REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 25th August, 2021

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.52 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

TIME KEEPING

Speaker: I just want to make a comment that we are late today and I think that it has been like that for a number of days since last week. I wish to say that all the committees must work observing timelines because we are supposed to be in this House by 9.00 a.m. in the morning and at 2.30 p.m. in the afternoon. Therefore, there is no reason whatsoever for us to be late. It is therefore important for any committee to look at its work ahead of time so that we do not get late.

I understand that we were waiting for a report which we had scheduled this morning and we were informed that it is not ready and therefore that is why we brought this one. Things happen at times and the report fails to be ready but it is always good to notify the HBC to kindly reschedule another business so that it is not seen as if we are not observing time. We are a House of rules and we cannot be seen to break the same. Therefore, it is good for all committee Chairs and members to kindly note that.

MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT this Assembly adopts the report of the Health and Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the quarter ended 31st December, 2019 dated 13th August, 2021.

Mr, Speaker, Sir, the Health Services Committee deals with all matters related to County Health Services including in particular County Health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health Care, licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public, veterinary services (excluding regulation of the profession), cemeteries, funeral parlours and crematoria and refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal. The membership of the Committee is derived from S.O.191 (1) and it comprises of the following:

1. Hon. Veronica Ikunyua - Chairperson.
2. Hon. Catherine Nyawira - Vice Chairperson.
3. Hon. Daniel Nyausi - Member.

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4. Hon. George Meshami - Member
5. Hon. Peter Thomi - Member

Committee Mandate

The Committee is established under the Standing Order No. 191 which provides that it shall consider, for approval of the House appointments under Article 179 (2) of the Constitution of Kenya.

Committee Meetings

The Committee has held a number of meetings to scrutinize the document is as required prior to tabling it in the House.

On behalf of the Health Services Committee, I have the honour and pleasure to present the Committee's report. May I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Committee for their valuable contributions during the entire process, Thank you?

Committee Establishment

The Committee on Health Services was constituted by the House on 28th September 2017 during the First Session of the Second Assembly in Laikipia County. It is one of the Sectorial Committees established under Standing Order No. 191(g) with the mandate to make reports and recommendations to the Assembly as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation.

Statement of management Responsibilities.

Mr, Speaker, Sir the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and County Planning is responsible for preparation and presentation of the County Governments Financial Statements. The PFM Act 2012 section 166(4) requires that these statements be submitted to the County Assembly and copies be submitted to the National Treasury, the office of the Controller of Budget and the Commission of Revenue Allocation within one month after end of each quarter.

Mr. Speaker Sir the County Government's financial statements were approved and signed by the CECM Finance and County Planning in January 2020.

Financial Performance.

Mr. Speaker, Sir in second quarter, the county budget was Kshs. 1,630,727,105 of which Kshs. 830,488,503 was realized. This represents a budget realization of 50.93% of that quarter's budget.

The realization was from equitable share, own source revenue, foreign grants and fuel levy. During this second quarter, the total expenditure for both recurrent and development stood at Kshs. 1,195,222,309 against a budget estimate of Kshs. 1,980,592,617 for the County Executive which represents 60.35% budget utilization in the quarter.

The medical services department fund financial statements.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Health is one of the key departments in the County Government as per the Fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya. It is a major contributor to the social pillar of vision 2030.The County Department of medical services is charged with domestication and development of health policies, laws and programs and coordinates their implementation.

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During the period ended December 2019, the reports and financial statements were as follows for the Medical Services Department. On the table below on medical services budget execution, Members I believe that you have the copies and therefore we can go to the next page 5.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Absorption rate of preventive and promotive health was at 10.167%, 47.22% for general administrative and 42.49% for community health strategy programs.

COUNTY OWN GENERATED REVENUE PERFORMANCE STATEMENT.

MEDICAL SERVICES QUARTERLY OWN GENERATED REVENUE PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

RECEIPTS	**APPROVED BUDGET FY 2019/2020(Kshs)**	**EXPECTED OWN REVENUE FOR 2nd QUARTER FY 2019/2020(Kshs)**	**ACTUAL COLLECTED OWN REVENUE FOR 2nd QUARTER FY 2019/2020(Kshs)**	**% REALIZED**
Public Health Services	20,000,000	4,000,000	77,192,203	1929.81
Health centers services/hospital fee	350,000,000	70,000,000	-	-
	370,000,000	**74,000,000**	**77.192,203**	**1929.81**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the department had managed to collect a total of Kshs. 77,192,203 for own source revenue from the Public Health Services stream against a quarterly expectation of Kshs. 4,000,000 for the second quarter. This represents a 1929.81%. This was an improvement in comparison to what had been collected in the first quarter of the financial year 2019/2020. The County expected to collect a total of Kshs. 70 million during this quarter from the Health Centres services and hospital fee revenue stream. The county however did not realize any revenue during this reporting period.

PROCEEDS FROM FOREIGN GRANTS

NAME OF DONOR	**2nd QUARTER 2019/2020(KSHS)**	**TOTAL**
DANIDA-Universal Health care in Devolved Units.	6,140,625	6,140,625
UNICEF-Primary Health Care Grant.	1,348,200	1,348,200

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the table above indicates grants received by the department during the second quarter. A total of Kshs. 6,140,625 was received from DANIDA which represents an under performance compared to Kshs. 15,086,250 received during the same period for Financial Year 2018/2019.

Committee Observations

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1. That the department had under budgeted on revenues that can be realized from the public health services stream.
2. That the department had either not submitted its collection report on the health centres services and hospital fee revenue stream performance to the Finance and County planning department or no patients visited the hospitals within the county during that period.
3. That there was an improvement in disbursement of funds by the County treasury to the department in comparison to the financial year first quarter

Committee recommendations

1. That department need to come up with a revised performance index for the public health services revenue stream.
2. That the Medical services allocation should be enhanced bearing in mind that the department's contribution to revenue collected is also high.
3. That the county treasury need to improve on disbursements of funds to the departments to enable its efficiency in service delivery.

Committee conclusion.

That this House **Adopts** the Health Services Committee report.

Mr. Speaker, this report is self-explanatory and I would only urge the Members to adopt this report because we have gone through it together and have seen what the department has done. Therefore, I wish to call upon Hon. Catherine Nyawira to second.

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to second this report and point out one or two things first. I cannot over emphasize on the over importance of timely reports for scrutiny in this House. When we say that there are no patients who attend the hospital from an observation of a report that is brought into this House, it only means that we are relying on data that has been brought meaning that the oversight was probably not done which is a lapse on the Assembly's' side.

Secondly, is to look at the donors like DANIDA and UNICEF. DANIDA is a very important partner in Laikipia and it helps with our health centres. Most of the funding which comes from the NHIF capitation helps our health centres to be able to run, employ cleaners, gardeners, watchmen and other staff. Sometimes it actually pays the money needed for nursing care when the county employs and when there is need.

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

[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Chris mark) took the Chair]

UNICEF is also a donor that comes through an organization called NGAF and UNICEF has been a critical partner to this county. Especially to Laikipia North because it provides vaccine for new babies like BCG and they have been very detrimental. One of the analysis we found when we were in one of the hospitals in Laikipia North, a dispensary called Kurum was that among five births which happened that month, those that came for the BCG jab at the same time were 14, meaning that 9 births had actually happened at home with traditional birth attendants.

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It also means that GAFI was able to sensitize the residents of Laikipia North on the importance of that jab such that even if they gave birth at home then they had to come to the hospital to receive the jab to secure the children. They told us that if they do not come for that jab then their children would die or become lame.

NGAF has also been so detrimental in health system because vaccines like polio have been on their list and they have sensitized the community. I believe that is one of our key achievements in kicking out polio from this country. However, these grants have reduced greatly because a donor comes, identifies a gap and a need within a community and they set targets. So once they have set a five year target, then they assume that they have achieved the same target within the five years and therefore pull out. One of the people who are pulling out is GAFI and they are probably no longer with us.

We know that they are giving us vaccines for Covid-19 but they are not within the county because they have finished the work. So one of the key elements as legislators is to ensure that our people take up the services which have been provided by them, they adopt and make it a lifestyle so that when these donors pull out, they are able to sustain that livelihood of going for vaccines, being educated, knowing the importance and ensuring that the deliverables of donors are met. With those few words, I second the report.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Nikushukuru wewe kwanza na pia nishukuru kamati kwa kuleta hii ripoti. Sina mazungumzo mengi lakini kidogo naenda ukurasa wa tano na ninanukuu maneno yalioandikwa hapa na tuweze kutafsiriwa zaidi kwa sababu asilimia iliyowekwa sijui inaenda vipi. Inasema '*the department had managed to collect a total of Kshs. 77,192,203 for own source revenue from the public health service streams against a quarterly expectation of 4,000,000 for the second quarter. This represent and that is my point 129. 81%'.*

Nipate kuelewa kutoka kwa mwenyekiti nisije nikapata mshakiri kidogo. Zaidi ya hapo, washirika wetu wa kimaendeleo ambao ni DANIDA na UNICEF, sijui ni mkakati upi ambao unaweza kufuatiliwa zaidi kwa sababu hizo shirika zetu za kimaendeleo inaonekana wanazuzua kidogo wanapowaachia fedha. Kwa hivyo wakati mwenyekiti atakapokuwa anatoa majumuisho yake aweze kulitolea ufafanuzi zaidi ili niweze kuelewa kama hiyo asilimia 1929.81% naweza kupata ufafanuzi zaidi. Asante.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Chris Mark): Members can continue making their contributions on the report. If there are no more contributions then I call upon the mover to make a reply.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Hon. Members because at times you know that silence means okay. So thank you for supporting this document and I am sure that you are going to adopt the report. Hon. Mutahi has asked a question and our expectation was Kshs.4 million but it happened to rise up to Kshs.77 million. If you had read the first page, you could have seen what it comprised of. It comprises of very many things like licensing and others. So that is why our expectation rose up to Kshs.77 million.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Chris Mark): This House now stands adjourned until later today Wednesday, 25th August, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

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The House rose at 10.22 a.m.

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