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## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

### THE HANSARD

**Thursday, 9th July, 2020**

*The House met at the Assembly Chamber at 9.00 a.m.*

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

PRAYERS

**QUORUM CALL**

**Hon. Peter Matunge**: Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention that there is no quorum in the House.

**Speaker:** Clerk, confirm whether there is quorum and if not let the Quorum bell be rang.

*(Lack of quorum confirmed)*

*(The bell was rang for five minutes)*

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, now I believe that we have got the quorum. Hon. Matunge, brought to our attention that there was no quorum.

**Hon. Peter Matunge:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I believe that the quorum has been confirmed but I still need to urge you if we can have a small break for 30 minutes for some consultations and then we come back.

**Speaker:** I cannot make a decision on you alone but it has to be supported by Members because maybe you are the only one who needs the break and nobody else.

**Hon. Joseph Kiguru:** I second and support the issue brought here by Hon. Peter Matunge. If we want to continue well in this Assembly then it is good to have some time to consult because the consultation brings about a fair, healthy and a good Parliament. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Maybe I can ask the Members who are supporting that to rise up so that we may not debate it for long.

*(Several Members stood in support)*

**Speaker:** I believe that we have a good number of Members. You may be seated. I wish to allow that break not just for 30 minutes but 45 minutes. We are going to suspend the Mace and then we break for those 45 minutes. Right now it is 9.18 a.m. until 10.00 a.m. You can choose where to meet either in the boardroom or the chamber itself.

*(The Speaker left the Chair)*

*(The Deputy Speaker took the Chair)*

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*(The Sitting was suspended for 45 minutes)*

*(The sitting resumed after 45 minutes)*

## STATEMENTS

RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT ON NYAHUWASCO WATER CHARGES

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Kanyutu, we were on statements when we left the House and so we can proceed from there.

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. The above statement was read by Hon. Joseph Kiguru on the floor of the House on 11th June, 2020 to inform the House on the following;

1. Whether the due process in tariff adjustment was followed (to attached documents for public consultations);
2. Submission to the House a report on operations and maintenance cost, administrative expenses vis-a-vis the revenue, donations and funds appropriated by the County Assembly for the 2018/2019 Financial Year
3. What informed the increase in tariffs by the said Water Service Providers?
4. Whether they can consider readjusting the tariffs during the period of COVID-19.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, request No. 2 was seeking for a report and a motion will be moved and discussed by the House.

Mr. Speaker, a letter was written to the Managing Director, Nyahururu Water and Sanitation Company Limited (NYAHUWASCO) dated 15th June, 2020 and a response was received on 24th June, 2020. Further a meeting between the committee and the board was held on 19th June, 2020 with the aim of discussing the statement. On background information, the Nyahururu Water and Sanitation Company Limited was incorporated on 18th February, 2002 under the company's Act, Cap 486 of the laws of Kenya.

The review of the tariff for NYAHUWASCO followed a process that has been set out in the WASREB guidelines and the tariff review process entailed the following;

- An analysis of operations cost against revenues generated at the prevailing tariffs in a bid to assess whether the revenue generated covers all the cost and can therefore guarantee.
- Uninterrupted water services that meets the standards set by the regulator.
- Assure sustainability of supply and provision of services into the future.

In this regards, the following factors became critical during the review;

- Full cost coverage – this is to ensure that the company is able to pay for all obligations as they fall due.

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- Sustainability of water and sanitation services provision – There has to be continuous water supply and sanitation and services has to be maintained to avoid disease outbreaks.
- Cushion against inflation – The Company experienced increases in power costs both for electricity and diesel in the past two years. General increase of repair materials, chemicals, salaries and other administrative costs have impacted negatively on the company's ability to maintain the services at the required levels and thus the need for a tariff review.
- Minor investments – This includes extension of service lines to reach the unserved and the underserved. The company has an obligation to expand water and sanitation services and therefore increase coverage.
- Debt repayments – In 2012-2015, the Northern Water Service Board implemented a major project funded African Development Bank (AFDB). The project entailed construction of water treatment plant, sewer, storage tank, sewer lines and water pipelines. The repayment of this loan had to be factored in the new tariff.

Mr. Speaker, the company had to review the tariff because according to the documents held by the committee, the tariff review process has been rigorous and has taken the company over two years. The application of the review was done in 2018 but due to thorough scrutiny of the cost structure and projections undertaken by the regulator, the review was approved and gazetted in the year 2020. The process involved;

Presentation of schedules of the current costs and forecasts to WASREB to determine the allowable costs and forecasts.

- Presentation of schedules of forecasted revenues by NYAHUWASCO.
- Detailed review of cost coverage by WASREB.
- Final validation of the application by WASREB.
- Notice to the public consultation by NYAHUWASCO
- Public consultation by WASREB
- Approval of tariff review structure by WASREB.
- Gazettment of the revised tariff structure by WASREB
- Notice of the tariff adjustment.

The notice of the public consultation is also attached as annex 7. It can be confidently be reported that the company followed all the above steps. The initial application by the company had sought a higher review but the regulator reduced the tariff to a level that ensures full cost coverage, sustainability and improved service level.

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Criteria used by the company in identifying participants for public participation, according to documents provided by the board, the identification of participants was done in accordance with the company's memorandum and Articles of association and according to guidelines provided by WASREB. The participants comprised of the following categories;

Category 1. Shareholders who comprised of;

- H.E the Governor,
- County Secretary,
- CECM Water, Environment and natural Resources and
- CECM Finance.

Category 2. Stakeholders as outlined in the company's memorandum and Articles of Association. They comprised of the representatives of the following groups found within the company's area of service provision;

- Rural schemes within service provision areas of the company.
- Registered women organizations.
- Manufacturing and business community.
- Professional organizations.
- Resident organizations.
- Youth and persons with special needs.

Category 3. Key management staff of the company.

Category 4. The general public

According to the board and in accordance with the WASREB guidelines, the participants were invited from the four categories. The members of the County Assembly both elected and nominated within the company's area of service provision as in annex 9. The general public was invited through public notice in the newspaper, Daily Nation of 21st August, 2019 and through public announcement in vernacular radio station, Inooro 28th August, 2019.

The purpose of the stakeholder consultation, Section 139 of the water Act, 2016 sets the requirement for stakeholder consultation during tariff review. According to the board, cash flow projects in the company has been affected by inability of the customers to pay their bills and low consumption of water in the commercial sector during the COVID-19 pandemic period. The following table illustrates the revenue collected against the billed amount from January to May, 2020. It is during the same period that the tariffs were implemented. On the table there you can see everything as stipulated.

The company has taken various measures to cushion the customers and as a contribution in curbing the spread of covid-19 pandemic as follows;

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1. During the COVID-19, the company stopped late payment charges estimated Kshs. 604,082 per month.
2. Stopped effecting disconnection to defaulters as per the government directive.
3. The company has been giving water out for hand washing as from March, 2020 at one bowser per week translating to Kshs. 60,000 per month.
4. The company has also installed hand washing facilities in strategic locations in Nyahururu Town, Rumuruti, Marmanet and Igwamiti schemes.

Due to the shortfall in revenue, the company is facing challenges in meeting the recurrent operation cost mainly chemical cost and electricity bills. According to the board, it will not be possible to readjust the tariff. The tariff readjustment process is as rigorous as the process followed in the tariff review and has to be justified.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that the explanation provided in this response clarifies the tariff review process, what informed the increase in tariffs and whether the company can reconsider readjusting the tariffs during the COVID-19 epidemic. It is also my hope that the response meets the expectation of the Members.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The statement has got attached documents on all the procedures, steps, the participants and the Kenya gazettement. Even the participation of Members and stakeholders and how they asked questions and answered. The advertisement also is attached and all the documents proving how the meeting was held. We also have got signatures of everybody who attended the meeting and their photos that were taken during that meeting. Therefore, that was the response from the company as per all the questions that had been asked in the floor of this House. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** The Member who requested for the statement is not in at the moment but I am sure that he will be coming back in a while. So I can open the floor for any other Member who wishes to give their input in this response.

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Mr. Speaker, the Members had the response from yesterday and have been able to read and understand and that is why you can see that nobody is participating. We gave all the details and attached all the documents and therefore we can go to the next agenda because each and every Member has read the report and they are very happy with it. I even had some congratulating me outside on giving a detailed report.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Simon, I wish that was the state of the Members but that it is Hon. Kiguru for requested for the statement. If he is not in and no other Member is putting their input, then it shall be okay. I will ask Hon. Catherine Nyawira to give her input in this statement.

**Hon. Catherine Nyawira:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I go through this document, I am amazed that the people who represent wanjiku and are the stakeholders of NAWASCO and NYAHUWASCO are six members. One, who represents the youth and persons with special needs, the other one who represents the residents' organization and another who represents the manufacturing people, the women and the rural schemes.

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Mr. Speaker, I don't see why these people if they were the people who were consulted and decided that the tariffs must be raised, then we must have a way they had to talk to the people who had sent them there. When the tariff was raised, then the residents are up in arms meaning that these people have a very unclear way of how they conducted their public participation or how they went to the company to represent the views of wanjiku down there.

Mr. Speaker, I think that it is very good that we defer and see how these people should be able to talk to the people who sent them there otherwise…

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Mr. Speaker, I stand on a point of correction. It is not the six people who resolved on the tariff adjustments. They called on the participants to attend and we had 102 people who were able to attend. It was made public where the meeting would be and I also attended as the Chair but even the Hon. Members were called upon. That is why I have said that most Members have read and participated in that issue on tariff adjustments. The six are the board members but for tariff review they made it public and advertised it in Inooro and those who were able to attend attended.

**Hon. Catherine Nyawira:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to tell the Hon. Member that the people who attended were the stakeholders and I have read, the key management or the staff and, the general public. That meeting was held in a room smaller than this meaning it cannot accommodate every Member especially members of the public, the common Wanjiku. This meeting was held at the Sports Club which is a members' club. I am telling you some of those people who consume that water have never been to that club.

In the photos that are in this document half of them are staff. I can confirm for you because I was in this meeting. The others were members of the fourth estate. The issue of public participation and how it is conducted is really a shaky one. I still want to say that these people who were chosen as stakeholders to represent Wanjiku must revisit how they handled public participation and how they communicate to the people who consume the water. Otherwise, we will continue having them give views of Wanjiku that are not the true representation of the ground. This month alone, and it was raining and my tanks were full, NAWASCO gave me a bill of two thousand for water which is minimum. This water is too expensive and even I as a resident am feeling the heat…

**Deputy Speaker:** What is it, Hon Simon?

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Mr. Speaker I stand on a point of clarification because what was asked in the question is whether the right procedure was followed. In case we need any other change on how public participation ought to be done or whether this Assembly can be able to adjust the tariffs that is another question. I wanted a clarification because the Hon Member is very clear on her concern and it does not just touch her. The clarification is, did we as a committee answer as per the requirement?

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Simon

**Hon. Catherine Nyawira:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also wish to direct myself to one of the pages that was signed in this meeting. A whole three signed sheets are comprised of members of this company. How can the members of this company fill a room and tell us that

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this is what public participation is? I still insist that public participation was not properly carried out. Fine, the people who work in this company consume the same water, but they have interests so they cannot be participants in such an area. Thank you.

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Mr. Speaker I am concerned. When we claim that proper public participation was not done and we as Members who represent Wanjiku attended, I do not know how to fix it. All the Members in that region who represent that area attended the meeting and even in this Assembly I represent Marmanet. If there is concern we need to sit down and see how to focus on it but if not claim that public participation was not done because we have members of that organization, the members of public, and the list is long, a hundred and two. This is one of the best because in most cases we rarely get over fifty people who attend public participation. In representation, we called elected and nominated Members and all of us attended. I wish you go through that list and you will see that most of us attended.

Some of us went late and never recorded that we attended but I can attest that I attended though I never registered because I was late. Furthermore, it was announced in Inooro, the stationed that we normally listen to. It was put in the daily paper and now as per the report that was asked I have tried to ensure that I bring everything they asked for. I have done it and that is the concern but in case we need to change the mode of public participation that is what as a House we will need to deliberate and agree.

In future if these tariffs need to be changed, which are the procedures we will follow? The procedures were followed and Members endorsed so if we need to change again which procedures should we follow? With that, as a Committee, we will be able to push. On participation almost each and every Member representing those regions were there and if you want us to go that route we will prove it because it is in the report. Most of us attended and in case there is somebody who can claim he never attended he can attest to it. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Simon Kanyutu, you said that you wanted to go through the list and the Members have got it so obviously there is no need to do that. I think it is very hard for you to convince this House that you were in that meeting because your name is not appearing there and you are not anywhere in the picture. Anyway, let us proceed because I am very sure other Members of this House were there and registered so they can confirm that is the case. I will ask Hon. Joseph whether he has any input because he was the Member who requested for the statement before we go to the next agenda.

**Hon. Joseph Kiguru:** Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwanza ninashukuru kamati kwa sababu imejaribu kujibu maswali kwa njia ambayo kwa upande mmoja inaonekana kana kwamba iko sawa. Ningetaka tu kusema kwa ujumla ya kwamba maswali niliyoyauliza wamejaribu kujibu iwapo njia ya kubadilisha malipo ilikuwa sawa kulingana na sheria. Wamejaribu kuweka stakabadhi nyingi sana kuonesha ya kwamba sheria ilifuatwa. Mwenyekiti hapa amejaribu kuongea kana kwamba yeye ni mhadhiri katika hiyo taasisi iitwayo NYAHUWASCO…

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Mr. Speaker, I stand to seek clarification from the Hon. Member if I am trying to be a lecturer. Furthermore, he is among those who attended and passed these tariffs to be changed if you go to the list of attendees. We have to check on that because

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he is now telling me that I am a lecturer. I am not in the list and you can see somebody by the name Wandeto at the top, Michael Njuguna, and we have Joseph Kiguru.

My friend, Hon. Joseph Suge, and Hon Catherine Nyokabi also attended. When we go to number 88, all the Hon. Members who hail from West attended that meeting. In case they claim that I am lecturing, I am not doing it. I have a good friend of mine who had a visit in that region, Hon Meshami, and he also attended that meeting. In case there is anything that was passed, maybe they can also give us guidance. He should not call me a lecturer.

**Hon. Joseph Kiguru:** Mheshimiwa anaendelea kunihadhiria wakati sikuwa na haja. Sitaki sana kujikita katika maneno ya sheria kwa sababu inaonekana ya kwamba ilitangazwa kwenye gazeti. Shida niliyo nayo ni kama vile mwenzangu Mheshimiwa Catherine amejaribu kueleza kwamba hata kama inaonekana umma ulihusishwa, wale watu waliokuwa katika ile hoteli walikuwa wamealikwa. Ni vizuri kuweka wazi ya kwamba uwepo wangu katika kikao hicho inajulikana vizuri. Tulikuwa tukienda kazi nyingine ya Bunge ndipo tukapitia. Njia ya kuwaita wale watu kuongea ukweli sio sahihi na hata Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti anajua hivyo. Nilimsikia akiuliza, kwa sababu alikuta watu wawili wa kwake, ni njia gani inatumika kuwaita? Hiyo iko nje ya ripoti kwa sababu hangeweza kuweka huko lakini njia ya kuwaita wale watu katika mkutano inakuwa shida.

Tusisahau ya kwamba sisi kama wawakilishi ya wananchi hao twaongea kuhusu bei ya maji. Kusema ukweli wamejaribu kueleza na ukiangalia hata katika swali langu la pili linalohusu kuwasilisha katika nyumba hii gharama ya uendeshaji na urekebishaji, gharama ya usimamizi ukilinganisha na mapato, misaada na fedha waliyotengewa, wamejaribu kueleza ya kwamba hakuna pesa walipewa na serikali ya kaunti.

Sijui kama huenda nimekosea nikijaribu kuingia kwa hizi nakala kwa sababu kudhibitisha bei ya maji wangeonesha vyema kuweka dawa kiasi fulani ya maji inahitaji pesa kiwango hii ili ieleweke vizuri. Sababu yangu kusema kuwa Mheshimiwa anajaribu kuhadhiria Nyumba hii ni isipokuwa maneno mengi hakuna dhibitisho kuonesha ya kwamba gharama ili maji yawe sawa ni hii, ila tu kwamba tunayo mikopo ya milioni hii. Walichukua mkopo ndiyo walipiwe na wananchi?

Mambo mengine kama vile nimesema ni kuwa itakuwa shida sana kwa sababu hawajatuletea dhibitisho ya kwamba kutengeneza na kuweka dawa maji kiasi hii inagharimu pesa kiasi hii. Hii ni kwa sababu tunaongea kuhusu mcheraba ya maji yale yanayotumika. Gharama ya maji katika kaunti ya Laikipia ni ya juu kuliko kununua maziwa. Kwa ujumla hizi nakala zote nikizipitia ninaweza kusema ya kwamba ni mahusiano ya umma tu. Mwisho wa siku tungali tunamfinya na kumkandamiza yule mwananchi aliyetuleta hapa kwa. Ukienda katika maneno ya maziwa utaambiwa na mkulima kuwa amenunua chakula cha ng'ombe na utakuta anatuuzia maziwa kwa bei ya chini kuliko maji. Sijui kama anataka kunihadhiria lakini mpe nafasi.

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Mr. Speaker, I stand on a point of clarification because the Hon. Member asked the question and he is now putting another question that I never made it. In that meeting the Hon. Member made his remarks and he welcomed all stakeholders. I can read how he stated in that meeting. The area MCA himself, I do not even want to mention the name,

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welcomed all the stakeholders and recognized the presence of his workmate, Hon. Joseph Suge, who was with him for the meeting.

He has said they were just passing so I want that clarification. In his statement he urged members not to bring in politics. That was his statement, not to bring politics in the Water Company or interference on its operations. He invited Hon. Joseph Suge who thanked the company for organizing the public consultation meeting. He reported that Rumuruti residents are happy about the water supply as compared to previous regimes when the company was being run by Rumuruti Water Company.

He thanked the NYAHUWASCO management for expansion of water main line to Ngomongo. He still urged the company to do similar expansion in the upper Ngomongo and I am sure that it is in the process, we are also doing it. He requested that copies of the company policy be distributed to consumers in all the regional offices. He also stated that they are ready to support the company so that many consumers can get access to safe and affordable water.

What I can attest is that the cost of production of water in Nyahururu is higher unlike in NAWASCO. The bills have been stabilised to read the same. We use diesel in Nyahururu in that region. There is a loan that even the company had been offered by AFDB Bank. The company does not make profits. What they do is just ensuring that they serve and I have read in the paper.

I am told that I am lecturing, is giving the truth lecturing? I cannot lecture and whatever I am giving is the report as per what we were asked as a committee to go and get from the company. We were also tough. Why are you charging because the levies are high? Not unless we sit down as an Assembly and discuss how to go about reducing the levies. What they followed all the procedures to ensure they levied as per the requirement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Joseph Suge:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would first want to congratulate my colleague Hon. Kanyutu on the way he has presented the report before the Assembly. I have a question maybe he can answer later. Whether, he has become the director of the company or he is a Representative of the people of Marmanet who are also consumers of that water.

Mr. Speaker, I want to confirm that I was in that meeting. I was invited as a representative of Rumuruti scheme. We had some few representatives from those areas. The NYAHUWASCO people gave a proposal of their proposed tariffs. The procedures on how they handled is questionable.

One, after the views of the public were heard, the director of NYAHUWASCO should have called the public to inform them on the agreed tariffs. Even to read to them so that they can agree before gazetting the same tariffs. That is one of my questions. Another issue that the Member of Igwamiti had asked, was whether the company can reconsider adjusting the tariffs. I think we should have been given a comprehensive report whether it is possible. Concerning that we have issues affecting the people in regards to COVID-19.

In the report I have not seen any issue or any concern to do with review of tariffs as per the COVID-19 guidelines. KRA have reduced their charges. Even the companies in this County

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can also borrow the same. The water consumers are facing a lot of challenges. That is why the Hon. Member was even requesting that the company considers that. I would like the Member to also give a report on whether it is possible. We have seen the tariffs are already gazetted. Thank you.

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Mr. Speaker, I wanted to inform the Hon. Member that the issue to do with COVID-19, I have read. On page 5 of your statement, the company has taken various measures to caution the members as a contribution to curbing the spread of COVID-19. There are three things they have done.

1. The company stopped late payment charges. Previously, once you go beyond date 15th there were some charges that were being added. That one they stopped and that is an expression that was well done. It was on a response on what they have done.

2. They stopped effecting disconnection. They are not disconnecting but the bill is accumulating. Even if you do not pay you will pay. You will not be disconnected but the bill will continue accumulating.

3. The company has been giving out water. If you visit that town it is at strategic areas. I was very happy and congratulating the Hon. Member. I thought he is the one who had initiated that project. We have tanks in strategic areas that the members of public are utilising to wash hands. NYAHUWASCO is doing it to deal with Covid.

4. The company has also installed hand washing facilities at strategic locations. In Rumuruti there are some tanks installed. Even in Marmanet they have done in the upper area.

On the issue of tariffs, the board said it is not possible to readjust the tariff. The tariff readjustment process is a rigorous one and WASREB. That is the statement that they gave us. On our part as a committee, I am not speaking as a director. I am giving the information of what we got because you gave us the power to go and oversight these people. The report that they gave us is what we are tabling on the Floor of this House.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kanyutu. For this statement and others, Hon. Members, let us always try to stick strictly to this question asked in this and any other statement. Let us not try to go outside the statements because otherwise, you did not ask of such. Answers might be there but you did not ask. I am not saying that there are some people going beyond. Let us put it as a common sense. When a statement is being raised then that particular committee will only work on those asked questions. Hon. Joseph Kiguru you can say your final word then we will proceed.

**Hon. Joseph Kiguru:** Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Mwenyekiti amejaribu tu kurejesha kwa idara anayosimamia kana kwamba yeye ndiye Mkurugenzi. Mheshimiwa Suge amesisitiza hivyo, lakini ni vizuri kwa sababu lazima afanye kazi yake. Kisheria nilidhani ya kwamba Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti angekuja na ripoti kutoka kwa WASREB. Stakabadhi iliyopitishwa kuonyesha ya kwamba ilipitia njia inayotakikana.

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Kwa ujumla nilivyokuwa nimesema, ni kujaribu kuonyesha ya kwamba walifuata sheria. Kuonyesha ya kuwa waliitana wananchi wachangie na ni vyema. Njia waliyotumia ni ya kwamba mwananchi wa kawaida hangepata nafasi ya kuja. Kama alivyosema Mwenyekiti ni vizuri tutafute njia mbadala ili wananchi wawe wakijulishwa. Wao ndio wahusika wakuu, wawe wakijulishwa. La mwisho ili nimalize, ningetaka tuone kana kwamba kuna njia. Inaonekana kwamba anaendelea kunisumbua. Hataki nielekeze na ni vizuri kumheshimu Mwenyekiti kwa kuwa amekataa.

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Mr. Speaker, I wanted to say that the report is not complete. There is a document that will also come on what he is asking. If you read on the first page, the seeking of a report. The report is ready and we will bring it to the floor of this House. We have not finished everything. There is a report that will also come on what you had also asked, everything is not done. On the first page, we have clarified that there is another report. You gave us a very big task and we have to make sure we bring everything.

**Hon. Joseph Kiguru:** Mheshimiwa Spika, ni vizuri kwa sababu Mwenyekiti ni kana kwamba anakubali kuna vitu ambavyo tumeuliza na hana chombo cha kudhibitisha. Hiyo ripoti ya WASREB nilikuwa nataka atuelekeze vizuri. Amesema kuna zingine zinakuja baadaye na nafikiria ni kuonyesha ya kwamba hii ripoti haijakamilika. Kulingana nami hii ripoti haijakamilika.

La mwisho kabisa, katika Bunge hili ni vizuri tufikirie njia ambayo tutatumia kufuatilia. Kama waunda sheria tuhakikishe ya kwamba tumejaribu kurekebisha bei ya maji katika Kaunti yetu. Sitaki kupitisha hapo. Ripoti ya kamati wamejaribu na uzungumzaji wao ni mzuri kabisa. Kuna mambo mengine hayajakamilika na kwa hivyo ni shukrani kwa Mwenyekiti kwa kusimamia NAWASCO na NYAHUWASCO kwa njia ipasayo. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Mr. Speaker, what did our report just write and inform the Members? That, request number two was seeking for a report and a motion will be moved and discussed in this House. We have done it, what wrong have we done with that? It is in our report. As we are writing we have clearly stated that we have that report, whatever he is asking I read in the floor of this House.

Mr. Speaker, as a Representative of the people and an oversight person, I have to ensure that whatever is asked by the Members we bring on the floor of the House. I have done it and that is why in this report it is clearly stated. Come next week, we will have the other report on what had not been enlisted here. Mr. Speaker, safeguard me because it seems the Hon. Member is up for grabs on me. I just responded to what he had asked.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Chair. The Member who requested for the statement has actually thanked you and the Committee for the good job. He is eagerly waiting for part two that is not being answered. There is no query about that. Next week this part two of the report will find its way in the Floor of this House. At least, the Member has confirmed the other three questions were asked are okay. We will wait and see the third one. Hon. Chair you still have another chance for a statement. You can proceed.



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**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Mr. Speaker, may I give my able Member of the Committee to assist me? I have dwelt so much on water. We work as a committee so Hon. Matunge can do that for me.

**Hon. Peter Matunge:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, Chairman for giving me this responsibility. We have a response to a statement on food distribution during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

Mr. Speaker, following a statement on the floor of the House by Hon. Chris Mark on 26th May, 2020, requesting for response regarding the number of households per ward that have benefitted from the *Lisha Jamii initiative,* and the food distribution that has been done by the County Government and how the donations have been distributed.

A correspondence calling for response on the statement was sent to the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. On 27th May, 2020 the Office of the Clerk received an official response on the subject. The committee has since then scrutinised the content of the letter REF: CGL/DALF/CA/Vol1/24 which has detailed the distribution of foodstuff.

Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the question raised by the move which includes the following matters, the response is hereby given in the table below: -

1. Number of households that have benefitted from *Lisha Jamii Initiative,* the data presented to the Assembly to show distribution per ward.
2. Food donations done through the County Government and how it has been distributed.

Ways of identification

In Laikipia the households were identified through NHIF, National Government Administration Officer (NGAO) and National Government.

1. National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF)

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the NHIF identified 12,500 households in their coverage data across the county through the organization's MJALI data. The households were already poor and struggled to put food on the table prior to Covid-19. The following data shows the households as distributed across the County.

Table 1: households identified through NHIF data set (MJALI)

| Ward | No. of poor Households | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| Githiga | 637 | 5.2 |
| Igwamiti | 1726 | 14 |
| Marmanet | 1376 | 11.1 |

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|---|---|---|
| Mukogodo east | 375 | 3 |
| Mukogodo west | 452 | 3.7 |
| Nanyuki | 1868 | 15.1 |
| Ngobit | 781 | 6.3 |
| Ol Moran | 466 | 3.8 |
| Rumuruti township | 470 | 3.8 |
| Salama | 402 | 3.3 |
| Segera | 267 | 2.2 |
| Sosian | 269 | 2.2 |
| Thingithu | 472 | 3.8 |
| Tigithi | 708 | 5.7 |
| Umande | 2077 | 16.8 |
| TOTAL | 12,346 | 100 |

3. On the National Government Administrative Officers

Mr. Speaker, the Administrative Officers (NGAO) further identified 11,316 as vulnerable members in the sub counties as follows;

**Table 2: Vulnerable households identified by NGAO**

| S/no | Sub County | No. of Households |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Laikipia East | 4,095 |
| 2. | Laikipia West | 3,744 |
| 3. | Laikipia Central | 2,024 |
| 4. | Laikipia North | 1,453 |
| | **TOTAL** | **11,316** |

**National Government**

Mr. Speaker, the National Government has also provided a data set of nearly 6500 individual households who are already receiving the state cash transfers through the Inua Jamii programme. These households have been removed from MJALI dataset in table 1 and also from the dataset presented by County NGAO Officers in table 2.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the statement sort for the following answers;

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a) Number of households (per ward) that have benefited from the Lisha Jamii initiative.

b) Food donations done through the County Government and how they have been distributed.

The following tables 1 and 2 illustrate the number of households that have received the food packs.mr speaker you can see the food distribution per ward.

| **Ward** | **Village** | **No. of food packs/ households** |
|---|---|---|
| Igwamiti | Maina village | 450 |
| Igwamiti | Manguo | 210 |
| Total for Igwamiti | | 670 |
| Various through support households KESSHA | Laikipia West, Laikipia East and Laikipia North selected by the teachers (leaders) | 48 |
| Mukogodo West | Seek, Sarampa, Kurum, Soit Oundu, Leruk, Olruko,Ilpolei, Munishoi, Ranch, Soit | 500 |
| Mukogodo West | Ilmotiol village- through Mpala research centre | 82 |
| **Ward** | **Village** | **No. of food packs/ households** |
| Mukogodo East | Kiwanja Ndege, Orkinyei Arjiju, Ethi, Sangaa, Chumvi, Lukosero, Leragai, Loortasha. | 681 |
| Mukogodo East | One More Day children rescue centre- through Mpala Research Centre | 20 |
| | Seriani women with children disability S. H.G in Dol Dol | 20 |
| | Mpala vulnerable families through Mpala research centre | 11 |
| **Totals for Mukogodo East** | | **732** |
| Segera | Tangi Nyeusi, Debatas, Endana/ Ereri, Segera Gate, Anibor, Lairagwan, Mukima | 630 |

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| Segera Ward | Lekiji- village through Mpala research centre | 76 |
| Total for Segera | | 696 |
| Rumuruti ward | Rumuruti town, Lorian, Ndurumo, Mutamaiyu | 500 |
| Rumuruti ward | County team 47 | 47 |
| Total for Rumuruti | | 597 |
| Githiga Ward | Matwiku/ Lobere | 140 |
| Children's homes | CEDEC, Sangida, Baptist- (Daraja- Pst. Chirchir children's home) | 50 |
| Caddies | Caddies at therefore no income golf club ( club closed) | 46 |
| Mountain guides | Qualified because there is no income from tourism | 50 |
| Ol Moran Ward | Sopili fire victims | 60 |
| Nanyuki Ward | Mary Immaculate Dispensary | 250 |
| | Loise girls | 264 |
| | DEB primary | 262 |
| | AP Majengo- Majengo blocks A, B, C | 136 |
| | County Hall Annex | 125 |
| | Public works ground -Likii | 268 |
| | Likii centre ECDE | 190 |
| | Likii PCEA C church | 200 |
| | Likii special school – for Gathanji area | 314 |
| | First Baptist Church- Likii | 330 |
| | Laikipia County Assembly grounds | 90 |

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|---|---|---|
| | Nturukuma primary school- Muranene and Mukuri villages | 133 |
| | Kanyoni | 100 |

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|---|---|---|
| | Nturukuma – for Nturukuma village | 249 |
| | Shika Adabu | 133 |
| **Totals for Nanyuki Ward** | | **3,496** |
| Thingithu Ward | Bungoma primary | 266 |
| | Sweetwater primary | 267 |
| | Loise girls secondary-2nd phase for Thingithu | 89 |
| **Total** | | **8,215** |

**Food donation through the County Government**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Igwamiti, Marmanet, Ol Moran and Githiga | Various households in Laikipia West with St. Martins Catholic Social Apostolate | 161 |
| Segera | Two-two village with Ol Pejeta | 66 |
| Nanyuki | Gwa Cecilia village (from NAWASCO) | 66 |
| Rumuruti | Africa Nel Cuer | 50 |
| Sosian Ward | Loisaba Adopt a village- Koija | 35 |
| | Through Loisaba adopt a village- KMC and Sagumai villages | 35 |
| Nanyuki Ward | Kabiru (through NAWASCO) | 100 |

Mr. Speaker, the process of food distribution due to COVID-19 is ongoing. It is undertaking until the epidemic is controlled and the economy is stable.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Member who requested for the statement, you can always give your voice on the requested statement response.

**Hon. Chris Mark:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I commend this committee. They have done a good job. When I go through it and complete it, I will say if it is an excellent job. Anybody can do a good job but very few can do an excellent job. I saw it even says that caddies, the people who carry around in the golf clubs, were beneficiaries of this scheme.

What I would like request is more time to go through these numbers. I just got this report though I was notified yesterday that it was coming. If I say that I am not satisfied, then that matter cannot be brought to conclusion. I would ask for more time. These numbers look beautiful on paper. I just need to know whether they look beautiful on the ground. Mr. Speaker, with your indulgence maybe I could give my overall satisfaction next week. Thank you.

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**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Member who requested for the statement, it is wise for the committee to give you more time to go through the response. I do not think that there is harm in that. It is also good for you to also give a specific day. This is so that we can note properly and give your response on that day.

**Hon. Chris Mark:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would say on Thursday morning. God willing when are here healthy and breathing, I will want to register my satisfaction on that day. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Chris, this statement will then come back on Thursday. It will be on our order paper so that you register your satisfaction or otherwise.

## PROCEDURAL MOTION

ALTERATION OF CALENDAR OF THE ASSEMBLY

**Hon. Peter Thomi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 29(4) this Assembly resolves to alter its calendar by proceeding with normal sittings during the period stipulated as the short recess break set to commence on 10th July, 2020 to 20th July, 2020.

Mr. Speaker, I was in this House yesterday and I remember that the Speaker notified the Members in the House on the intended recess. That one being clear to the Members there was a consultative meeting among us as Members. That is the reason of coming up with this motion. I urge the Hon. Members to support it. We know that at this time round the Budget Committee Members are busy trying to come up with the 2020/2021 budget. As a result, Members came together and agreed that they need much time to come together. This is so that we do not run short of time. Members to proceed with the sessions normally as from next week as it has always been.

It is good to note that a period stipulated for a short recess is there in the calendar. We have come to alter so that proceedings run as normal during the period that was stipulated for a short recess. I urge the Hon. Members to support this motion because this is the wish of the Members. I call my brother Hon. Peter Matunge to second this motion.

**Hon. Peter Matunge:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to second the motion that was brought by the Hon. Majority Leader. I believe that he has explained the reason as to why the Hon. Members wish to be in this House. We have not concluded the budget process. We have already closed the Financial Year. We better conclude that process before we go into any other business. We know that both our county and country are still under the emergence of COVID-19. Our services are much required to support both the government of the day and our electorate in this time. With those few remarks, I beg to second the motion. Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

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**Hon. Joseph Suge:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of the motion that we alter the calendar to proceed with the sittings of the House. It is true that we have a lot of activities and so many pending issues that need to be handled. The issues need enough time. One of this is the budget. We know that we are running short of time as we have to approve the budget before the end of this month. I support that we proceed with our normal sittings so that we can address this issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Chris Mark:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am in support of this alteration of the calendar in line that the budget process has not been concluded yet the Financial Year has been closed. If I am not wrong the PFM Act says that from July 15th, of which most counties are given that extension, onwards we are in a new financial dispensation. It is good that the Majority Leader has seen it fit and the Members have endorsed it. I support this decision fully.

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Mr. Speaker, I do not have much to add because the Hon. Members have stated everything. Let us proceed.

**Deputy Speaker:** There is no more other Member who is contributing. May I call upon the mover to give a reply?

**Hon. Peter Thomi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Hon. Members because you are ready to serve the Laikipians. You have proved it by supporting this motion. Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## CONSIDERED RULING

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, since you have passed this motion, let the budget process commence from now since we are almost behind time. The Sectorial Committee and other committees to meet in regard to budget making. Let us utilize this time from now so that at least by next week we will have finished all the processes regarding the budget. Thank you, Hon. Members.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Deputy Speaker:** The sittings of this House stands adjourned until next week Tuesday, 14th July, 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.03 a.m.

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