

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA

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Afternoon Sitting

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HANSARD OFFICIAL REPORT

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The house met at 2:30 p.m.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker [Hon. Stephen Wamalwa] in the Chair)

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

RESPONSE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO A STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON. JAMES MUKHONGO IN RESPECT TO THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF MUKHWEYA DISPENSARY CONSTRUCTED 10 YEARS AGO BY THE KABUCHAI CDF AND HANDED OVER TO BUNGOMA COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Hon. Sophie Marumbu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Chair of the Committee of Health, we have received a response from the executive from the department and I am going to read it the way it is.

To the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma.

Response to a statement.

The above subject matter refers. Response is made to your letter BCA/CC/SECTOR/5/VOLUME 2(II) dated 13th April 2022 on the status of Mukhweya dispensary constructed by CDF and handed over to Bungoma County Government.

Plans to operationalize the facility. Only if the facility is completed to serve the intended purpose. As it is now, the facility lacks the following;

1. Office equipment
2. Furniture
3. Placenta pit
4. Burning chamber
5. Pit latrines
6. Connectivity to electricity
7. Electrical and mechanical works are not yet complete
8. Clean and safe water.

Delay to operationalize the facility

It is as a result of lack of funds to be allocated by CEF towards completion of the dispensary

Signed by Antony Walela

CECM - Health and Sanitation, Bungoma County

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Sophie. The owner of the statement Hon. James Mukhongo!

Hon. James Mukhongo: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I have been served with the response some few minutes ago but looking at the response regarding the statement that I raised in this Honorable House. I lack words to comment on this response but I want to inform this Honorable House that you can now see when it comes to Kabuchai, when we request for development they direct as to CEF and we have been allocating money to some dispensaries.

You will find no single ward using CEF funds from the department because we always give them money for doing these projects across the entire County but this is a response. I have taken it positively because it is not from my making; they are the ones who have responded as to why there has been a delay to operationalize the Mukhweya dispensary.

The same CEC who has responded to the statement, visited the same facility. They sat with the community, had a public Baraza and commitments that during this financial year, they were to allocate some funds for completion of the following areas where he has mentioned.

It is very unfortunate and regrettable and that is why we are saying this Government doing us a disservice then we mean what we are saying. I rest my case as a disappointed member of Kabuchai Sub County and we are praying so hard even if we are going to face elections but we are praying so hard.

Hon. Nathaniel Aseneka: Nashukuru Bwana Spika kunipa nafasi kuchangia mjadala huu. Tumeskiza vyema jawabu ambalo limepewa na waziri wa afya na hata mimi nitakuwa mmoja wa wale ambao sitatosheka na hilo jawabu ambalo limepeanwa kwa sababu wizara hupewa fedha za kufanya kazi zake katika Kaunti nzima. Na wakati anazungumzia pesa za CEF sidhani kama kuna kiwango huwa kimetengewa ya kufanya kazi ndiposa waziri aelekeze jawabu lake mahali hapo.

Tukiangalia vile limesomwa pale jawabu hilo lilijengwa na serikali kuu kupitia kwa CDF. Hiyo ni kuona kwamba sisi kama Kaunti tumesaidiwa pande moja na ni jambo la kusikitisha sana kama waziri aeza toa jawabu kama hili kwamba pesa za kutoka sehemu Fulani, angelisema kwamba anatafuta fedha ili aweze kufanya kazi hiyo kuliko kuelekeza kwamba yule mwakilishi wadi hajafanya kitu kwa sababu hiyo kwa mimi ni kuelekeza kidole kwa yule mwakilishi wadi

hajatenga pesa za kufanya kazi pale. Si kazi ya mwakilishi wadi kuona kwamba pesa zimetengwa kwenda kufanya kazi mahali pale.

Waziri hapo amekuwa na utepetevu wa kazi yake na amepotea kidogo. Ni lazima angalie fedha za Kaunti kwa sababu ni mradi wa Kaunti ndiyo inatenga pesa za kufanya kazi.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Nathaniel.

Hon. Joseph Juma: Thank you Mr. Speaker for at least giving me this time to say something small pertaining the issue of Chwele/Kabuchai. I really feel for what Mheshimiwa Mukhongo is going through though like in my case also the so called Mayanja dispensary, the maternity wing. In my case in fact I did the allocation in the Ward development fund which was almost 3.5 million, but I was told that the project is ongoing. It cannot maybe be canceled. The contract was given in 2016 but in 2018 I was told the contract is ongoing up to now.

As we are aware, health section is devolved and the only issue that we are in as the County Government is that projects are done selectively. Yesterday I was listening to radio Sulwe and I saw there was a question on how our facilities are being operated and what I heard from almost ten people was that in Kabula and Kimilili, we are really enjoying and learnt one thing because the CEC and Chief Officer come from those areas.

I am praying so hard that if God could hear our prayers then we come back, then the issue of selecting Chief Officers and CECs, we should be keen for those who will manage our departments, because if only two constituencies are enjoying because the Chief Officer and the CEC come from those places then for us who are not given those chances maybe to produce a CEC or a Chief Officer, we are really suffering and for us like what Mheshimiwa Mukhongo said, is that if God could also hear our prayers then this Government, let it be determined by God.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Joseph Juma for your contribution.

**RESPONSE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS
INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS TO A STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON.
SOSPETER NYONGESA IN RESPECT TO THE STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION OF
BUSOLO-TUNYA- KISOYI ROAD IN WEST BUKUSU WARD**

Hon. Joseph Juma: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a committee, we have not received but may be if you give us seven days through our Committee clerk then we can make a follow up and kindly I am very lucky because our committee clerk is within. So kindly make a follow-up within seven days so that at least we have it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Well, we expect the response by 10th of May which will be Tuesday 2:30 p.m. The owner is here! Where was he? He has walked in like a cat; he was hiding under the table.

Hon. Sospeter Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I won't blame you because the Speaker does not have eyes. Otherwise, I was here right from the beginning. It is unfortunate that you have ruled but I want to put across some concern. The Committee on Roads is headed by none other than the most vocal member of this House, Hon. Jack Kawa. He was recently heard de-campaigning some of us that we are sleeping on job. You had given them more than enough time but just because you have ruled, I want to abide by it but come next week, we should get the response.

Otherwise, I wish to hear him de-campaigning himself that he is actually sleeping on his job.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Well, that is the owner of the statement Hon. Erastus Sospeter Nyongesa coming out guns blazing.

Honorable members, we have no other business on the Order Paper, the House stands adjourned to Wednesday 9:30 a.m. and it will be preceded by the House Business Committee which should be meeting at exactly 8:00 a.m. on the same day. We adjourn.

(House adjourns)