mikakati haijawekwa sawa sawa. Kwa hivyo ningetaka tuungane pamoja na hata Kamati ya Utekelezaji kufuatilia kwamba hizi shida zitafuatwa ili tuweze kupigana na huu ugonjwa.

La pili, kama hapa kwetu uwanja wa maonyesho tumeona ya kwamba hawajaweka kizuizi cha magari na kwa hivyo mtu akijisikia kwamba hataki kupimwa anaingia kwa pikipiki na kupitishwa. Ukiangalia kile kizuizi cha Kaunti ya Meru, hata watu wa pikipiki wanapimwa kwa sababu kuna hicho kizuizi. Ukiangalia kama ile karibu na uwanja wa ndege, pia utakuta watu wote wanapimwa. Kwa hivyo ningependa tuungane.

Ukiangalia soko kama ya Nanyuki *Old Market,* tumeona wananchi wakichukulia hilo jambo likiwa la muhimu kwa sababu walifungiwa biashara wakati ugonjwa ulianza. Wakati walikuja wakaambiwa wakae mbali na mwingine walitii na pia wakavalia barakoa. Kwa hivyo hilo soko ni sisi kama Executive waweze kufuatilia ili kuondoa maji ambayo inatapakaa huko. Tusiegemee tu upande wa korona kwa sababu shida nyingi zinaweza kutokea nakudhuru wananchi wetu.

Ukiangalia soko la New *Market*, utakuta hilo kibanda likiwa moja ilhali kwa hilo soko kuna milango tano ya kutoka na kuingia. Kwa hivyo ukiweka kwa mlango moja na mwingine haujafunga, ni ile tunasema kwa Kizungu kwamba hatuangalii dhamani ya pesa kwa sababu hiyo dawa inachanganywa inawekwa kwa mlango mmoja. Kwa hivyo hakuna mpangilio. Wanatuambia ya kwamba hiyo dawa inawagharimu elfu tano kwa kibuyu ilhali hakuna kitu inasaidia.

Kwa hivyo tunasema hata tukifanya kazi ni lazima tuangalie pesa ya serikali isitumike kiholela holela. Ukiangalia hizo vifaa kama vile tumesomewa, zimewekwa vibaya. Ukielezea Waziri wa Biashara unapata yeye kazi yake ni kusema ndiyo lakini hakuna kufuatilia. Kwa hivyo haoni kama hili Bunge linasema jambo la maana kwa sababu tunafaa kufanya kazi pamoja. Kazi yangu ni ya uangalizi na kwa hivyo nikiona kazi imefanywa vibaya ninafaa kukuambia urekebishe na haufai kuchukulia Bunge ni kama haifanyi kazi.

Unafaa kufuatilia na uone ya kwamba hiyo shida ambayo Waheshimiwa wanalilia iko namna gani. Ningeomba tushikane mikono kama Bunge ili watu wasitumie pesa ya serikali kwa njia ambayo haifai kwa sababu hata kama mtu akiambiwa arekebishe na hataki, ni kumaanisha hashughuliki. Tungeomba hili jambo lisichukuliwe rahisi kwa sababu ni wananchi wetu tunatetea na tungetaka wasaidike. Ninaunga hii ripoti mkono, asante.

(Question proposed)

Hon. George Meshami: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kutoa mchango langu kwa hii ripoti ambayo imesomwa. Ninataka tu nitilie mkazo kuongezea yale machache ambayo haikuwa imetajwa katika hii ripoti.

Kulingana na vile tumesomewa ripoti tunaelewa ya kwamba kuna vipimo ambazo zinaendelea katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia. Kuna sehemu ambayo imesahaulika kama pande ya Laikipia Kaskazini. Ningependa pia kusema ya kwamba upande wa Rumuruti kuelekea

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upande wa Kimanju kutoka Nakuru, mnaelewa ya kwamba Kimanju ni soko linalouzwa mifugo na kila Jumatano ya wiki huwa na watu wengi wengine wakipitia njia ya Ilpolei. Kwa hivyo ningeomba vituo za kupimwa ziwekwe maeneo ya Il Polei na njia ya kutoka Rumuruti kuingia Kimanju.

Bwana Spika, katika hizo soko hakuna maji ambayo serikali inasaidia watu nayo ya kunawa mikono na ningetaka serikali iweze kutilia mkazo angalau siku mbili kwa wiki kwa zile siku za soko. Ninaunga ripoti mkono, asante.

Hon. Mary Samken: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama pia kuunga mkono hii ripoti ambayo imeletwa na kamati ya Afya katika hili Bunge. Nataka niendelee kushukuru hii kamati kwa sababu ya kazi nzuri ambayo wanaendeleza katika Bunge letu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, twashukuru kwa sababu tunaona ile mikakati ambayo serikali yetu ya Kaunti imeendelea kuweka ili kupigana na Korona. Tunashukuru pia kwa sababu wameelezea vizuri vile hili Bunge limeweza kuweka mikakati. Hii serikali ya Kaunti inafanya kazi nzuri na Waswahili husema mgala muue na haki umpe. Kwa hivyo itakuwa ni vibaya kusema ya kwamba hakuna kazi ambayo inaendelea ilhali tunaona ya kwamba serikali ya Kaunti inaendelesha katika Kaunti yetu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, kuna mahali ambapo hii serikali imesahau kwa sababu katika hii ripoti wamenakili kabisa ya kwamba kila kiingilio cha Kaunti kumewekwa kizuizi cha magari ili watu waweze kupimwa. Siku ya Jumanne tulikuwa na ripoti ambayo ilikuwa imeletwa na hii kamati ya kwamba walikuwa wametembea katika mahospitali na kwamba walifika hospitali ya Doldol. Ninajua vizuri ya kwamba walipitia mahali panaitwa Ilpolei na hapo ni kiingilio cha watu kutoka Isiolo na Samburu. Vile Mheshimiwa amesema kwamba kuna kiingilio katika sehemu ya Rumuruti cha watu kutoka Maralal, Nakuru na hakuna kituo cha kupimwa ambacho kinaendelea pale.

Mheshimiwa Spika, tunatia shaka pale kwa sababu Kaunti ya Laikipia ni kama wanalenga pande za miji na kusahau kwingine labda kwa sababu ni mashinani. Tunataka kusema ya kwamba pia waangalie pale kwa sababu kuna hatari ya watu kutoka Isiolo na Samburu kuingia katika hii Kaunti yetu tukijua vizuri ya kwamba kuna kesi ambazo zimepatikana katika hizo Kaunti. Kwa hivyo ni vizuri kuweka vituo vya vipimo huko ili watu wakiingia wasije kutuambukiza.

Pia tunashukuru kwa sababu ya kazi nzuri ambayo inafanyika katika soko ambazo zimeelezewa hapa lakini pia kuna soko nyingi sana katika Laikipia na tunaona ya kwamba hakuna kazi ambayo Serikali ya Kaunti inaendelea kufanya. Hata wakati ambapo walikuwa wamefunga soko, sisi katika Laikipia Kaskazini tumeshuhudia kuona soko zikiendelea wakati soko zilipigwa marufuku. La kushangaza ni kwamba watu kutoka Nairobi *Eastleigh* na kwingineko walikuwa wanajaa pale na pia kwa boma tofauti wakinunua mifugo.

(The Temporary Speaker Hon. Mutahi left the Chair)

(The Temporary Speaker Hon. Veronica Ikunyua took the Chair)

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La kushangaza kabisa ni kwamba maafisa wa polisi wako pale kulinda usalama ili soko isiendelee, walikuwa wanaeneza ufisadi kwa sababu kila mmoja ambaye alikuwa na mfugo wa kuuza alikuwa anahongana pesa Fulani na pia mwenye kununua ili ile biashara iweze kuendelea pale. Hata kama Kaunti yetu imeweka mikakati ya kuweza kufungua soko, tunaomba ya kwamba Serikali Kuu itilie mikazo na kuhakikisha ya kwamba sheria ambazo wanaweka zifuatwe kila mahali kwa sababu tunaweza kupata maambukizo zaidi kama Serikali ya Kaunti haitafuatilia ile mambo ambayo inaendelea pale.

Tunashukuru kwa sababu ya Kamati ya Afya kwa sababu wanafanya kazi nzuri na pia kwa sababu tunaona wakitia bidi kuzuia hili janga na tunajua ya kwamba ni sisi ambao tunalindwa. Tunaomba kila mmoja wetu tuwe waangalifu kwa kulinda marafiki wetu na familia ili pamoja tuweze kuangamiza hili janga la korona. Asante.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Asante sana, Bi. Spika. Nasimama kuunga hii ripoti mkono. Hili ni jambo muhimu ambalo litatusaidia maeneo ambayo tunaishi. Ukiangalia sehemu kama ya Sosian ni sehemu ambayo imesahaulika na hata hauwezi kupata watu wakivalia hizi barakoa ilhali tunaketi katika hili Bunge kupitisha sheria na kupitishia hawa pesa. Sioni kama kuna njia ambayo wanajali maslahi ya hawa watu kwa sababu ni vibaya kuwa wanajali sehemu zingine na kuacha zingine.

Ukiangalia mahali ambapo nimetoka, kuna soko la Rumuruti. Hata kama limefungwa bado utapata watu wakiuza mifugo. Ukienda mahali panaitwa Muwarak katika Posta, bado kuna soko huko na watu wanatoka sehemu kama Naivasha, Nakuru, Samburu na Isiolo. Ukiangalia hizo viingilio za kupimana zimewekwa Rumuruti lakini ukiangalia upande wa kutoka Baringo na Samburu hakuna vifaa vya kupimana. Kuna watu huko Sosian ambao hutoka Isiolo na huvukia Uwaso na kwa hivyo kama kuna eneo ambalo sasa hivi lina hatari kubwa ni Sosian.

Hakuna mafunzo yoyote ambayo watu wamepewa kutokana na huu ugonjwa. Wanasikia tu kwamba kuna ugonjwa na watu huko hawajali na vijana wanaenda kucheza mpira wa soka. Kwa hivyo inafaa hata nyinyi mutoke mukaangalie hiyo sehemu kwa sababu ni vizuri kutembea huko. Mambo ya maji, kwetu hakuna maji kwa sababu watu hutumia mabwawa au visima. Kuna shida ya maji sana katika hizo sehemu na ninaomba kuangaliwe sana kwa sababu hata hao watu kwa huu wakati wako na shida sana. Hao watu hata hawaelewi kama kuna ugonjwa ama hakuna na kwa hivyo hata hawawezi kunisikiza.

Hata wafugaji hawajawahi kupewa mafunzo ilhali watu wanafunzwa kwingine na kwa hivyo wameachiliwa hivyo. Kwa hivyo inafaa hao watu waende wafunzwe kwa sababu kila mtu anataka kuishi maisha mazuri. Sisi tunapitisha hapa na ni mijini tu pekee ambapo wanafunzwa lakini sio watu wa huko mashinani. Ninaunga hii ripoti mkono lakini muende huko mashinani na mtume hao watu ambao mnasema ya kwamba hawataki kusikia kwa sababu hakuna kufuatilia. Hicho ni kitu ambacho kinafaa hata hili Bunge liondoke likahakikishe ya kwamba tukipitisha kuna kufuatilia.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I rise to support the report on Health Committee. First I would like to congratulate the entire committee for the good work which they have actually portrayed against this fight and their business on oversight.

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Madam Speaker, as we all know about COVID-19 being a disaster in the whole world, I think that I have some observations which sometimes during the *kamukunji* I actually put across the board. It is this one that talks about other illnesses. We find that despite even the curfew if I might call it that way, in hospitals we have other illnesses and our wards have got people with cancer and other sicknesses.

Sometimes I find through experience that I have received several calls from my locals in Olmoran especially in Nyahururu Hospital. The question has always been about poor attendance especially now that there are restrictions for visitors who visit the patients. As long as we have our CHVs and additional nurses and clinical officers. I think it is the high time we also go and visit our wards. Sometimes you will find that someone who was served tea in the morning the tea is still there and he or she does not even have the energy to eat or drink on their own.

Therefore, I would actually urge the committee on Health to help this House to go through the wards and identify those and check on what can be done because the National Government as well as the County Government are still adding more staff. If we only concentrate on COVID-19, we are also going to witness more deaths through ignorance, negligence or even going slow.

On our roads, I would also urge the House and the Committee on Health as well as the Executive to think of the public health officers. The Minister for Health in the National Government, Mutahi Kagwe when he addresses the COVID-19 and the fight of the same, he addresses the nurses and the doctors in general forgetting the public health officers. These guys need a lot of motivation because one, they are most risk while handling the sick people. So I would request that despite the motivation which was said by the President sometimes ago, I think that the County Governments should also have some increments and motivations on Public health officers who despite of the word PHO, it is only the doctors and the nurses who are greatly recognized.

Again on roads, I would urge the County Government to try and identify some ample parking spaces. As we know how busy sometimes our roads are, I think this is an experience where most of us who travel from far that you get a road block congested with around 20 vehicles. I believe that there is no thorough inspection because sometimes an officer will tell you to stop and once you stop trying to find a parking, you just put on hazard and just leave without testing.

Despite of us seeing them on the roads, they are not as strict as they should be. So if somebody is coming and they do not know their status and happen to bring it in our county, it is very easy for that person. Another time I was coming and I thought that maybe because we were coming for a special sitting, I just flashed a police officer and he allowed me to pass. Because this is a collaboration of National Government and the County Government, we should be strict on that.

Madam Speaker, there has been an enforcement engagement in our county and also an increment. Sometimes last week I was late and I met one of the County Government of Laikipia vehicles and I saw that they were working very well with the National administration jointly.

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So I believe that these enforcement officers should also be sent to set pace to those vehicles traveling in and out of the county so that they can have thorough testing.

Lastly is on livestock markets. As many of the speakers have said here, it is the high time because when we had a Kamukunji with the Governor, we agreed on logistics because it is being said now by the WHO that we have to learn how to stay with this disease. One of them is to put measures on how we address it. So these markets which are built should actually have an inlet and outlet which has got all the required facilities to be able to protect the buyers and the sellers from the same.

Last week I talked to the County Administration Office and I heard as if in Rumuruti there would be some teargas going on because it is now being done in the bushes. You will get that nobody is taking care because a buyer from Nairobi is taking advantage of the buyer who does not have elsewhere to sell their livestock.

So it is the high time that we engage the public health department and the health department also to see that we get the measures. As long as some of us who do not trade with livestock, there are no restrictions. If I am a farmer, I would want to sell my maize and I am freely selling. So what about that person who relies on livestock. We should really have some measures to ensure that they get markets without the risk of getting the disease. With those few remarks, I also support the report. Thank you.

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of this report and probably commenting on several things. I wish to start by saying that the County Government is doing quite a fair job to curb this disease and we are happy about it although we are supposed to put more effort. Every other day the number of patients is going up but we thank God because we do not have any reported case within Laikipia County.

This disease is really knocking on our doors and even our neighbouring countries from North South and East, most of them are reporting that the virus being in existence in their countries and we are not exceptional. We therefore need to put extra measures as recommended by the committee to ensure that our people are safe.

Madam Speaker, it is just few days ago when this House approved an emergency budget to combat this virus. I have heard several speakers who talked before me saying that in most barriers we are lacking toilets or other facilities that they should have to serve this county in a better way. Why did we have to have this good package of the funds if it is not doing such necessity? Even before the virus came, those places needed toilets because most of them have been occupied by the staff of this County Government in the name of collecting revenue.

Madam Speaker, for all this time, those people have been working there and those stations have been lacking toilets and that is not fair because they are human beings and are entitled to basic needs. So we should encourage this County Government to at least put up toilets there because that will even help them to stay there for more hours while collecting revenue. At the moment I am sure that most of us are focused in combating this disease.

In my area there are two places which desperately needed toilets and I managed to donate one toilet in one of the stations because of the scenario which we are in. When the

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Members mentioned of toilets they did not even know of that place in my area that I am talking about. We still need the barriers and it seems that the people who are fetching sand using heavy machines which are taxable by the government, they seem to be very honest because there are no barriers to stop them.

To control such vehicles, you need a barrier where vehicles are stopped for checking but now it is high time we put barriers because you will find that many lorries are driving and they won't dare to stop. If a private car is going through and they are not used to stopping, they will just pass through without anybody checking. So it is high time that we also ask the County Government to enforce such barriers. As much as they are expensive, we shall not regret because they are going to be very useful to our people especially during this period of corona. I will end my contribution there hoping and praying that we will combat this disease. Thank you.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bi. Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Nashukuru Mwenyekiti na Kamati ya Afya ambao wametufanyia kazi katika hili Bunge na Kaunti nzima. Ile kazi ambayo mmefanya imeonekana na Kaunti na hata Mwenyezi Mungu hata kama hatukuwa tunaweza kuzunguka hapa na pale.

(The Temporary Speaker Hon. Veronica Ikunyua left the Chair)

(The Deputy Speaker took the Chair)

La pili, kwa upande wa afya ningetaka kusema ya kwamba juzi tulipitisha pesa kuhusu hili janga la korona. Ningeuliza Mwenyekiti wa Afya na kamati yake wafuatilie na kuona ya kwamba kila kitu kimekuwa sawa hata kama ni barakoa. Ningeuliza watu wawe wakipewa barakoa katika wadi kumi na tano kwa sababu kuna watu ambao wako nyumbani ambao hata hawawezi kujinunulia hiyo barakoa ya shilingi hamsini.

Juzi Nyahururu niliona wakishika wale watu ambao hawakuwa wamevalia barakoa. Nilienda kijiji cha Maina na nikakuta vijana walikuwa wanakata nguo za ndani za mama zao na kufunga kwa sababu hawana barakoa. Kwa hivyo ni jukumu la Mwenyekiti wa Afya kufuatilia na pia tungetaka waakilishi wa hizo wadi kumi na tano wapewe barakoa ili waende wakapatie watu huko mashinani. Hata kama watu wako nyumbani wako na shida sana. Wengine hata wanasema ya kwamba wanakosa pesa ya unga na ndio wengi wanakata nguo zao na vitambaa ili wajifunge. Kamati ya Afya imefanya kazi ya maajabu na ni Mungu tu anaweza kuwalipa.

Lingine ni kwamba kuna wale watu ambao wamejitolea kusaidiana na madaktari katika kila kitu cha kupimwa. Ukitoka Nyahururu kabla Kuingia Nyandarua unakuta watu wa afya wa kujitolea na ningeomba kamati ya afya ikae chini na kuona vile wanaweza kusaidia hao watu wetu ambao wamejitolea. Hii kazi ya korona ikiisha hao watu wataambiwa waende nyumbani lakini wakati kuna nafasi huwa hawatambuliki.

Kamati ya afya mko na jukumu na sisi tuko nyuma yenu na tutawashika mkono ili kuweza kusaidia hao watu. Kwa hivyo muendelee na kufuatilia kila kitu. Ninajua ya kwamba mko na uwezo kwa sababu wale watua mbao wako kwa hiyo kamati sio watu wa kutisha

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tishwa. Kama kuna jambo haliendelei vizuri pigeni duru ili nasi tuweze kuwasaidia. Kwa hayo machache Mungu abariki Kamati ya Afya.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Ningetaka kukueleza kwamba jana kulikuwa na mjadala uliohusiana na hili Bunge. Ningetaka uangalie Bunge lako vile lilivyo sasa hivi na maneno tunayotoa kutoka midomo zetu. La pili, ningetaka kumkumbusha mzungumzaji aliyetoka kuongea ya kwamba siyo Wajumbe tu waliochaguliwa kwa sababu kifungu cha sheria ya katiba 176 imeeleza vizuri.

Mheshimiwa Spika, nitaishukuru kamati kwa kazi njema na kama wazungumzaji walivyoongea, leo asubuhi tulipokuwa kwenye kituo cha kupimia wananchi nilikutana na afisa mmoja ambaye anaguzisha kwa mwili wa binadamu kifaa anachotumia kupima watu wengine na hilo ni hatari sana. Ninaomba kamati ya Afya ichukulie hilo kwa umuhimu sana. Mwenyekiti alipokuwa anatoa hoja aliweza kusema ya kwamba ameweza kuwasiliana na waziri mhusika wa biashara na utalii na masoko katika Kaunti yetu. Alisema ya kwamba alipokuwa anawasiliana na waziri, waziri alionyesha kutokuwa na ushirikiano kwa mapendekezo ya kamati.

Kazi ni nzuri sana na sisi kama Bunge na kamati yenyewe tunafanya kazi yetu lakini tuangalie. Juzi hapa tulipitisha fedha na nikasikia mwenyekiti akisema ya kwamba inatumika shilingi elfu tano lakini yeye mwenyewe na ni mwenyekiti wa afya haoni kama ni kweli na hairidhishi. Juzi nilipokuwa nateremka siku ya Jumanne nikipita kwa barabara nilinusa harufu ya dawa ya nyasi. Kwa hivyo ni jukumu la kamati kuweza kufuatilia kwa sababu kamati yenyewe ndiyo ilitushawishi kwa hali ya juu sana ili kupitishia serikali bajeti ya kuweza kupigana na huu ugonjwa.

Hivyo basi Mheshimiwa Spika, nawasihi sana wanapofanya hii kazi wajue kwamba ni jukumu lao pamoja na sisi kuweza kuangalia kama hizo dawa zinazotumika zinakidhi ama zinafikia viwango vinavyostahili. Nasema hivyo kwa sababu nimeona masoko ya Nanyuki na Thingithu. Ukiangalia masoko iliyoko Kaskazini mwa Laikipia, kama wameona kama kamati wakiwa na tashwishi ya aina fulani, tutaunga hii ripoti lakini tunawaomba walete ripoti ingine ama maombi mengine katika Bunge kuweza kusema ya kwamba yanayofanywa na idara zingine husika.

Hili swala ni jambo inatambuka katika Kaunti yetu. Kama wataona waweze kusema mapema. Kama huyu afisa wa cheo cha juu katika hii Kaunti amekabidhiwa majukumu ya kuweka hizo vitu ziwe ni vitakaza mikono ama hizo vibanda na hashirikiani basi hakuna kitu ambacho tunafanya katika hii Kaunti. Huu ugonjwa utasambaa kwa sababu yule amefikiwa na pesa na sasa ni kiburi. Kusema ukweli tuombe Mungu sana kwa sababu mimi huwa nasema ya kwamba ua letu limenyauka na tuko karibu kumaliza miaka mitatu.

Mimi naunga mkono na siyo uongo ya kwamba huyu ni afisa mwenye kiburi kwa sababu pengine anajiamini. Wengine husema ya kwamba hakuna kitu wanaweza fanyiwa kwa sababu wanajuana na bwana mkubwa. Nimesikia pia kuhusu Kaskazini na siyo huko tu pekee. Kwani hizi pesa tulizopitisha hazikuwa kwa sababu ya kugawa barakoa? Juzi nilisikia Mjumbe mmoja akinieleza ya kwamba wakati kwake kulikuja kuletwa barakoa nane, magari yalikuja

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mengi lakini wakati walifika katika maeneo ndipo walipofahamishwa kwamba wamefika na zile barakoa zenyewe.

Tuko na shule zetu za anuwai na wanaweza pewa hiyo jukumu ya kushona hizo vitu lakini sasa tunapiga kelele tu na baadaye haitasaidia. Hizo vituo za kupima hata kama hao wasaidizi ya CHW's saa zingine niliona kama siyo haki kwa sababu wale wasichana na vijana unaweza kuona anawabuguzi watu kwa sababu ni kama mimi napigishwa foleni pale na ninajijua. Kidogo hata kama wanafanya hiyo shughuli, wawe na nidhamu kidogo. Kulingana na vile hali ilivyo katika hili Bunge na vile jana tulivyobalagazana hapa, naunga mkono.

Deputy Speaker: May I call the mover to give a reply.

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First I want to thank all the Members who have contributed towards this report either through listening and also giving comments. I want to thank them for the vigilance because the comments they have brought into this House shows that they are very vigilant even in their areas.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to say that the CHVs who are manning the road blocks have been called from their areas of duty. If this House remembers well, already even in our rural villages there is shortage of community health workers. So it is an uphill task even for them to be able to Mann the road blocks and they have not been given people to assist them on the ground. They are manning today and tomorrow they go down on the ground. So they are trying to do a good job.

I also take note of the Members from Laikipia North who have highlighted the issue of livestock market even from Olmoran Ward, Kimanju, Ilpolei, Sosian and all those areas. We are happy to have the information that there could be infiltration from Isiolo and Samburu. I can assure you that during our weekly committees with the Executive we are going to ask these questions and we are going to report to this House. It is also the committee's intention to visit these areas in the coming weeks because that was one of the areas we had mapped because we had been told about the challenge with the closure of livestock market.

Mr. Speaker, the issue of having health care staff who are not enough, I believe that the County Executive is in the process of recruitment and I believe that the same have been posted. We will follow up on the same to find out which areas they have posted these new medics to. If you remember well this committee has also brought an analysis of the people who are employed in the health centres and the dispensaries. You will realize that it is only one nurse who Mann's a dispensary. Therefore, when they go to get drugs or a referral, the health centre remains closed. So we are hoping that we will find these people being deployed to these areas so that they can help with the work load that is there.

Mr. Speaker, discipline begins with me and you and when you decide not to stop at a road block, it is up to me and you to do the right thing. So let us help the police even as they do their job because it is a difficult time. As the CS for health said that if we treat the disease normally it shall be abnormal for us. So let us stop and be screened. I ask the Members to support and adopt the report. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

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PROCEDURAL MOTION

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 29 (4) this Assembly resolves to alter its calendar by proceeding with normal sitting during the period stipulated as the short recess break set to commence on 22nd May, 2020 to 8th June, 2020.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I request Hon. George Meshami to second the motion.

(Hon. George Meshami seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this motion. This is the hour of need and as essential services are being executed in this county, we as an Assembly should be very vigilant and remain firm. As a House we should make sure that such issues that have just been raised in the last few minutes having senior officers being proud for nothing, we stand as an Assembly to ensure that they toe the line. Mr. Speaker, if we happen to go for any kind of recess or anything of sought, this one will really haunt us. So I support the alteration of the calendar. Thank you.

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Ningetaka kuunga huu mjadala mkono kwa sababu muda ambao tulikuwa tumeweka wa likizo, tulikuwa tumeweka ili tuhudhurie hafla zingine ambazo zingetuleta pamoja na washikadao wengine katika hii nchi yetu, Kaunti yetu, *legislative summit* na zinginezo. Kwa sababu ya huu ugonjwa, inabidi tuendelee na kazi zingine na kwa hivyo ninaunga mkono. Asante.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: I also rise in support of this motion as you have heard in the previous report that there is a lot to be done and if we happen to go home then we shall leave everything pending. Therefore, we will not be able to deliver what we are supposed to and therefore I support that we continue with this Assembly.

Deputy Speaker: May I call upon the mover to give a reply.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nawashukuru Wajumbe kwa kuona umuhimu huo ikikumbukwa kwamba hata tulipokuwa tumeenda likizo tulienda likizo ya lazima. Hata sisi tunapojiangalia ni vizuri sana tuangalie muda wetu na kazi iliyoko mbele yetu. Nawaomba wajumbe waiunge mkono, asante.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I hope that we will also utilize the coming week so that we can at least clear our pending reports which we have. We are not doing anymore maybe apart from the health Committee. With those few remarks I wish you a happy weekend.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 26th May, 2020 at 2.00 p.m.

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The House rose at 3.45 p.m.

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