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ORDERS OF THE DAY

TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 9:30 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
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4. Petitions
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7. Questions and **Statements***

1. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE 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 severe water shortage affecting Fafi Jaleli, Shidle, Nunow, Lamireb, and Fonguch Centres in Sankuri Ward.

Hon. Speaker, access to adequate, safe and affordable water is a fundamental human right and a basic necessity for life, health and livelihoods. residents of the aforementioned centres rely solely on earth pans as their traditional water sources, which dried up over a month ago due to prolonged drought conditions. Consequently, households are now compelled to purchase water at exorbitant prices from private vendors, exposing them to serious health risks, economic hardship and loss of human dignity. This situation calls for urgent County Government intervention and coordinated action with relevant national and humanitarian agencies to safeguard the wellbeing of affected residents.

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Hon. Speaker, this appeal is grounded in the following constitutional and statutory provisions:

- **Article 43(1)(d), Constitution of Kenya (2010):** Every person has the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities.
- **Article 21(2), Constitution:** The State shall take legislative, policy and other measures to achieve the progressive realization of economic and social rights.
- **Article 56(c), Constitution:** Requires affirmative action to ensure marginalized groups have access to essential services, including water.
- **Fourth Schedule, Part 2(11), Constitution:** Assigns County Governments responsibility for water and sanitation services.
- **Section 63, Water Act, 2016:** Mandates County Governments to ensure provision of water services within their jurisdictions.
- **National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) Act, 2016 and National Disaster Risk Management Policy (2022):** Provide frameworks for coordinated drought mitigation and emergency water interventions.
- **Public Health Act (Cap. 242):** Requires that water supplied for human consumption meets prescribed health and safety standards.
- **County Governments Act, 2012, Section 102(e):** Calls for equitable access to basic services as a principle of county planning.
- **Public Finance Management Act, 2012, Section 104(1)(b):** Obligates County Treasuries to facilitate effective response to emergencies and unforeseen needs.

Hon. Speaker, the people of Sankuri Ward are in dire need of immediate emergency water trucking services and a sustainable long-term water solution. the situation demands urgent County action and accountability to ensure that residents' constitutional right to water is upheld.

Hon. Speaker, the situation in Sankuri Ward is both urgent and preventable. I therefore implore the Committee to expedite its inquiry and present a detailed report with concrete, time-bound recommendations to this Honourable House. the residents of these centres deserve immediate relief and a long-term water security plan that guarantees their constitutional right to clean and safe water.

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

1. What immediate measures has the Department of Water and Irrigation undertaken to address the current water shortage in Fafi Jaleli, Shidle, Nunow, Lamireb and Fonguch Centres in Sankuri Ward since the drying up of earth pans, and what short-term relief actions are currently in progress?
2. When will the Department commence and sustain structured emergency water trucking to the affected areas?
3. What strategic and sustainable interventions has the Department developed to reduce future reliance on earth pans and private water vendors in Sankuri Ward?
4. What plans does the department have to repair the boreholes of Nunow, Shimbirey and Abdisamad which was un-functional for the last one year?

**(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ABDIRAHMAN M ALI-MCA SANKURI
WARD)**

8. Motions and Bills
