

STATEMENT REQUEST ON THE DEPLORABLE STATE OF MUTHA HEALTH CENTER AND OTHER HEALTH FACILITIES IN MUTHA 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 on the deplorable state of Mutha Health Center and other health facilities in Mutha ward.

Aware that the Committee on Health and Sanitation is mandated under the Assembly Standing Orders No. 190 (5) to oversight on all matters relating to health in the County, the Second Schedule specifies the subject area of the committee's oversight which includes but not limited to; implementing county health policy/ and legislations, implementing national health policies and standards and all matters related to county health services, including in particular county health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care among others functions;

Further aware, that the Kenya Constitution 2010 under Article 43(1)(a) recognizes that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health care services, including reproductive health care;

Concerned that, WHO constitution (1946) envisages "The highest attainable standard of health as a fundamental right to every human being" thus acknowledging health as a human right and recognizing a legal obligation on states to ensure access to timely, acceptable and affordable health care;

Cognizant that, County governments are tasked with provision of quality health services at the county level which includes but not limited to: construction, equipping, staffing and provision of drugs in the health facilities, provision of ambulance services, among others;

Further Cognizant that, Mutha level III Health facility structures are in a very deplorable state, with no electricity, no perimeter fence, inadequate

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equipment, without an operational ambulance, while this state of affairs is also duplicated in other health facilities in mutha ward namely: katyethoka dispensary, Isaa dispensary, Musenge dispensary, Kaluluini dispensary and Kiimani dispensary most of which lack staff and thus remain inoperational.

THAT the Committee on Health and Sanitation seeks responses from the relevant county department and report back to this house within 21 days with a comprehensive report detailing the following:

1. What plans are there from the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation to renovate the structures in Mutha level III health facility to desirable standards, construction of staff houses as well as electricity connection to the facility;
2. When will mutha health facility get back it's ambulance whose Reg. No. is KCD 710G in order to offer the optimal required services in tandem with it's status as a level III B;
3. Considering the fastness of Mutha ward and the long distance from Mutomo, are there plans by the ministry to construct a morgue facility to serve mutha and its environs;
4. What arrangements is the ministry putting in place to have a backup power to alleviate the suffering of pregnant mothers delivering in darkness in the maternity wing at katyethoka health facility as well as to avoid wastage of drugs and other stuffs as a result of electricity outages; a perimeter fence, a gate and repair of the falling ceilings at this facility;
5. When is the County Ministry of Health and Sanitation posting staffs to operationalize Isaa, Musenge, Kaluluini and Kiimani dispensaries.

Signed



Date

25th . 10 . 2023

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