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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU
SECOND ASSEMBLY
(FOURTH SESSION)
REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS

Honorable Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 43 (2)(c), I hereby request for a statement from the Leader of Majority regarding locust menace in the County.

Honorable Speaker,

Of late there has been an outcry in this country and particularly Samburu county because we have a disaster in the name of locust .

Honorable Speaker,

There is no more urgent issue at the moment in the department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries than the invasion of locusts. In fact, when you talk about the County interest, this is the most urgent business that must concern all of us. The locusts are clearing vegetation that is meant for livestock. They are clearing forests.

Honorable Speaker,

The desert locust are considered as one of the most dangerous of the flying pests by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the current invasion remained extremely serious because the locusts seemed to be invading more areas each passing day and that the devastation visited on vegetation thereby was so intense as it was estimated a small swarm covering one square kilometer could eat the same amount of food in one day as 35,000 people, making it a great risk to food security and social stability both at the County and in the areas under invasion.

Honorable Speaker,

I call upon the county government to act fast and mobilize the required resources to scale up control and preventive measures, including the formation of a County Task Force to control and manage the situation.

Honorable Speaker,

Agriculture is a devolved function. So, it is squarely a matter of this House. It is Important that the leader of majority inquires and reports on:

1. The progress that the county disaster and special programs is taking in dealing with the locust issue.
2. Mitigation measures that the county government is or has already put in place in ensuring the locust invasion is dealt with.

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