

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU**



**THE HANSARD**

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2021**

**The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 p.m.**

*Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Stephanie Lanyasunya) in the Chair*

**PRAYER**

## **STATEMENTS**

**MCA Suguta Marmar Ward**, (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): I am rising on a personal statement Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, it is my concern that recently the Government of Kenya through H.E the President of the Republic of Kenya declared drought a national disaster. Madam Speaker I want to bring to the attention of this House that as the Government of the people of Samburu I am seeing less of the efforts that the Government is taking to make sure that the pastoralist who are receiving troubles in every end of this Country that there is an action that the Government is going to take to make sure that the suffering pastoralists are safe in terms of protection, pastures and in terms of provision of food to those people herd their livestock in parts such as Rumuruti, Marti and Koom.

Madam Speaker the Government should speed up and make the off-take of these livestock so that the livelihood of these communities will be retained going food. Madam Speaker the Government is taking no effort to make sure that those challenges are addressed and make sure that the people of Samburu are rescued from disasters, wars and from the severe drought that we are experiencing.

Hon. Speaker I want to task this House to arrange on how the Government will provide the off-take of livestock and probably provide these suffering people with food going forward.

**Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Stephanie Lanyasunya): Very well Hon. Member for Suguta, that is a matter of great concern, Members you can contribute to the same if need be. Hon. Zamzam.

**Specially Elected MCA**, (Hon. Zamzam Ismail): Thank you Madam Speaker, I want to support what Hon. Member for Suguta Ward said.

We know that there is a big drought and 14 Counties are much affected and it is now a national disaster. Madam Speaker we have a Department which was put in place to cater for people in this great County. Madam Speaker we know how badly hit our County is and know that our

herders have been evicted from Laikipia County and called raiders while they are lawful herders who went there looking for pasture.

Madam Speaker drought is a natural disaster and needs to be mitigated, we need to have plans put in place so that if such happens we have enough water and pastures for our livestock. This House has been funding the Department every FY to a tune of KSHS. 100 million, I stand corrected if I am wrong.

Madam Speaker KSHs. 100 million is a lot of money that could be used to dig water pans in every village in each Ward. We still see women carrying jerricans on their heads in 21<sup>st</sup> century, pregnant women trekking several kilometers looking for water.

Madam Speaker our mandate is to ensure that our people have got all the developments they need. Madam Speaker when this House allocates funds to Departments we expect it to be fully utilized, this is a wakeup call because we cannot just sit down looking at our people suffering and our animals dying due to drought.

Madam Speaker about a month ago an Hon. Member of this House sort for a statement from the Department of Special Programmes concerning relief food and we got a response and from the statement response we learnt that 30,000 people needed food but no distribution was done up to date, Madam Speaker this Department should be held accountable for not delivering services to the people of this County, thank you Madam Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Stephanie Lanyasunya): Thank you Hon. Zamzam. I think we all know the problems that our communities and the herders are facing, but I throw the ball back to you; have you been serious in your oversight mandate?

Clerk, please note that the same is brought to the attention of the relevant Department as soon as possible.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Lanyasunya Stephanie): Hon. Members, the time being seven minutes to three O'clock and there being no other business this Assembly now adjourns until Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2021 afternoon at 2:30 Pm.