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ORDER OF THE DAY

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYER

1. Administration of Oath
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1. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to standing Order 47 (1) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the chairperson of the Sectoral Committee of Health regarding the status of Sangole dispensary and Bodhai Health Center in Ijara Ward.

Hon. Speaker, Article 43 (1) (a) of the constitution of Kenya 2010 provides every person the right to the highest attainable standards of health, which includes the right to health care services, including reproductive health care.

Hon Speaker, a fundamental principle of primary health care states that everyone in the community should have access to it and everyone should be involved in it.

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Having access indicates the potential to use a service when it is needed. The proof of access is the use of the service rather than a simple existence of a facility, in this regard, Sangole do have Dispensary but have not been operational for more than a year. Despite the critical role it plays in providing essential healthcare services to the community, the facility has not been staffed or maintained adequately during this period.

Hon Speaker, due to these issues it has resulted a significant inconvenience and hardship for local residents, many of whom rely on the dispensary for accessible and affordable healthcare.

Hon Speaker, the prolonged closure and absence of medical personnel at Sangole Dispensary is a matter of urgent concern. Immediate steps have to be taken by the department to address these issues, ensuring the facility is properly staffed and fully functional to meet the healthcare needs of the community.

Hon Speaker, Access to basic health services is a fundamental right, and restoring operations at the dispensary must be prioritized to prevent further disruptions in care.

Hon Speaker, Additionally the Bodhai Health Center is currently in a dilapidated state, posing significant challenges to the quality of healthcare services it can offer. The infrastructure is outdated and in urgent need of renovation to ensure the safety and well-being of both patients and staff. The County Government is mandated to provide health care services to all and the people of Ijara Ward are not exception.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on;

1. Whether the department is aware of non-operational status of sangole dispensary?if yes
2. What plans are there to operationalize the dispensary?
3. Whether there are plans by the health department in resolving the non-staffing issues, and to provide transparency and a timeline for the reopening of the dispensary?
4. Whether the department is aware of the dilapidated status of Bodhai Health center? if yes
5. What plan are there to renovate the status of the health center?
6. What are the timelines of renovating the status of Bodhai Health center?

(STATEMET SOUGHT BY HON ABDIRAHMAN MUKHTAR-MCA IJARA WARD)

2. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON WATER AND IRRIGATION SERVICES)

Hon. Speaker Sir. Pursuant to standing order no 41(2) c, I wish to request for a statement from the chairperson of the sectoral committee on water and irrigation, regarding the stalled water projects in Damajale ward .

Hon. speaker Sir, the right to water and sanitation is provided under Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya. Every person in Kenya has the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities and the right to reasonable standards of sanitation. Further aware that water function was devolved and it is the sole responsibility of the county government to provide and supply enough water to the residents of the county at large.

Hon. Speaker Sir, there are three boreholes namely madah gisi village, Weldoni village and Dagahley location that have stalled for the last five years. The boreholes are incompletely equipped and the county government have promised to complete the projects by june 2024.

in view of the above and considering the importance of water supply to both human and animal life and the perennial drought the region faces, this matter deserves to be treated urgently. Based on this, the chairperson should inquire and report on:

1. The reason why the boreholes are structurally half equipped for all these times?
2. Whether all payment have been paid to the contractor?
3. What plans does the department have for these boreholes?

(STATEMET SOUGHT BY HON OMAR ABDI HASSAN-MCA DAMAJALE WARD)

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8. Motions

Hon Speaker, I beg to move the following motion:

That, Aware That, the constitutional provisions and statutory framework governing health care in Kenya, particularly the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and the County Government Act 2012, recognizes the urgent need for enhanced health services in Garissa County, specifically in Damajale wards;

Further Aware That, Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees every individual the right to the highest attainable standard of health, including reproductive health care.

Cognizant of the fact, the County Government Act, 2012, under Section 107, mandates the County Government to provide health services to its residents; hereby acknowledges the pressing need to upgrade health facilities in Garissa County, specifically in Damajale wards

Appreciating that, in the current financial year 2024/2025, the Assembly has allocated sufficient budgetary resources to the Department of Health for the purpose of upgrading high-volume dispensaries to health care centers, this Assembly is compelled to address the health care deficits affecting our constituents.

Noting that, Damajale ward is presently served by two dispensaries that meet the requisite criteria for elevation to a health care center, considering their high patient volumes and the critical services they provide, including maternity care, laboratory services, and inpatient facilities.

The community relies heavily on these dispensaries, yet the nearest health care center is located approximately 70 kilometers away in Dadaab, resulting in significant barriers to access. Such distances contribute to delays in emergency medical services, with serious implications for maternal and infant health. By upgrading these dispensaries to a health care center, we shall provide our constituents with timely and essential health services in proximity to their homes.

Now therefore, this Assembly urges the County Executive Committee Member for Health to expedite the upgrade of Damajale’s dispensaries to a health care center, thereby enhancing access to comprehensive health services for the community.

(HON OMAR ABDI HASSAN-MCA DAMAJALE WARD)

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9*. THE GARISSA COUNTY LIVESTOCK MARKETING BILL (ASSEMBLY BILL NO 5 OF 2024)

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Pastoral Economy)

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