#### REPUBLIC OF KENYA



# **COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI**

# THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY- SECOND SESSION (2023)

# COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION

RESPONSE TO HON. PAUL MALUKI'S STATEMENT ON THE OPERATIONALISATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES IN KITHUMULA/KWA MUTONGA WARD

The Clerk's Chamber, County Assembly of Kitui, Assembly Buildings, Kitui, Kenya

MAY, 2023

# **ABBREVIATIONS**

LATF Local Authority Transfer Fund

CECM County Executive Committee Member

CGA County Governments Act

CO Chief Officer

MCA Member of County Assembly

#### **ANNEXURES**

Annexure 1 Adoption List

Annexure 2 Statement request by Hon. Paul Maluki

Annexure 3 Response to statement from the CECM Health and

Sanitation

Annexure 4 List of 83 non-operational health facilities

#### Introduction

#### Mr. Speaker Sir,

As you are aware, Hon. Paul Maluki requested for a statement from the Chairperson committee on Health and Sanitation, on the operationalization of three health dispensaries in Kithumula/ Kwa Mutonga Ward pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41 (2c). (Copy attached as Annexure 2)

The committee on Health and sanitation deliberated on the issues raised in the statement and prepared this brief report on its consideration of the same pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41 (2C) (C).

#### Mandate of the Committee

#### Mr. Speaker Sir,

- 1. The Committee on Health and Sanitation is established under Standing Order 190(5) and is mandated to:
  - Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operation and estimates of the assigned department;
  - ii. Study programs and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
  - iii. Study and review all county legislation referred to it;
  - iv. Study, assess and analyse the relative success of departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
  - Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;

- vi. To vet and report on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 185(Committee on Appointments); and
- vii. Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

The Second Schedule of the Standing Orders stipulates that the Committee is mandated to consider health and sanitation matters.

#### Committee Membership.

The Committee was constituted by the House on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022 and comprises of the following Members:

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1. Hon. Bernard M. Munyasya	Chairperson
2. Hon. Kyalo Kimuli	Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Titus M. Kasinga	Member
4. Hon. Hussein Mwandia	Member
5. Hon. Malinga Munyao	Member
6. Hon. Dr. Erastus Mbuno	Member
7. Hon. Joseph Kasungi	Member
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10.Hon. Mathew Vuthi	Member
11. Hon. Kimanzi Muange	Member

#### Committee Secretariat

Esther Mwele- First Clerk Assistant

### Mr. Speaker Sir,

On behalf of the Committee on Health and Sanitation, and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41 (2C)(C), it is my pleasant duty and pleasure to present this report of the Committee on the response to statement.

SIGNED:

HON. BERNARD M. MUNYASYA
CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION

#### Mr. Speaker Sir,

In his statement request, Honourable Paul Maluki raised concerns that there were three dispensaries in his ward which had been built to completion but to date have neither been equipped nor operationalized. These are;

- i. Kyaani Dispensary in Kasaini Village
- ii. Kilimu Dispensary in Kithumula Village
- iii. Miwongoni Dispensary in Mithikwani Village

The honourable member requested the Chairperson Committee on Health and Sanitation to respond to the following issues raised in the statement;

- a) measures the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation has put in place so as to kickstart the operationalization of the three dispensaries;
- b) timelines on equipping and operationalizing the three dispensaries;
- c) breakdown of the funds used in putting up the three dispensaries.

#### Mr. Speaker Sir,

Upon receipt of the statement request, the committee on Health and Sanitation through the office of the Clerk wrote a letter to the County Executive Committee Member for Health and Sanitation forwarding the statement request and notifying them of the issues raised.

The County Executive Committee Member through a letter, responded as follows; (copy attached as Annexure 3)

#### a) Kilimu dispensary

The dispensary was constructed before devolution by the Local Authority Transfer Fund (LATF). There was no information as to the cost of construction. The dispensary building is complete but shall require some renovations since it has remained unoccupied for years. It is situated 6.5km away from Kauwi Sub County hospital. The facility is among 18 other dispensaries that are prioritized for operationalization once funds are available.

#### b) Kyaani dispensary

The construction of this dispensary was also funded by LATF before devolution. There was no information as to the cost of construction. Construction of the building is complete but since it has remained unoccupied for too long, it shall require some renovation before use. Kyaani dispensary is situated in Kasaini village. This village has another operational health facility called Ndiuni Health Center, situated 5km from Kyaani dispensary. Other nearest facilities are Matinyani Health Centre and Kauma Health Centre which are 3km and 4.5 km away respectively.

# c) Miwongoni Dispensary

The construction of this dispensary was also funded by LATF before devolution. There was no information as to the cost of construction. Construction of the building is complete but since it has remained unoccupied for too long, it shall require some renovation before use. Miwongoni dispensary is situated in Mithikwani Village. The village has another operational facility called Mithikwani dispensary which is approximately 7km from Miwongoni dispensary. Other health facilities close to Miwongoni dispensary are Katutu dispensary and Kiseveni dispensary which are both 8km away.

#### Mr. Speaker Sir,

As you are aware, Standing Order 41 (2C) (A) and (B) provides that;

Whenever a member requests for a statement, the Speaker shall direct the relevant Committee under whose mandate the Statement falls, to invite the County Executive Committee Member or the Chief Officer under whose purview the matters raised in the Statement fall, to a meeting of the committee to deliberate on the Statement. The Member who requested for the Statement shall be invited to the Committee meeting whenever the County Executive Committee Member or the Chief Officer is to appear to respond to the Statement.

Based on the above provisions, the committee on Health and Sanitation invited both the CECM for Health and Sanitation and Hon. Paul Maluki to its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 in order to discuss the issues raised in the statement.

Hon. Paul Maluki was however unable to attend the meeting as he was engaged in a Speaker's Panel training in Nairobi.

#### Mr. Speaker Sir,

Through a letter received by the office of the Clerk on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2023, the CECM conveyed her apologies for being unable to attend as she was engaged elsewhere on an official capacity. She however sent the three chief officers in her ministry to represent her during the said meeting.

#### Mr. Speaker Sir,

The committee met with the below three chief officers from the ministry of Health and Sanitation;

- a) Mr. Aggrey Kinyalili Kamba Department of Drugs and Medical Supplies
- b) Dr. Benson Wambua Department of Medical Services
- c) Ms. Lynn Kitwan Department of Public Health and Sanitation

They submitted before the committee that there are a total of 83 health facilities within the county that have been built to completion by the Local Authority Transfer Fund (LATF) but were yet to be operational (list attached as Annexure 4).

The ministry submitted that his excellency the Governor, Dr. Malombe has through his manifesto, prioritized to have an operational health facility in each of the 247 villages. This is aimed at having a functional and accessible health sector within the county.

#### Mr. Speaker Sir,

So far, there are 34 villages spread out within various wards, that do not have functional health facilities. Out of the 34 villages, 17 villages have structures built to completion but are neither equipped nor operational while the remaining 17 villages do not have any built structures.

These are listed as follows;

# A. Villages with structures built to completion but are not operational

Dispensary	Village	Ward
1. Katyethoka	Katyethoka/Ngiini	Township
2. Katumbi	Katumbi/Koi	Endau Malalani
3. Munyuni	Imale/Kiangini	Voo/Kyamatu
4. Kasangu	Nzunguni	Voo/Kyamatu
5. Kisiuni	Nzunguni	Voo/Kyamatu
6. Yana	Kiangu	Ikutha
7. Ngwate	Ngwate	Ikutha
8. Isaa	Isaa	Mutha
9. Kilimu	Kithumula	Kwa Mutonga/Kithumula
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10.Kangondi	Kangondi	Mutonguni
11. Ithumbi	Ithumbi	Kivou
12.Katinga	Kisama	Kivou
13.Kasarani	Kivou	Kivou
14.Sosoma	Sosoma/Mwanzele	Nguni
15.Maongoa	Thonoa	Waita
16.Kaliwa	Mutanda (Katse)	Mumoni
17.Katumbi	Katumbi	Tseikuru
18.Nzanzeni	Nzanzeni	Tseikuru

It is important to note that this list has 18 (eighteen) dispensaries instead of 17 (seventeen) since Nzunguni village in Voo Kyamatu Ward has 2(two) dispensaries.

#### Mr. Speaker Sir,

During the deliberations, it was noted that Katuluni dispensary in Mwamboi Village (Waita Ward) and Ngungi dispensary in Kasunguni village (Zombe Mwitika Ward) has complete structures that were not operational. The committee was requested to consult all ward representatives in order to ascertain whether there were any other facilities built to completion but aren't operational apart from the 18 captured above.

### Mr. Speaker Sir,

The chief officers stated that the 18 dispensaries mentioned above have been prioritized for equipping and staffing in order to make them operational as soon as funds are available. The chief officers encouraged the Assembly to support the ministry by approving the budget for these projects once it is submitted to the Assembly in order to enable them make them operational.

# B. Villages that have neither a health facility nor an existing structure built in place to house a health facility in future.

These villages do not have a health facility and the county government has never initiated the construction of any structure for this purpose. Residents have to rely on nearby villages for health services.

Village	Ward
1. Kalundu	Township Ward
2. Kenze	Chuluni Ward
3. Kyanika/Mwembe Tayari	Nzambani Ward
4. Nyanyaa/Ndunguni	Kwa Vonza/Yatta Ward
5. Ithumula (Ikanga/Kyatune)	Ikanga/Kyatune Ward
6. Kathungu	Ikanga/Kyatune Ward
7. Ndili	Ikutha Ward
8. Kaliakatune	Mutha Ward
9. Kyeng'e	Kauwi Ward
10.Kyondoni	Matinyani Ward
11. Mulang'a	Central Ward
12.Kyanika	Kivou Ward
13.Mathyakani (Nguni)	Nguni Ward
14. Kimela/Syumani	Ngomeni Ward
15.Kanyengya/Gatoroni	Tharaka Ward
16.Nguutani/Katuyu/Mukauni	Nguutani Ward
17.Nzawa/Mavuni	Nguutani Ward

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The ministry is in full support of implementing the governors promise of having an operational health facility in each of the 247 villages in the county. In order to actualize this, the ministry intends to prioritize the equipping of all the completed health facility structures such as Kilimu Dispensary in Kithumula/ Kwa Mutonga Ward in order to make them operational for the benefit of the people rather than building more structures that will stall or take years to complete.

Regarding the cost of construction of the three dispensaries in kithumula Kwa Mutonga Ward, the ministry informed the committee that they were yet to get the information. This is because the construction of the facilities was funded by the Local Authority Transfer Fund (LATF) and thus could not trace the records upon transitioning to county governments.

The committee notes that the question as to the costs of construction of the three dispensaries was an issue raised in the statement and must thus be answered. They therefore directed the ministry to trace the records and avail the information to the committee as soon as possible.

#### COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Mr. Speaker Sir,

The committee having noted the issues raised in the statement and the response from the CECM, resolved that the statement was **satisfactorily dispensed with** and further recommends as follows;

i. That going forward, the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation should not initiate construction of health facilities if they do not have a plan and budget in place to ensure the construction will be completed, facility equipped and adequately staffed.

- ii. In order to enhance access to healthcare within the county, the County Ministry should prioritize in its next annual budget estimates, an allocation of funds for all stalled projects in order to revive and complete them for use by the people.
- iii. The county Government should cease from initiating new development projects in the ministry before all the stalled health facilities are completed and commissioned for use by the public.

#### CONCLUSION

#### Mr. Speaker Sir,

The committee notes that the issues raised in the statement by Hon. Paul Maluki cut across most of the wards within the county. There are quite a number of health facilities that were built to completion but not operational or in some instances construction commenced years ago but stalled before completion. This is despite the fact that the projects have so far consumed millions of tax payers money with no benefit to the people.

The Committee in exercise of its oversight role as assigned by Article 185 (3) of the Constitution, will strive to advocate for the prudent use of resources by the County Government in order to ensure the public gets value for money.

For this reason, therefore, the committee intends to offer all the necessary support possible to the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation in order to ensure our people get the highest, attainable standards of health at a cost that does not lead to financial hardship.

# THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI



# THIRD ASSEMBLY - SECOND SESSION

Adoption of the Health and Sanitation Committee Report on the statement response on operationalization of health facilities in Kithumula/Kwa Mutonga Ward

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# STATEMENT REQUEST ON OPERATIONALIZATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES IN KITHUMULA\KWA MUTONGA WARD.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No 41 (2) (c), I would like to request for a statement from the chairperson Committee on Health and Sanitation.

Whether the chairperson is aware that, there exists three dispensaries in Kithumula/kwa Mutonga ward namely: -

- i. Kyaani Dispensary in Kasaini village.
- ii. Kilimu Dispensary in Kithumula village.
- iii. Miwongoni Dispensary in Mithikwani village.

Whether he is further aware that the said dispensaries have been completed but not operational for a period of more than 9 years.

**Whether** the chairperson is aware that the said facilities were funded by the County government of Kitui and under the supervision of the Ministry of Heath and Sanitation but the public participated in mobilization of local materials.

Whether he is further aware that, members of the public in the said villages are suffering and are walking long distances in search of health services within and outside Kithumula/ Kwa Mutonga ward.

Mr. Speaker, aware that I am an elected and a direct representative of the residents of Kithumula/ Kwa Mutonga ward and a people's voice in this Honourable House; I strongly seek a statement from the

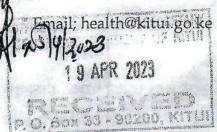
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation, in response to the following concerns raised by the residents of the said villages:

- i. Measures in place for County Ministry of Health and Sanitation
- ii. to operationalize the three dispensaries.
- iii. A statement declaring the timelines on equipping and operationalizing the three dispensaries.
- iv. A breakdown of the funds used in putting up the three dispensaries.

HON. PAUL MALUKI

MCA- KITHUMULA/ KWA MUTONGA WARD.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI





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#### MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SANITATION

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Date: 18th April 2023

Clerk

**Kitui County Assembly** 

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County Secretary **Kitui County** 

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RE: REPORT ON OPERATIONALIZATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES IN KITHUMULA/KWA MUTONGA WARD

#### 1. Kilimu Dispensary

Kilimu Dispensary is a facility in Kithumula village which was constructed before devolution through the Local Authority Transfer Fund (LATF). Information on the cost of the project is not available. The facility is complete but may need renovations before opening because of the long duration without use and care. It is situated 6.5 km from Kauwi Sub County Hospital, the nearest facility. Kilimu Dispensary in Kithumula village is among the 18 complete facilities prioritized for operationalization depending on distances from the closest facilities when funds are available.

#### 2. Kyaaani Dispensary

Kyaani dispensary is a facility in Kasaini village and was constructed through the Local Authority Transfer Fund (LATF) before devolution. Information on the cost of construction is not available. The facility is complete but may require a facelift due to the long period of disuse. Kasaini Village has another health facility called Ndiuni Health

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Center which is 5 km from Kyaani Dispensary. Kyaani is also approximately 3km from Matinyani Health Centre and 4.5 Km from Kauma Health Center, respectively.

#### 3. Miwongoni Dispensary

Miwongoni Dispensary is a facility in Mithikwani Village and was constructed through the Local Authority Transfer Fund (LATF) before devolution. Information on the cost of construction is not available. The facility is complete but may require a facelift due to the long period of disuse. Mithikwani village has another health facility called Mithikwani Dispensary, approximately 7 km from Miwongoni. Other nearest facilities are Katutu Dispensary which is 8 km, and Kiseveni Dispensary, also 8 km from Miwongoni.

#### 4. Conclusion/way forward

The three facilities are among the 83 health facilities previously constructed by Local Authority Transfer Fund (LATF) or CDF which are not operational.

Kilimu Dispensary in Kithumula village is among the 18 complete facilities prioritized for the first round of operations are available.

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County Executive Conflicted Member Ministry of Health and Sanitation

KITUI COUNTY

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facility	village	ward
KYAANI DISPENSARY	KASAINI	KWA MUTONGA/KITHUMULA
KILIMU DISPENSARY	KITHUMULA	KWA MUTONGA/KITHUMULA
NZALAE DISPENSARY - KITUI WEST	KATUTU	KAUWI
MIW'ONGONI DISPENSARY	MITHIKWANI	KWA MUTONGA/KITHUMULA
KWA NYINGI DISPENSARY	KAUWI	KAUWI
KATUMBI DISPENSARY - TSEIKURU	KATUMBI	TSEIKURU
SIVETA DISPENSARY	KANINGO	TSEIKURU
MWANIANGA DISPENSARY	KIVANDENI/MWANIANGA	KANZIKU
KWA MUSYA DISPENSARY	MUKONG'A	MUMONI
KIIMANI DISPENSARY	KIVYUNI/KIIMANI	MUTHA
KATITHINI DISPENSARY	MUTYANGOME	NUU
MUTHUNZUU DISPENSARY	NZELUNI/MUNG'ALU	MIGWANI
MANDONGOI DISPENSARY	KAVAANI/IKIME	NGOMENI
KASANGU DISPENSARY	NZUNGUNI	VOO/KYAMATU
MBAKONI DISPENSARY	MUAMBANI/MONGUNI	ATHI
NGAWUNI DISPENSARY	MAAINI/NGAW'UNI	IKUTHA
NGWATE DISPENSARY	NGWATE	IKUTHA
YANA DISPENSARY	KIANGU	IKUTHA
VYULU DISPENSARY	KEUTUNDA/KYANYAA	KANZIKU
KANTHI DISPENSARY	KITOO (MUTOMO)	митомо
MASASINI DISPENSARY	MANYOENI/MASASANI	MUTITO/KALIKU
INYOOKONI DISPENSARY	KYAMATU/NZANZU	VOO/KYAMATU
MUNYUNI DISPENSARY	IMALE/KIANGINI	VOO/KYAMATU
MASAANI DISPENSARY	KWA VONZA	KWA VONZA/YATTA
WIKIVUVWA DISPENSARY	WINZYEEI	KYOME/THAANA
KAIKUNGU DISPENSARY	KIKINI/NZAUNI	NGUUTANI
KATINGA DISPENSARY	KISAMA	KIVOU
NZOUNI DISPENSARY	NGOO	MUI
MUSOVO DISPENSARY	UKASI	NGUNI
MUANGENI DISPENSARY	MUTYANGOME	NUU
KATULUNI DISPENSARY	MWAMBUI/IKUUSYA	WAITA
KALIWA DISPENSARY	MUTANDA (KATSE)	MUMONI
KAVAANI DISPENSARY	KAVAANI/IKIME	NGOMENI
SOOMA DISPENSARY	KAVUTA	KYANGWITHYA WEST
(ISEKINI DISPENSARY	WIKILILYE	MULANGO
THUMBI DISPENSARY	. ITHUMBI	KIVOU
(WA AMUTEI DISPENSARY	NGUNGI (CHULUNI)	CHULUNI
MAKUKA DISPENSARY	TWAMBUI/MAKUKA	ENDAU MALALANI
ATHEMBONI DISPENSARY	KAWONGO/NTHONGONI	KWA VONZA/YATTA
AKUNIKE DISPENSARY	KAMUWONGO	KYUSO
CALOLE DISPENSARY	KIMANGAO	KYUSO
(ALILUNI DISPENSARY	KYAMBOO/KALILUNI	MIGWANI
THUA DISPENSARY	MUKONG'A	MUMONI



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