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ORDERS OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY 2025 AT 9:30 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYERS

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- 7*. Questions and Statements*

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

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2)(c) and in execution of my oversight mandate under Article 185(3) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I rise to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Water and Irrigation Services regarding the acute water crisis affecting Magatho and Derderey villages in Saka Ward.

Hon. Speaker, the communities in Magatho and derderey villages, located in arid and semi-arid regions are currently enduring a dire water shortage. This crisis has severely disrupted the daily lives of residents and crippled essential public services. Primary schools, health dispensaries and other public institutions have been left without access to clean water, compromising education, public health and dignity.

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The situation has been further exacerbated by the prolonged non-functionality of the only shallow water pump in the area, which has historically served as the main water source for the local population. No viable alternative has been provided, leaving the population in an increasingly precarious position.

Hon. Speaker, this crisis is not merely a humanitarian emergency, it is a profound and multi-layered breach of our constitutional and statutory obligations. It speaks to a systemic failure in service delivery and a disregard for the legal safeguards that exist to protect the dignity and wellbeing of every Kenyan.

Hon. Speaker, Article 43(1)(d) of our Constitution is clear and unambiguous: “Every person has the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities.” this is not a privilege to be enjoyed by a few, it is a guaranteed right owed to every citizen, without exception.

Article 56(e) compels the State to take deliberate and proactive steps through affirmative action to ensure that minority and marginalised communities have equitable access to water, health services and essential infrastructure. This is both a moral and legal imperative.

Article 174(f), which anchors the objectives of devolution, demands that we promote social and economic development by ensuring services are proximate and accessible across all parts of the country. denying communities access to water undermines the very spirit of devolution.

Section 8 of the Water Act, 2016 places a binding responsibility on county governments to guarantee the availability, accessibility and quality of water services including maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructure.

The Public Health Act (Cap. 242) places a duty on public authorities to prevent the emergence of conditions that pose a risk to public health among them, the absence of clean and safe water.

The County Governments Act, 2012 mandates County governments to deliver basic services effectively, including clean and reliable water supply.

Hon. Speaker, the continued neglect of critical water infrastructure in Magatho and derdery villages threatens not only the livelihoods and well-being of residents but also represents a failure to meet the constitutional promise of equity and dignity

Hon Speaker, Access to clean water is not a privilege, it is a right. The county executive must treat this matter with the urgency it demands, not only as a development concern but as a fundamental human rights issue.

Hon. Speaker, this matter speaks to the core of our devolved system, bringing services closer to the people. The residents of Magatho and derdery, like all Kenyans, are entitled to live with dignity and access to clean, reliable water. It is imperative that this House holds the Executive accountable to uphold both the letter and spirit of the Constitution.

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

1. What immediate emergency interventions have been undertaken by the Department of Water to restore water supply in Magatho and derderey villages, specifically the rehabilitation of the existing shallow water pump?
2. What is the department's plan for the initiation of emergency water trucking services to drought-affected villages and public institutions such as schools and health facilities?
3. What sustainable long-term water infrastructure projects such as borehole drilling, piped water schemes, solar-powered water systems or strategic partnerships are planned to serve the residents of Magatho and derderey villages?

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

8. Motions and Bills
