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ORDER OF THE DAY

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYER

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**1. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON TRADE,
INVESTMENT AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT)**

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47 (1)(c), I rise to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Investment and Enterprise development regarding the current status of the Revolving Fund in the County.

Hon. Speaker, the importance of the Revolving Fund cannot be overstated. this initiative is crucial in addressing socioeconomic disparities by providing financial support to community-based groups and entrepreneurs, enabling them to establish and expand income-generating activities. This fund, therefore, holds potential for meaningful transformation within our communities, empowering vulnerable populations and driving inclusive development.

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

1. Has the Department received applications from groups seeking funding from the Revolving Fund? If so, what is the current status of these applications, and why have qualified groups not yet been awarded funds? If no applications have been received, what strategies is the Department employing to encourage and facilitate applications from eligible groups?
2. What are the specific criteria used to select groups for funding from the Revolving Fund? Are these criteria transparent and accessible to potential applicants? How are these criteria communicated to the public, and what measures are in place to ensure fairness and equity in the selection process?
3. What controls are in place to prevent the misuse or diversion of Revolving Fund resources?
4. What strategies are in place to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Revolving Fund, especially if demand exceeds available resources? Does the Department have a plan for securing additional funds or creating partnerships to support future funding needs?

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

2. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON ROADS, TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1)(c), I rise to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the sectoral Committee on Roads, transport and public works regarding the current status and improvement plans for the roads in Jarajara Ward.

Hon. Speaker, the condition of roads in Jarajara Ward has become a matter of great concern, as many sections of these roads are in poor condition, with numerous potholes, erosion, and inadequate drainage. These issues disrupt daily commutes, limit access to essential services, and negatively impact the local economy.

Hon. Speaker, accessible and well-maintained roads are critical to ensuring residents' quality of life and enabling economic growth. It is the responsibility of the county government to provide and maintain infrastructure that supports safe and reliable transportation for all citizens.

Hon. Speaker, improving the road network in Jarajara Ward will not only enhance connectivity but will also promote safety, facilitate economic activities, and improve access to healthcare, education, and other vital services.

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

1. What immediate actions are being taken to repair the existing roads in Jarajara Ward, particularly those that are most affected?
2. Does the county have a long-term plan for road construction, rehabilitation, and regular maintenance to prevent future deterioration in Jarajara Ward?

3. How does the county plan to involve local stakeholders in decision-making processes regarding road infrastructure in Jarajara Ward to ensure that the needs of the community are adequately addressed?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ADEN HUSSEIN DUROW- MCA JARJARA WARD)

3. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND PASTORAL ECONOMY)

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 47(1)(c), I rise to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Pastoral Economy regarding the status and challenges facing rice farming in Garissa County, particularly in Jarajara Ward, and the overall agricultural support services available to our farmers.

Hon. Speaker, since 1978, the feeder canals for rice farming in Jarajara Ward have remained unrehabilitated, and as a result, the farms are facing severe water management challenges. This situation is further exacerbated by the inadequate supply of quality seeds and fertilizers, which has hindered the productivity of our farmers. In addition, the shortage of essential farm tools has significantly impacted the ability of farmers to engage in efficient farming practices.

Hon Speaker, the extension officers in the county, who have traditionally played a key role in advising and supporting our farmers, have largely retired, and no efforts have been made to recruit new officers. This gap in human resources for agricultural extension services is leaving our farmers without the necessary technical support to improve their productivity.

Hon. Speaker, I would also like to bring to the attention of the House that the rice hulling machine provided by the World Food Programme (WFP) to the farmers of Jarajara Ward has been lying unused for almost two years due to the lack of electricity connection. This machine, which was meant to ease the post-harvest process, is currently of no benefit to the community because the necessary infrastructure has not been provided.

Hon Speaker, the inaccessibility of farms, especially during the rainy season, is a critical issue. Since the introduction of devolution, the farmers in Jarajara Ward have not witnessed the development of access roads to their farms, which has further isolated them from markets and other essential services.

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

1. What plans does the County Government have to rehabilitate the feeder canals that serve the rice farms in Jarajara Ward and other similar agricultural areas?
2. What measures are being put in place to address the shortage of quality seeds, fertilizers, and essential farm tools for rice farmers in the county?

3. What steps are being taken to fill the gap in agricultural extension services, and when can we expect the recruitment of new extension officers?
4. What plans does the Department of Agriculture have to ensure that the rice hulling machine provided by WFP to Jarajara Ward is connected to the electricity grid and becomes operational for the benefit of the farmers?
5. How does the county government plan to improve access to farms, particularly during the rainy season, and ensure the development of necessary farm access roads?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ADEN HUSSEIN DUROW- MCA JARJARA WARD)

8. Motions and Bills
