REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 18th June, 2024

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.07 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILDCARE FACILITY POLICY

Hon. Salim Edung: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion concerning the provision of seeds…

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Salim. I am reminded that Hon. Leila should be the one on the floor then we get back to you.

Hon. Salim Edung: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Leila Hussein: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, AWARE THAT Article 53(1) b & c provides that every child has the right to free and compulsory basic education; and to basic nutrition, shelter and healthcare;

FURTHER AWARE THAT Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, stipulates that Pre-primary education, village polytechnics, homecraft centres and childcare facilities is a function of the County Government;

NOTING THAT day-care centres have become increasingly popular among urban parents striving to balance their careers with parenting responsibilities;

FURTHER NOTING THAT this surge in demand has led to a notable increase in daycare facilities within urban areas, catering to the needs of parents who seek the convenience of having their children cared for while they pursue their daily work commitments;

COGNIZANT THAT According to a UNICEF report, Kenya has more than a quarter of children under the age of five, or two million children, with stunted growth; CONCERNED THAT stunting is the most frequent form of under-nutrition among young children which, if not addressed has devastating long-term effects, including diminished mental and physical development;

ALARMED by the rise of children requiring nutrition interventions at Laikipia Health Facilities in the nutrition Department, primarily due to the effects of low-quality care, food insecurity and over nutrition which has led to a concerning scenario of extreme nutrition;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT Enhanced childcare will establish a strong foundation for optimal development, particularly benefiting children in low-income settings and

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ultimately contributing significantly to the development of human capital; this House urges the County Government to establish childcare facilities policy that will seek to;

i. Ensure that all childcare facilities that meet the criteria set out are registered;

ii. Ensure that the Childcare facility Owners pay registration fee for the business;

iii. Ensure that public health officials do issue certificate of compliance to the owners of child care centre after inspecting and monitoring the centres;

iv. Ensure that public health officials mainstream reporting on childcare centres within the requisite routine- monthly reporting;

v. Give incentives to day-care owners to meet the required standards e.g. wavering licensing fees for newly set up centres while they are pursuing capacity strengthening and working closely with Community Health Volunteers for support supervision;

vi. Encouraging Community health volunteers (CHVs) to routinely support child health and nutrition programmes in the day care centres as well as training the centre managers to provide an environment for healthy early childhood development;

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION

PROVISION OF SEEDS TO FLOOD -AFFECTED FARMERS

Hon. Salim Edung: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT AWARE THAT Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, stipulates that Agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry is a function of the County Government;

FURTHER AWARE THAT firefighting services and disaster management is a function of the County Government;

CONCERNED of the ongoing heavy rains experienced in the Country which has damaged crops by washing away seeds, seedlings and mature plants leading to significant losses to farmers;

This House URGES the County Government to undertake an assessment of the losses caused by the floods and supply available seeds to flood-affected farmers so that they can plant and regain a harvest as flood waters recede.

Bwana Spika, nashukuru sana kwa kuleta huu mswada katika hili Bunge kwa sababu sisi wote tunaelewa katika miezi iliyopita, kulikuwa na mvua nyingi ambayo ilikuwa ikinyesha katika hii Kenya. Kila mahali kulikuwa na mafuriko na uharibifu wa mabarabara na mashamba. Kuna watu wengi ambao walikuwa wameweka pesa zao nyingi katika kilimo kwa sababu walikuwa na Imani ya kwamba wakipanda msimu wa mvua wataweza kuvuna.

Baada ya hiyo ni hasara ambayo wamepata katika mashamba zao kwa sababu maji ilijaa kila mahali hadi ikaharibu mashamba hadi mbegu zikabebwa na maji. Nimeleta huu mjadala katika hili Bunge ili Serikali ya Kaunti ione vile itakavyoweza kusaidia wakulima. Kuna mtu ambaye alikuwa na matarajio, akaenda katika benki na kukopa pesa na kuzipeleka zote katika kilimo lakini mvua ikanyesha na hiyo mimea yote ikasombwa na maji. Kwa hivyo,

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ninaomba Wabunge wenzangu mahali hapa, ni vizuri tuangalie wananchi wa Jamhuri ya Kenya katika eneo zetu.

Kuna watu walipanda mbegu na saa hizi, hakuna kitu kingine ambacho wako nacho katika Shamba. Ni labda zile mimea ambayo sisi twasema Managu na Terere ndio imepatikana saa hizi kwa shamba. Mimea ambayo mkulima alikuwa amepanda haziko katika shamba. Mimi ningeomba Serikali yetu ya Jamhuri ya Kenya na pia Bunge la Kaunti, tungeomba Wabunge wote tushikane mikono. Tujue hawa wakulima watasaidiwa namna gani na mbegu ili warudishe katika mashamba zao ili wasaidike kwa njia moja kupitia kwa Serikali.

Kwa hayo machache, mimi ningeomba Mheshimiwa Mary Gathoni aunge mkono huu mswada. Asante, Bwana Spika.

Hon. Mary Gathoni: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I second the motion.

(Question proposed)

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, the floor is open for debate.

(Silence)

Deputy Speaker: I now call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Salim Edung: Bwana Spika, nashukuru kwa siku ya leo katika Bunge hili kwa sababu, kunyamaza kimya kwa Wabunge wote, kunamaanisha kwamba huu mswada umepita. Nashukuru.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until later today, Tuesday 18th June, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 10.20 a.m.

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