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ORDERS OF THE DAY

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYERS

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1. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ICT, TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2)(c), I rise to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Education, ICT, Technical and Vocational Training regarding the operationalization status of County ICT Centers that were constructed in various wards.

Hon. Speaker, in recent years, County Governments have invested substantial public resources in the construction of ICT Centers at the ward level, envisioned as hubs for digital learning, innovation, youth empowerment, and access to e-government services. these centers are crucial in bridging the digital divide, fostering job creation through ICT, and enhancing citizen access to information and government services.

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Hon. Speaker, despite the completion of physical infrastructure in most wards, many of these centers remain non-operational. they are either unstaffed, unequipped, or entirely closed to the public rendering the facilities dormant and defeating their intended purpose. This state of disuse raises questions about planning, prioritization, and accountability in the roll-out of ICT infrastructure.

Hon. Speaker, this stagnation directly undermines Kenya's Vision 2030 and the County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs), both of which emphasize digital inclusion, innovation and youth employment as strategic pillars for socio-economic transformation.

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

1. The Operationalization status of ICT Centers constructed in each ward?
2. The reasons behind the delayed or failed operationalization of these centers despite significant capital investment?
3. The plans in place to equip, staff, and activate these centers for full public use, and the timeline for implementation?
4. Any existing or planned partnerships with national government, private sector, or development partners to enhance the functionality and sustainability of the ICT Centers?
5. The measures being taken to ensure these facilities serve as digital empowerment hubs particularly for youth, women, and small enterprises in line with the national digital transformation agenda?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ABDIWELI ADEN ABDULLAHI - MCA SAKA WARD)

2. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ICT, TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2)(c), I rise to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Education, ICT, Vocational training and Library Services regarding the deplorable state of Ruqa Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE) Center in Ijara Ward, Garissa County.

Hon. Speaker, Early Childhood Development and Education is a fundamental stage in a child's educational journey. According to Section 4(a) of the Basic Education Act, 2013, the right to free and compulsory basic education includes access to quality ECDE. Moreover, Article 53(1)(b) of the Constitution of Kenya,

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2010, affirms every child's right to free and compulsory basic education, which must be realized progressively through legislative and policy interventions.

Hon. Speaker, ECDE lays the foundation for cognitive, emotional, and social development, preparing children not only for formal education but also for lifelong learning and productivity. It is therefore deeply concerning that, over a decade since the advent of devolution, the children at Ruqa ECDE Centre continue to learn under trees, in an environment that is neither safe nor conducive for learning.

Hon. Speaker, this state of neglect undermines both the letter and spirit of the Constitution and violates the rights of the affected children. It reflects a systemic failure that must be urgently addressed if we are to uphold the principles of equity, inclusivity, and dignity as enshrined in Article 10 of the Constitution.

Hon. Speaker, this matter speaks directly to the soul of our nation. it is time we matched our constitutional promises with tangible action on the ground.

Hon. Speaker, In the statement the chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. Whether the department is aware of the current status of Ruqa ECDE Center?
2. What immediate and long-term plans are in place to construct proper infrastructure at the Center?
3. What measures have been put in place to monitor and ensure the quality and effectiveness of ECDE programs across Ijara Ward?
4. How many qualified ECDE teachers are deployed to Ruqa ECDE Center, and what is the current status of teaching and learning materials?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON FATUMA ADEN – NOMINATED MCA)

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

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2)(c), I rise to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee Health regarding the disturbing rise in maternal mortality at the Garissa County Referral Hospital, with particular focus on cases involving hysterectomy procedures.

Hon. Speaker, recent reports corroborated by concerned residents and healthcare workers indicate that several mothers have sadly lost their lives in the course of, or following, uterus removal surgeries at the facility. these incidents have sparked widespread concern about the quality of maternal healthcare, the safety and efficacy of surgical interventions, and the adequacy of institutional oversight at the hospital.

Hon. Speaker, Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees every person the right to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes reproductive healthcare. Furthermore, Article 26(1) protects the right to life and as such, the State and all public health institutions have a constitutional obligation to uphold and safeguard these rights.

The Health Act, No. 21 of 2017, in Section 5, reinforces the right to health and outlines the State's duty to ensure accessible, acceptable, quality and timely healthcare services. Additionally, the Reproductive Health Policy (2022–2032) and National Guidelines for Quality Obstetric and Perinatal Care provide specific standards on maternal care and emergency obstetric procedures, including hysterectomy.

Hon. Speaker, this matter is not only of urgent public concern but strikes at the very heart of trust in our healthcare institutions. Lives are being lost and families are being devastated. I therefore implore the Committee to treat this request with the seriousness and urgency it merits and to ensure that the statement is brought before this House without undue delay.

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

1. The total number of maternal deaths reported at Garissa County Referral Hospital in the past three (3) months, and how many of these were directly associated with hysterectomy procedures?
2. The clinical justifications were provided for performing hysterectomies in each of the reported cases, and were the procedures in line with national and WHO maternal care guidelines?
3. Whether all the surgeries were performed by qualified and licensed personnel, and what levels of experience did the lead surgeons possess in obstetric and gynecological procedures?

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4. Whether proper pre-operative risk assessments, informed consent processes and post-operative monitoring protocols followed in each case?
5. The immediate and long-term measures undertaken by both the hospital administration and the Department of Health to prevent recurrence and safeguard the lives of expectant and postpartum mothers?
6. Whether any investigations have been launched and, if so, the nature and status of such inquiries, including any disciplinary or corrective actions taken against responsible individuals or entities?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ABDIWELI ADEN ABDULLAHI - MCA SAKA WARD)

8. Motions and Bills
