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ORDER OF THE DAY

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYER

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers

6*. Notices of motion

Hon. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

That, aware that, Article 54(1)(c) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, provides that persons with disabilities are entitled to reasonable access to all places, public transport, and information

Further aware that, Article 27(6) mandates the State to take legislative and other measures to ensure that marginalized groups, including persons with disabilities, are not discriminated against and can access opportunities on an equal basis with others

Noting that, the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2003, obligates public institutions, including county governments, to make adjustments to public buildings and facilities to accommodate persons with disabilities

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Cognizant of the fact that, an inclusive society can only be achieved when public spaces and infrastructure are accessible to all citizens, particularly persons with disabilities, to enable them to enjoy their full rights and freedoms

Concerned that, many county buildings in Garissa County do not meet the standards of accessibility and mobility for persons with disabilities, effectively excluding them from accessing essential services and participating fully in social, economic, and political life

Deeply concerned, that the lack of accessible infrastructure contravenes the principles of inclusivity and equity as envisioned under the Constitution and the County Governments Act, 2012

Now therefore, this Assembly resolves to urge the County Executive Committee Member for County Affairs, Public Service and Intergovernmental relation to:

1. Undertake a comprehensive inspection of all county-owned buildings and facilities to assess their compliance with accessibility and mobility standards for persons with disabilities.
2. Develop and implement a detailed plan to retrofit and upgrade non-compliant buildings and facilities to meet the required accessibility standards, including ramps, elevators, and assistive signage.
3. Ensure that all new county buildings and facilities are constructed in full compliance with accessibility requirements, as stipulated under the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2003, and other relevant legal frameworks.
4. Collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including disability advocacy groups and professional bodies, to ensure that the modifications are in line with best practices and address the diverse needs of persons with disabilities.
5. Submit a report to this Assembly detailing the findings of the inspections, the status of ongoing compliance efforts, and a clear timeline for the implementation of necessary upgrades to ensure full accessibility.

(HON FATUMA ADEN ABDI-NOMINATED MCA)

7*. Questions and Statements

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

Hon. speaker, Pursuant to standing order no 47(1) c, I rise to request for a statement from the chairperson of the sectoral committee on health,

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regarding the Provision of drugs and other supplies to the sub-counties health facilities,

Hon. Speaker, the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of human being. To safeguard this right, the Kenya government has devolved health functions and this in turn aims to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of health services provision through reallocation of decision- making and resources to the peripheral areas.

Hon Speaker, Essential medicines are important in the provision of health services. In order to promote effective management of diseases, essential medicines should be consistently available at various healthcare service points. Access to safe, effective and quality medicines and vaccines for all is one of the targets of the sustainable Development Goals.

Hon Speaker, persisting problems of shortages and stock-outs of essential medicines, especially for noncommunicable diseases, and that of vaccines pose an unacceptable risk to public health (World Health Organization 2018)

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

1. Whether the county has a reporting tool that monitors the supply chain of both pharmaceuticals and non- pharmaceuticals drugs to the various health facilities in the county?
2. Is stocking of drugs centralized? if not, who is responsible for stocking of drugs at the dispensaries?
3. Does the county have electronic way of updating of all stocks of drugs at the health facilities whether at the referral or sub-counties?
4. Does the county have any framework for People with Disability (PWDs) on how to access proper health care? For example, existence of sign language interpreters
5. Is there existing County health policy, if no, when is the department planning to formulate it?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON FATUMA ADEN ABDI-NOMINATED MCA)

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

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1)(c), I rise to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Water Services concerning the lack of water in Siribay and Farjano villages in Dertu Ward.

Hon. Speaker, Article 191 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, assigns the responsibility for water services provision to County Governments as part of their devolved functions. It is, therefore, critical that this mandate is executed effectively to uphold the rights enshrined in the Constitution.

Hon. Speaker, Article 43(1)(d) of the Constitution guarantees every person the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities. This fundamental right obligates the State to ensure access to water services for all individuals.

Hon. Speaker, the residents of Siribay and Farjano villages in Dertu Ward are currently experiencing an acute lack of water supply. This water crisis has brought about significant challenges, including limited access to clean drinking water, increased health risks, and disruptions to livelihoods, particularly in agriculture and pastoral activities, which are central to the community’s economy and sustenance.

Hon. Speaker, it is imperative to urgently address this issue, as it continues to impact the well-being and quality of life of the residents in these villages.

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

1. Whether the Department is aware the Lack water in Siribay and Farjano villages in Dertu Ward. If yes, what measures have been taken to address the issue?
2. What immediate and long-term plans the Department has to restore and ensure sustainable water supply to Siribay and Farjano villages?
3. Specific actions being taken to mitigate the adverse effects of the water crisis, especially given the increasing population and climate-related challenges in the area?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ADEN HASSAN ODOWA-MCA DERTU WARD)

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3. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1)(c), I rise to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health regarding the status of an ambulance that was serving Dertu Ward and neighboring areas, including parts of Goreale Ward, specifically Shanty Abaq, parts of Sankuri ward and parts of Abaikalle Ward, which has been lying idle at Dertu Police Station for over three years.

Hon. Speaker, Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees every individual the right to the highest attainable standard of health. To fulfill this mandate, the County Government is tasked with providing effective and accessible healthcare services, which include emergency medical services.

Hon. Speaker, ambulances play a critical role in saving lives during medical emergencies by facilitating timely transportation of patients to health facilities. The prolonged inaction in repairing the ambulance in question has left the residents of Dertu Ward and adjoining areas in a precarious state, particularly in emergency situations where access to healthcare is vital.

Hon. Speaker, this situation has further exacerbated the challenges of healthcare delivery in these areas, given the vastness of the wards and the lack of alternative means of emergency medical transport.

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

1. Whether the Department of Health is aware of the ambulance that has been lying at Dertu Police Station for over three years?
2. Why the ambulance has not been repaired or redeployed to serve its intended purpose despite the pressing healthcare needs of the community?
3. The specific steps the Department of Health is taking to ensure the ambulance is repaired and operationalized, including a clear timeline for action?
4. The measures the Department is putting in place to ensure that residents of Dertu Ward, parts of Goreale Ward, parts of Sankuri Ward, and parts of Abaikalle Ward have access to adequate emergency medical services?
5. A report on the overall status of ambulances in the county, including maintenance schedules and deployment plans, to ensure efficient service delivery?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ADEN HASSAN ODOWA-MCA DERTU WARD)

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4. (RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

1. The capacity of the directorate of quality assurance, in terms of the number of ECD Quality Assurance and standards officers?
2. The deployment and distribution of ECD quality Assurance Officers in every sub-county?
3. Plans to address the lack of quality Assurance Officer in Fafi Sub-County?
4. Recent quality Assurance Assessments conducted in Fafi-Sub- County ECD Centers, and Findings?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM SIGAT - MCA NANIGHI WARD)

8*. Motions and Bills.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

1. That, this House Considers and approves the report of the Committee on Gender and Culture on Mass wedding and distribution of equipment by the County Government of Garissa

(HON. FATUMA HAKAR- COMMITTEE CHAIR)
