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ORDERS OF THE DAY

TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 9:30 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers
6. Notices of Motion
7. Questions and **Statements***

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

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2)(c), I rise to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health and Sanitation regarding the Open Defecation Free (ODF) status in Garissa County.

Hon. Speaker, sanitation and hygiene are critical in safeguarding public health, preventing disease outbreaks, and upholding the dignity of our people. Poor sanitation remains a leading cause of preventable illnesses such as diarrhea, cholera, and other waterborne diseases that continue to affect vulnerable households across the County.

In response, the County Government, in collaboration with the National Government and development partners, has been implementing the Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) Program with the aim of achieving 100% ODF status across all villages in Garissa.

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This initiative is also in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on Clean Water and Sanitation.

However, despite this program being in place for several years, there are concerns regarding the slow pace of progress, disparities among sub-counties, and limited support in terms of resources and logistics.

In the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. The total number of villages in Garissa County that have been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) to date?
2. how many villages have been officially verified and certified as ODF?
3. A sub-county breakdown indicating which sub-counties are fully ODF and which are still lagging behind?
4. The specific resources invested by the County Government in the CLTS program including financial allocations, technical support (e.g. training of community health volunteers), and logistical support (e.g. transport, equipment, and supplies)?
5. Which partners are currently supporting ODF initiatives in Garissa County?
6. The major challenges preventing the attainment of ODF status in the County?
7. The strategies the County Executive has put in place to address the challenges and accelerate progress towards achieving full ODF status?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON KHADIJA IDRIS -NOMINATED MCA)

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

Hon Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2)(c) and in exercise 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 Education, ICT, Vocational Training and Library Services regarding the status of the School Feeding Programme across Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) centers in Garissa County.

Hon Speaker, access to adequate and nutritious food for learners is not only a social welfare matter but a constitutional right and legal obligation. The importance of the ECDE School Feeding Programme is underscored by the following constitutional and statutory provisions:

- **Article 53(1)(c) of the Constitution:** *Every child has the right to basic nutrition, shelter and health care.*

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- **Article 43(1)(c):** *Every person has the right to be free from hunger and to have adequate food of acceptable quality.*
- **Article 53(2):** *A child’s best interests are of paramount importance in every matter concerning the child.*
- **Article 21(2):** *The State shall take legislative, policy and other measures to achieve the progressive realization of rights under Article 43.*
- **Fourth Schedule, Part 2(9) of the Constitution:** Vests County governments with the responsibility for pre-primary education, child care facilities and local service delivery.

Supporting statutes include:

- **Basic Education Act, 2013 (Section 42A):** Empowers County governments to provide infrastructure, meals and related support services in pre-primary institutions.
- **Children Act, 2022 (Section 10):** Guarantees the right of every child to basic nutrition and obligates both levels of government to protect and promote this right.
- **County Governments Act, 2012:** Mandates counties to provide services effectively and uphold the principles of equity, accountability and inclusivity.
- **Public Health Act (Cap. 242):** Requires that food supplied to the public, including to learning institutions, meet national health and safety standards.

Hon Speaker, despite these clear legal obligations, concerns have been raised regarding the inadequate and untimely delivery of food rations to designated ECDE centers, thereby undermining the nutritional needs of learners and compromising the objectives of the school feeding programme.

Hon Speaker, the ECDE feeding programme is not merely a developmental initiative but a constitutional and human rights obligation. Ensuring that children in Garissa County have access to adequate, nutritious food in school is fundamental to safeguarding their health, dignity and right to education.

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

1. What is the current status of the implementation of the school feeding programme across all ECDE centers in Garissa County?
2. What are the reasons for the inadequate and untimely delivery of food rations to the designated ECDE centers?
3. What measures are in place to ensure adequate and timely delivery of food rations to all ECDE centers across the County?

4. What safeguards have been established to guarantee that the uji (porridge) supplied under the feeding programme meets national health, safety and nutrition standards for young learners, as required by the Public Health Act (Cap. 242) and other applicable regulations?

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

8. Motions and Bills
