

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 26th September, 2023

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

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen), in the Chair

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Members, I recognize the presence of Kenya Assemblies of God (KAG) Kisima Academy's Pupils and Teachers at the public gallery. Feel free to listen keenly as our Legislators debate, thank you.

(Applause)

STATEMENTS

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): It is notified that; pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (1) (c), the Speaker has approved the following tentative response for statement for Tuesday 26th September, 2023:

- 1) Statement No. 015/2023, requested by Specially Elected MCA; Hon. Mohamed Asha, to the Chairperson of Culture, Gender, Sports and Youth Affairs, in regards to women empowerment in Samburu County

Hon. Charity

Member Committee on Culture, Gender, Sports and Youth Affairs, (Hon. Lenyakopiro Charity): Thank you Hon, Speaker, I beg to respond to the statement on women empowerment by Hon. Asha Mohamed.

“In response to the letter REF: SBU/CA/CK/CGSS/VOL/5/023 dated 8th September, 2023, the allocation for Women Empowerment initiatives for the Financial Year 2022/2023 was 3.4 Million that facilitated the following activities which are well elaborated in the Financial Year 2022/2023 annual report:

1. Training and Sharing out of Samburu Central Village Saving and Lending Association (VSLA) groups at Maralal Ward.
2. Training on income generating activities
3. Judea share out on village saving and loan association
4. Village Saving and Lending Association group leaders exposure and peer learning at Maralal

5. Training of women groups on VSLA concept at Baawa and Sugta Marmar Wards

The following outcomes/impact were realized: improved saving culture of women groups in Samburu County, increased incomes, improved livelihoods(nutrition, clothing etcetera), improved capacity to meet requirements like medical and education, increased asset accumulation notably like furniture for home, radios and mobile phones, improved social networks and capacity to take up leadership roles at community level by VSLA members, improved self-esteem and control of house hold resources especially by women.

The Department of culture, Gender and Social Services gets consistent feedbacks from village agents on how women empowerment through VSLA is carried out. Technical reports are also submitted to the office once the activity is done, follow up and supervision is also done; especially during the share out period where beneficiaries give feedback and roadmap is consultatively drawn.

The Department also works closely with Gender Sector Working Group which is co-chaired with Chief Executive Committee Member (CECM) and County Commissioners. Membership includes; Chief Officer in-charge of Culture, Gender and Social Services, County Directors for National and County Governments, County Police Commandant, Judiciary Representative of the Office of Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP), NGEC, County and National Council for people living with disability, Development Partners, Civil Society Organizations, Private Sectors and Faith based organizations.

National and County Directors are called Secretaries, the extensive work of GSWG includes; Receive and deliberate on Annual Work plan of each stakeholder for purpose of cooperation and coordination at County level, harmonize gender related activities to avoid duplication in the County, develop joint implementation strategies for similar gender related work, receive and deliberate on progress of joint programs and give recommendations on the improvement of the implementation of such activities/programs each adhere to gender responsive budgeting, convene quarterly budgets of GSWG, conduct quarterly review meetings, make policies and program recommendations through the steering committee to inter-governmental forums on gender and

contribute to knowledge and management by sharing and documenting best practices in the gender sector.

Hon. Speaker, attached is the progressive report on new VSLA Groups as at the year 2022/2023.

Hon. Speaker, the Women Financial Program for the Financial Year 2022/2023 is as follows:

Marked International day of Gender activism, 16 days of activism, and the impact is; increase awareness on Gender based violence, the cost is KSHs. 894,000.

Village savings and Lending Associations training, the impact; women socioeconomic inclusion and increase access to economic resources and opportunities, the cost is KSHs. 424,100.

Judea Share-out and VSLA training of group leaders; the impact is; women socio-economic inclusion and increase access to economic resources and opportunities; the cost is KSHs. 680,000.

Women trainings on group dynamics and IGAs; the impact is; increase women access to opportunities, productive skills and market information; the Cost is KSHs. 521,800.

International Women's Day celebration, the impact is; advance women's rights and celebrate women's achievements, the cost is KSHs.1, 061,000

The Village Savings and Lending Model (VSLA) is a model that women led and participated through group savings. It aims to empower participants to increase access and use collective power to overcome social and financial barriers. The model is run by the Department in partnership with World Food Program (WFP).

The VSLA strides: 2020 one group formed KSHs. 1.2 million shared out, the year 2021; 73 groups formed and KSHs. 7.2 million shared out, the year 2022; 139 groups formed and KSHs. 15 million shared out, the year 2023; 200 groups formed so far.46 Village Agents across the County supported by World Food Program coordinated and supervised by the Department. The Ward covered are; Baawa, Ang'ata Nanyokie, Maralal, Porro, Suguta Marmar, Lodokejek, Elbarta, Nyiro, Wamba West and Wamba East.

The Gender Sector Working Group; this is a technical working group that draws its membership from both the National and County Government, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society, Religious Organizations, Private Sectors and Community Based Organizations (CBOs).

The Department uses the TWG to coordinate and involve all the above entities on gender matters in the County. The TWG covers the following thematic areas:

Women Economic Empowerment, Women Peace and Conflict Resolution, Gender Based Violence, Women Leadership and Decision Making, Male Engagement.

At the County level, the membership is currently a 30 member TWG. The TWG has been formed in the three sub-counties with a plan to cascade it down to Ward level. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Lekuchula David): Thank you Hon. Speaker, before I contribute to the statement before the House today, I also want to take this opportunity as the Member for Lodokejek Ward to recognize Kisima KAG Academy for attending this afternoon session

(Applause)

I also want to tell them welcome, feel comfortable and free, thank you.

Hon. Speaker, I want to tell you and this House that KAG Academy is one of the best performing schools in my Ward

(Applause)

And I want to appreciate, thank you and welcome again.

Hon. Speaker, as I go back to our business today concerning Women Empowerment response received; to my understanding as I was going through the statement, the women empowerment program is not covering is not covering all the Wards in the County

(Applause)

I want the Chairperson of the Committee to tell this House what measures they are taking to make sure that the women empowerment that we are always talking about that we need to

empower our women and youth as we always say. You need to extend women empowerment to women living in remote areas, like Nachola Ward is not captured here

(Applause)

Ndoto Ward is not captured, Wamba North Ward and those women want to be empowered too. The Chairperson should tell us if the Department has any measures that are raising to these women. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Who is the Chair for Education Committee? Hon. Lorunyei are you the Chair?

MCA, Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): I am a member.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): You are a member...welcome.

MCA, Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to appreciate our youth from Lodokejek Ward. It is an honor to have youth who aspire to later come to this honorable house, to come here and see and learn and maybe later to do better than us. So, I say welcome.

As a member of the culture committee we have as much as we did with Kshs.3.4M and we have fifteen wards. We have got many women in Samburu County. It is just a start that we have reached out to ten wards. I know that my ward is not there and the activities said that women are being empowered on peace and conflict resolution. Maybe it was a matter of priority because Nachola and Elbarta would have been considered first but I understand because of the amount allocated to the department my ward was not covered.

Mr. Speaker, I really do not understand this empowerment. I was thinking we streamline the women into the system because we have learned women, we have well-educated women, we have women in high ranks so it is just a matter of bringing them to the streamline whereby we use the third gender rule. I say that we have done a lot. It is just one year. We have four more years to go. We are going to cover all the fifteen wards with the activities ahead of us for

empowering and streamlining women to the system so that fifty to fifty without also forgetting men. We want to empower men to so that we go hand in hand. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Osman Dube): Mheshimiwa Spika, kusema ukweli hii idara ya huduma ya kijamii iko na shida ya pesa. Wamama ni wengi katika hii kaunti ya Samburu. Hata duniani kwote wamama ni wengi kuliko wanaume. Lakini zile pesa wanazopewa ni kidogo. Idara hii imefinywa kwa Miaka mingi. Naomba waheshimiwa waelewe kuwa idara hii imefinywa zaidi. Ninaomba kuwa kukiwa na nyongeza ya bajeti, idara hii iongezewe pesa kwasababu inajumlisha vilema na vijana. Asante Mheshimiwa Spika.

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The honorable members, my little children, I want to contribute to this particular statement. Hon. Dube, much as I agree with you there are some things that need clarification. For starters let me go deeper into this statement. I do not know. May be the language barrier is there. For one, Chair take of note of this. I have words like Judea. On a personal level I do not understand it, please expound for me. I have seen CECM. I do not know if this is a typo or it is how it is.

Thirdly, to my good friend here, Hon. Lorunyei. Mr. Speaker it is astonishing that I do not see Nachola Ward being represented and yet the particular member is seated as one of the committee members. While we are in this particular house, first things first, you go to your ward. I wonder, Hon. Lorunyei, how did you forget about Nachola?

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Point order from Hon. Dube.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Osman Dube): Mheshimiwa Spika, Mheshimiwa anaelekeza maswali kwa Mheshimiwa Lorunyei. Anafaa kuzielekeza kwako kwa sababu we wew ndiye kiongozi wa bunge hili.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Loloju, address it to me not Hon. Lorunyei.

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is what I call a waste of time. There are some people who are contributing to motions and others are interrupting. Like what Hon. Dube said. Talk something sensible, my brother. I have seen that

my Ward is number 3 here. While being the MCA of the area, I have never heard of it being conducted. I do not know how or where they select these groups.

Can I be told about this particular group because I know there are so many in my Ward. This is just a figure but I have not seen or heard of any particular group that has attended. If it is there, please, for the sake of clarity can you tell me which particular group is this and when was it conducted without my knowledge? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lorunyei or Hon. Charity, one of you to clarify the meaning of those terms. I want them to explain the meaning of Judea. Hon. Lorunyei for the sake of Hon. Loloju.

MCA, Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I start with the easiest, that is CECM. I wonder why the honorable member does not know the County Executive Committee Member. That is the Waziri. VSLA stands for Village Savings and Lending Association. Maybe he was sleeping when hon. Lenanguram was reading. As for Judea, any group can be given a name. if he wants to know more about the group I will go and get more information and bring it to the house.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenolkulal Esther): Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama kupongeza kamati ya huduma ya kijamii kwa kuleta ripoti. Hata hivo, mambo ya akina mama tunayajua. Naona hapa wameandika siku ya wamama imegharimu shilingi milioni moja na elfu sitini na moja. Ninaomba kamati irudi itupe ripoti kamili kuhusu hayo, mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi nikiwa mheshima mama hapa, ninaangalia maneno ya wamama.

Hapa kukiandikwa kuwa siku ya wamama imegharimu hii pesa ninasimama kusema watupe ripoti kamili kuhusu matumizi ya pesa hizo. Kwa kweli tulisema maneno ya wamama hapa naomba kamati mtilie maanani kwasababu tutafuatilia kwa makini. Naomba hii kamati itupe ripoti kamili. Asante.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Point of order from Hon. Leshimpiro.

MCA Angata Nanyokie Ward, (Hon. Leshimpiro Paul): Thank you very much for the opportunity but I am of the opinion that the committee and the Chair or the persons supposed to respond to us need to collect all our views and then they will answer them last.

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Honorable Charity and Lorunyei you will answer last. Collect the views and answer later.

MCA Angata Nanyokie Ward, (Hon. Leshimpiro Paul): Honorable Speaker, I think the opportunity was mine. Can I continue?

The Speaker, (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): You rose on a point of order. Let me give the chance to Hon. Lenamparasio.

MCA, (Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I contribute I would like to welcome the students from P.A.G. Welcome to this house. These are our children, the teachers are our brothers. Hon. Lekuchula you are supposed to be keen because the last time we had students here from Kisima Girls. This shows that you are supposed to construct a small assembly in your ward because it seems all your kids are coming to see what we do here. Again maybe you will have a lot of competitors in the next elections, having all these kids coming from your ward.

Mr. Speaker, I rise on some points here. If you talk about women empowerment, I think it should be very clear that it is supposed to be across the wards. We have to know the criteria that the department used to select some Wards and leaving out others. Otherwise the money allocated, as little as it is should empower all the women in the 15 wards, having some five wards missing nobody knows in the next Financial Year which wards will be missing. We should have that very clear criteria on which wards should benefit and in which particular Financial Year. Secondly, most of the times all the Statements received in this House the Department just writes a lot of stories; one of the biggest stories is in this Statement, there were four questions asked by the Hon. Member Asha but most of these pages contains a lot of stories that you can even google for yourself.

We were not so interested in knowing the composition of Samburu County working sector group. Nobody even wanted to know about their composition but a full page here outlines the

composition of the Samburu County working sector group. The question needs to be answered directly. We should not be wasting time here reading a lot of stories that are not of any use to us. You should answer the question asked by whichever Member who asks and based on that if you go to this Statement they only answered two questions, questions three and four which are the most important questions were never even touched, there is not a single explanation on question three and four yet they are the most pertinent questions, the allocation and their programs are at least as examples, the pertinent questions were question three and four, no attempts to answer question three and four.

I think the Hon. Members are taking note on that, we have our senior there who is very good in that. Lastly, I say this just on a light note, all our ladies who were nominated to represent women and you sitting in this Assembly and having some part of this County without women empowerment I think we will task you as women because you were nominated to come and represent women for all wards. Thank you very much Hon. Asha because it is you who asked this Statement but you should take note of that.

As much as we all here want to empower our women but the biggest and the hardest task lies on you because you are nominated here to represent women. We want to be supporting you here to see our women being empowered, thank you Mr. Speaker.

MCA Ang'ata Nanyokie Ward, (Hon. Leshimpiro Paul): Thank you Mr. Speaker once again and allow me to welcome the students from Lodokejek Ward and let them feel at home. I also want to recognize the role that the church is playing in Education to our children. We are very grateful and do not take it for granted the efforts they do to ensure that our children of Samburu County get Education because the County and National Government alone cannot afford. Having said that Mr. Speaker with this Statement I find a lot of contradictions; the first is the person who was responding to the Statement clearly stated that the amount that was allocated to the Department in the Financial Year 2022/2023 was 3.4 million but going through this Women Empowerment Program in the Financial Year 2022/2023 to me somehow I think it is slightly more than that.

Besides that, on the other page they explain that the Village Savings and Lending as explained by the Hon. Lorunyei in the Financial Year 2022 they said 139 groups were formed and 15 million was shared out, so I am getting some contradictions, then they went ahead to say in 2023 that 200 groups were formed so far and they have not explained how they shared the money or the amount of money that was allocated to them.

So, how much money are we talking about here, is it the 3.4 or more money because there is a variation of figures. Secondly, how authentic is this report because according to this one they say in Ang'ata Nanyokie Ward where I represent they have allocated loans and their savings worth Ksh. 1,401,750. What I know about these groups in my Ward and I am sure it is across the County, every now and then there are groups of mothers who come to our homes to request to be assisted to pay back these loans because they do not have the money to pay it back. Every now and then you have different groups of mothers coming to get some money.

I am really astonished to see they have this amount of money in their savings, I do not think it is true and the report itself for me we call it a cooked report. It is not true. Lastly on this report there was one other part, there was a question of monitoring and evaluation which was asked by the Hon. Member Loosuk, there was nothing said about the monitoring and evaluation of those groups, what measures is the Department taking to see to it that these groups are really in existence or they are just brief case groups doing nothing but taking money and come back to the MCA to ask for more money to pay back to these loans. I do not see or think that anything is being done as part of monitoring and evaluation.

Lastly as it was said, any amount of money that has been allocated to that Department for purposes of empowering the women I think it goes without saying that it should go to all the Wards however small it might be. Otherwise what criteria was used for these 10 Wards to be identified and what criteria will be used in the next Financial Year because such Wards will not be repeated and the same missing Wards will continue to miss again.

There is a tendency here that where the CEC or the CO comes from the higher the allocations always goes to those Wards, that is really unfair. It is good that the Hon. Member for Nachola his

groups are not in this, that is good because you are in that group to represent us all those who are not in that Committee.

However, there is a likelihood that the allocations here were based on where the CECM or the CO comes from. Otherwise for the report for me is just too much contradictions and unsatisfactory.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I welcome the students from Lodokejek Ward, you are welcomed to our Assembly chamber and feel free. I also wish to shed light and my concern on the same matter. The Hon. Members who talked before me totally saw the different matter from the Statement requested by the Hon. Asha; when you look at the report of the response you see that almost everything lie on the Department of Tourism, Trade and Cooperatives because I have never heard that the Social Services Department lend out loans and that is what...just protect me Mr. Speaker.

(Point of Order by Hon. Leleruk)

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Point of Order from Hon. Leleruk. Just take your seat Hon. Silapia.

The Leader of Minority, (Hon. Leleruk James): Mr. Speaker I raise on Point of Order as a representative of the Government and also to shed some light on why the reason for these loans, these loans are not from the Government, it is the contribution being contributed by those groups of women like table banking, thank you.

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am trying to explain on my issue, just give me time to explain so that you can raise on your Point of Order. According to my understanding when you look at the lending and savings or the whatever I think that issue should have been to put more effort on the Department of Trade and Cooperatives, now I am seeing that the Department of Social Services and Culture are doing the same, so when you look at the Statement of this response it is totally different from what the Hon. Member asked.

The Hon. Leshimpiro enlighten that when you look at 2022/2023 they say that they have shared out 15 million and when you look at the question asked that what was the allocation and they

told us 3.4 million, what is that they are answering to us? It is totally contradicting the same matter; also, on the issue of sharing of this amount according to the Wards I can say without fear that this Department are performing their duties just to some Wards but not the whole Samburu County. They select some Wards to do their activities.

Mr. Speaker when you look at the allocation they put on women's day I think most of our Members were there on that day and they never saw any shilling given to our mothers who were there on that day. What is the Department telling us that they put Ksh1,061,000, let them give us the full information so that we can be satisfied on the same matter?

The Ward that I come from I also represent the women; I never saw any project or any empowerment from the same Department in that Ward.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Point of Order from Hon. Lekuchula.

(Point of Order by Hon. Lekuchula)

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Lekuchula David): Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is so shameful to say that she has not seen any project or Development concerning the women in Wamba North and she comes from that Ward. The Hon. Member is in her second term in this House; it is funny to tell us that she has never seen any Development that concerns women in her Ward. She should be the first to spearhead women empowerment as one of the legislatures in this County Assembly, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is true that I did not see any empowerment done by the same Department within Wamba North Ward and I have to say so even though I play my role as oversight and that is why I am talking here to say so. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I conclude by saying that the report is not satisfactory to bring to this House. This is a very shoddy work, ever.

MCA Wamba West, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thankyou Hon. Speaker. May I also take this opportunity to welcome our learners from Kisima to this House to participate this afternoon so feel free at home. I concur with the honorable member who spoke before me on response statement laid to us today, really the statement is contradicting itself in several occasions because

the first question asked by the Honorable member is about the allocated amount to this department on women empowerment but the concern person gave us 3.4 million allocated and the member requested also a breakdown of how the money was utilized.

Secondly, the breakdown which we have received from the department, if I go through I did a simple arithmetic + 1 - 1 it is 3.5 8900 and the first figure quoted by the department is 3.4 so where did you get another hundred and fifty million which were not in the budget so Mr. speaker the response was not well elaborated by the person or the concerned department so we request the committee to go back and bring a well elaborate information about the question asked by the honorable members.

As raised by the honorable members if it was really in a good faith to our county 200 groups to subdivide because each ward should get more than 15 groups where are these groups in one village because where I come from in Wamba west ward I have never heard about VSLA it is something a new figure a new statement I heard from central so maybe the department may also clarify where? Which groups have benefitted in this ward? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Minority Leader, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also take the opportunity to congratulate the people from Lodokejek ward the teachers fee at home. I think this House need to be taken seriously the issue of the responses being brought to this House we are not joking we want full answers as the Leader of Minority of the government, I know the governor is not aware this report these people are being given they just think that this honorable member are not clever already we are seeing some discrepancies in this statements so we want to tell the chairman of the Culture group to go back and bring a full report to this House.

Mr. Speaker, this department is not fully funded and as honorable members of this House this is now where we need to focus on because if this department is given full support the backbone of this county is from our Women, Youths and People Living with Disabilities (PLWDs) and we have come to this House promised them jobs, money to do their businesses and if this department will not be given enough money then we are doing nothing and Mr. Speaker if we empower a woman, empowering a woman is something like empowering the whole world because women are the best savers and also development oriented.

We have seen them marvelous jobs in this county for example Mr. Speaker I want to inform the Honorable Members that there is this groups called VSLA, in my ward we already have 32 groups fully trained, fully informed and they have at least around 5 million revolving funds in their account baskets even if you want money from those women you go and pick they give loans and you lend from them.

So I also want to urge my colleagues to learn that this VSLA is doing marvelous and it is within our county and I would like also to thank the department because we have trained almost 45 trained agents across the county Maralal being leading in those agents that have been trained through World Bank Program so that they can teach our women how to form these groups.

It is the opportunity of every member to go to the department of Gender and Culture find who is their agents so that if you want to form groups it is better they start from there. So, Mr. Speaker as I conclude I want you to make a recommendation to the department that this House we are not going to request just questions or statements just to come and rubberstamp if we have not got what we want.

I know the member Hon. Asha what she raised she has not even started speaking I know there are some issues, underlying issues which needs to be addressed but already 2 questions have not been answered. So what is the purpose of us being told this is the response what are we coming to do here? We are not joking here Mr. Speaker and we are not taking these things lightly, thank you.

MCA Ndoto Ward, (Hon. Ali Lealmusia): Thank you Honorable Speaker I raise also to add my voice on this but before that I congratulate our students who are pupils from KAG Kisima kindly feel welcomed. Well, I have just gone through this report, this response. I have an issue with coverage if we have partners of caliber like World Food Program, we have the churches, we got other partners why are we not talking of their contributions towards this particular empowerment of our women No. 2 I have an issue with the criteria used to allocate this funds as far as our activities are concerned and I really find it difficult to believe that our department here can use 1.61 million in a day just to celebrate an international day for women and you see they have village savings and leading activities associations trainings and that activity they have just

allocated only Ksh424,000/= surely which one has more impact towards our women here? If compared to this two you will definitely find that they should have allocated million to this other activity of the village savings leading activities (VSLA) instead of in a day just to celebrate a women's day.

I do not think this department was really serious in their response I thought if we were then to empower our women we should have prioritized, give our priorities and target groups, it does not matter when you target a group in Nyiro which is doing very well and which is going to and maybe just to maybe they just need a small support and then consider that as an access instead of having a very huge number of groups which do not benefit in any way so I find this response not sufficient and it is not clear at all they have never even mentioned they have just said here in this report that they also partner with the other groups and they have not told us how much they are receiving from..

You will wonder in fact if the World Food Program was here and come to disclose the kind of money that they give to this department we will all be surprised. So they should give us a sufficient report and this let us consider this as not sufficiently answered and should get returned for a better response. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): let us get now response from the owner of the statement and then the department will respond and then we can make conclusion... the committee sorry not the department.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Asha Mohammed): Thank you Hon. Speaker, allow me to welcome the students from KAG Kisima karibuni sana. If you look at this response it is full of contradictions am not satisfied with it and also Hon. Speaker if you look at my questions number 2 & 3 it has not been answered, if you see this response you can just say that the department is not serious of what they are doing although am not satisfied. Nevertheless, we will task the department to work hard in order for our women to be empowered. What we need is empowerment for our women.

Our main role is to check the executive to account for the budget we pass in this House and also the department to answer these questions 3 & 4, the department has to answer this questions and

please by next week we need this response to be brought to this House, thank you Hon. Speaker and I look forward to bring more statements of this kind. Thank You.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): The committee representative...

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Mr. Speaker I beg to respond, Mr. Speaker if I can respond one by one like now Hon. Member of Maralal asking for a group called Judea and the list given here we are given 20 groups from Maralal and one of the group name is Judea...

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Order Mr. Lorunyei just take your seat, take your seat first, now order from Hon. Loloju not Lorunyei

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon. Loloju Joseph): thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, it is just astonishing that when you ask something and being answered I appreciate that, what I do not appreciate and it is too absurd is after you have answered somebody then you keep on following in fact I appreciate Mr. Appreciate if I do not understand something is actually ni haki ya kila mtu kuuliza the word Judea I never understood and he answered me I appreciate that what is a crime with that one? So the CECM I never understood he explained to me and I appreciate that one what is the crime with that now coming and say it is astonishing it is astonishing please go direct to your question and answer them kindly.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Mr. Speaker I appreciate that Honorable Member has understood because we had 20 groups from Maralal and one of the group number 16 according to the list I have given is Judea group thank you, Mr. Speaker from the beneficiaries from member of Loosuk 10 wards have so far benefitted only 5 wards have not benefitted now the benefits if we see here now according to the financial year 2022/2023, the budget given to the Department whose 3.4 million and then the Department went extra mile working with other sectors, other Non-governmental Organizations' (NGOs) and that is why we explain that his group benefited from 2020 one group, 2021 Seventy two groups, 2022 one hundred and thirty nine groups and now we are talking about 2023. We have been explaining that it is not only the 3.4 million, we are talking what the Department on what was the Department allocated for the year 2022/2023 and the extra effort they made so that we empower the Women.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Point of order from Hon. Leshimpiro

MCA Ang'ata Nanyokie Ward, (Hon. Leshimpirop Paul): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I do not think it is in order for the Hon. Member to continue lying to us? You cannot allocate any further money from any other Department that has never been approved by this House. So getting 158,000 from a certain Department, was illegal if that is the case. Because that is very contrary and it is then irrelevant why we are approve Budget.

This amount of money that is allocated this groups, is it the money from the Department or of the partners or of the individual groups? Whose money is this? Because if it is the Department money, then they are too much. Where did they get that money? And if the partner allocated a certain amount of money to the Department, then that should have been in the budget so that we appropriate and then we hold them accountable. But if they are for the World Food Program then we do not have a business to discuss on World Food Program money. It is to audit themselves but if they were not in the Department, it is them to audit themselves but if they are in the Department then it should not have been 3.4 million

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lorunyei, where does the money come from?

MCA Nachola Ward, (Lawrence Lorunyei): Mr. Speaker we are talking about empowering women, if the question was narrowed down to 3.4 as financial year 2022/2023, we would have only limited ourselves to 2.3 M

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Point of order Hon. Speaker

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Let the Hon. Continue, let him finish so that we can react.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Lawrence Lorunyei): We are talking about empowering of women. We are not talking about the budget which was allocated to the department which is 3.4 year 2022/2023. When we are answering this question of putting flesh of the skeleton of empowering the women but now we are going to be limited to 3.4, then I beg to go back and bring the real budget of 3.4M as approved by the Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Let us have point of order from Asha

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Mohammed Asha): The Hon. from Nachola Ward is misleading this House.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Asha how is he misleading the House? You have not explain to us Hon. Asha.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Mohammed Asha): No I wanted to ask is it right for Hon. Lorunyei to mislead this House because what he says is not true.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Lawrence Lorunyei): Mr. Speaker if we are continuing with point of order, we must clarify that one before another one otherwise we are going to be seen in the off the point of order and I cannot be talking off the order but I am in the order to say how we are empowering women. We are working with the partners and the much we get from the partners also channel it to empower our Women and if it means we answer only about the financial year 2022/2023 which is about 3.4 million and then I beg for time and then come with the specific answer limited to 3.4 million. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon Loloju Joseph): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, it is good that the Hon. Member has alluded to his mistakes since this particular paper, it is in shambles and even the answers given actually unsatisfactory for the Hon. Member from Ang'ata Nanyokie asked where they are getting this kind of funds, he is unable to explain. That one shows inefficiency.

This is a total lie, we have eyes, we can see for ourselves and the figures tells us all. In my own Ward, the Hon. Member told me he has got 21 groups yet no 20 groups yet what I can see is 21 so it appears he himself, he is not aware what has written this particular statement and as such, this particular should go to the dustbin. Thank Mr. Speaker Sir. Get the right one.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you Members, Hon. Lorunyei, Hon, Charity and Hon. Dube from the atmosphere of the House it means that we do not have a good Report, a

good statement and therefore it is good Hon. Lorunyei you requested that you go back to the Department and bring a satisfactory statement. A statement that answers all the questions. Let us forget about the explanation just go to the point answer the questions that has been asked and therefore next week, on Tuesday 2:30 pm we want that statement here. Next week Tuesday 2: 30 pm. Hon. Lorunyei

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Most obliged Mr. Speaker Thank you

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank yo. It is notified that pursuant to standing order 45 (1 c) the Speaker has approved the following tentative response for statement for Tuesday 26th September, 2023. Statement number 016/2023, requested by specially elected Member Hon. Silapia Lenamatiyo to the Chairperson committee on labour justice and legal affairs in regards to the legal representation of the County level. Chairman labour. Member any Member from Labour. Hon Lealmusia.

MCA Ndoto Ward, (Lealmusia Ali): Hon. Speaker we have not received yet. My Chairman is out briefly that we will respond to that later.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon.Osman Dube): Mheshimiwa Spika, ni kamati kama wamechanganyikiwa kwa sababu kama statement haiku tayari, uweke siku, saa na wakati. Tafadhali Mheshimiwa chukua hatua.

Specially Elected Member, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank Hon. Speaker, I stand just to put more effort on the same committee that you rule the other day that response to be brought on 19th but up to date even the Members of the committee are telling us they are not aware of that statement so I do not know how you can rule again. Thank you Hon. Speaker but let Hon. Members of the committees be serious on issue of matters of statements. The statements are delaying even a month without just a response. Even the statement I asked is very simple statement that do not require even for the oversighting of any project. Just an office to write and tell us their plans. Thank Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you Hon. Silapia I think I can rule and it is overdue because I remember it was on 19th and now we are expecting is we supposed to have

that Report here because on 19th is a very long time and therefore just like the Report on the Department of culture and youth, we also want to get the same Report next week on Tuesday at 2:30pm. Is that okay Hon. Lealmusia?

MCA Ndoto Ward, (Lealmusia Ali): That is okay Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you. It is notified that pursuant to standing order 45 1(c), the Speaker has approved the following tentative response for statement for Tuesday 26th September, 2023. Statement number 017/2023 requested by specially elected member Hon. Asha Mohammed from the Chairperson of the committee on lands and physical planning regarding to the in fractural development activities in Nasur village by Baringo County Government.

Order Hon. Leerte. Are you the Chairman? Okay continue.

MCA Porro Ward, (Hon. Leerte Patrick): Asante Bwana. Spika, kabla sijajibu pia mimi nitatoa shukrani zangu kwa wanafunzi wa KAG Kisima kwa kutembelea sisi, karibuni kwa sababu Kisima ni jirani yetu na Poro Ward. Kwa hivo karibuni na mjisikie huru.

Statement ya Hon. Asha hatujapata kwa sababu iko manenop mingi. Mmambo ya hali ya Nasur sisi tunajaribu kutrafuta vile ya kufika Nasur kwa sababu Nasur vile hali iko kwa sasa. Kwa hivo bado tunajaribu ile hali yote ya kufika ama vile tutaweza kupata biyo statement, kwa hivo nilikuwa naomba tupate nafasi hadi Alhamisi ijao 2:30 pm. Thank Hon. Speaker.

MCA Wamba North Ward, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I rise to express my concern over the conduct of CEC Members. We have three statements that were sort by Hon. Members in this House regarding to various activities and also issues that affects our people. Out of three Statements sort by Hon. Members, none of them was answered comprehensively, some are not even attempted and some are just answered casually. This House should take this seriously because you cannot just sit here as Hon. Members, people who were elected to represent people and to speak on behave of those people who have elected them. Those people who entrusted Hon. Members to be here to speak on their behalf. I urge this House

that all these CECs, I do not know whether they are not willing, I do not know whether they do not recognize this County Assembly.

I do not know how are these CCs Members are taking the County Assembly. Most of the time we talk of our responsibilities as Members of the County Assembly. More so, the representation part and legislation. Mr. Speaker, it is clearly stated in our constitution that the work of a County Assembly Member is to oversight, represent the people, and also legislate laws. But Mr. Speaker when these laws or the mandates given to this House by the constitution of Kenya, somebody somewhere is just taking that constitution as just something that maybe he or as an individual has nothing to do with that.

Mr. Speaker, I have raised to express my concern, Mr. Speaker I want to urge these Members, the Honorable Members of this House, more so the chair for culture. Mr. Speaker, it is not good when specific questions are asked and somebody diverts to get his way just to confuse this House by bringing his ow things before this House.

Mr. Speaker, Honorable Leleruk was out when he was supposed to give the response. Mr. Speaker, I wonder how the Members of this House conducts themselves. You know, when a statement is sought by the Member regarding a particular department or from any Committee, Mr. Speaker, the statement or any information regarding the same should not be the chair's property, it remains the property of this House. So, Mr. Speaker, I think the Committee is not a briefcase that when the Chairman is not present, then the rest of the Members have nothing to do with the thing sought by the Members.

So, Mr. Speaker, I rest my case and urge the Honorable Members to be vigilant, to take matters concerning or their responsibilities seriously because our roles are clearly stipulated in the constitution of Kenya and we do not see the CEC Members being superior such that they cannot even appear, they cannot even respond to what the Honorable Members ask. So, Mr. Speaker, I rest my case and that is where I want to express before this House. Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Honorable Minority leader we said that we will get a statement from your department next week on Tuesday 2:30 pm. Honorable Leerte you said your statement you also said Thursday 2:30pm.

MCA El'barta Ward, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Thank you Honorable Speaker, I also raise to register my dissatisfaction on the way statements are being responded to or being ignored at the same time Mr. Speaker. Honorable Speaker, this is really confirming the fact that this House is being taken for granted, the reason as to why I am saying that Honorable Speaker, just before we went for recess, I cannot remember the exact date, I remember sorting a Statement on the department the chairperson for water, I wanted to sought a statement on the status on the ongoing water project by the water department in Suiyan, Suiyan water extension, equipping of Lentabas borehole in Ngilai,

I also wanted to inquire on the status report for the repair of Nteremoka borehole and Lolkirkir borehole and Honorable Speaker, you clearly stated that that report will be tabled on 5th September. Honorable speaker, I think we are now doing two months since I raised the issue.

I tried to inquire from the chairperson of water and the chairperson not aware of that statement. Mr. Speaker, I think we need to do something, if it goes to an extent where statements are being ignored, despite the fact that already our calls are not going through as we speak Honorable Speaker. Our only hope was to seek statements and to get answers from this House Honorable Speaker but when now it comes to a level that even statements are not being responded in this Honorable House, I do not know what some of us are doing here because we are desperate and we have nowhere else to run to.

We kindly request your office Honorable Speaker, to intervene because this matter is serious and our people are suffering out there because as we speak, the people of Ngilai in El'barta are really suffering for lack of water yet a tender was awarded but it has taken more than six months for contractor to finish he recommended job in time.

Honorable Speaker, we cannot sit here as the representatives of the people and continue enjoying our allowances yet our people are suffering out there. Honorable Speaker, I request your office to intervene and give strict measures so that at least we can be able to get these statements responded on time. Let them not respond statements just for the sake of responding.

Honorable Speaker, that is really unfair, let them give substantive answers and responses so that we can be able to serve our people. Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Thank you Honorable Speaker, I support leader of majority for dissatisfaction on the response from the departments. Mr. Speaker, aware that we here just read response from the department without adding or removing anything. So, the problem is with the departments or the process or the structures we have put in place on how we answer the questions, because we ask the department and then they write and then we come here and read, that is the extent we have to this Honorable House

Mr. Speaker, we have got also the Implementation Committee and also the tracking system of this House whereby they must track any statement then issue from this Honorable House so that they can at least do the necessary it needs.to satisfy the statements made to this Honorable House and again from your Honorable office we also need facilitation.

You know we do not just read we just want to go for fact finding to address what is on the ground. So, without facilitation we cannot go, we just end up reading what we are given by the department which is of dissatisfaction to this Honorable House. So, Mr. Speaker, it is a concern form all of us that we get satisfactory response from the departments.

Mr. Speaker, we know that we are the representatives of this House, we are the administration of the day, the CEC are technocrats, the political appointee whereby they assist the delivery of this County. But if the delivery agency is not up to the task giving us answers which are not satisfying, so they are letting down the administration of the day.

So, Mr. speaker, we have got a problem with the... because they are agents you know, a principal can hire an agent just to go by instructions of the principal, they just follow instruction. But it seems it is another way, the agents seem that they are boastful, they are senior, they have got more power than us because we have just given them power, that is money and authority and the rules to implement, so they decide not to implement or not to answer. So, we have got that problem Mr. Speaker.

So, I just request this Honorable House, we have got powers to summon the CEC's here, we have got powers to remove any CEC from the office. So, it is only just following the procedure and then use what we have because we hired them, because we are the one who approved and then we got also that power of firing them.

So, it is high time before we go to that extent, we need the CEC to give the satisfactory and response so that we chair, when we are reading the statement here, it is also very shaming for always being returned that the response is not enough, some questions have not been answered, it is also very shameful Mr. Speaker. I support concerns I think of all of us of the CEC response. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you, I think it is the responsibility of the chairmen to make sure that the report they bring to the House is comprehensive. So, if the CEC give you a report that is not comprehensive, do not present to the House. You also have the capacity to judge whether the report is satisfactory or unsatisfactory, so that is the work of the chairmen and therefore let us gauge the report before bringing here because as the chairman once you bring a report that is not satisfactory, we will return you back.

Honorable Lorunyei presented a report and the first thing you said is that “I also do not understand”, so you are reporting something that you also do not understand. So once you are given the report make sure that you go through it with the assistance of the assistant clerks, your members, once it is not satisfactory return it to the department so that you cannot present something that is not up to the standards. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Honorable Members, the time being 4:25 PM and there being no any other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Wednesday 27th September,2023 at 9:00AM.