STATEMENT REQUEST ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTIVE DEVICES IN KITUI COUNTY BY THE COUNTY MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GENDER, YOUTH, I.C.T, SPORTS, AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR.

Mr. Speaker,

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order No. 41(2)(c), I would like to request for a statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Services on the following: -

Whether, the Chairperson is aware that, the Ministry in the 2023/2024 Financial Year allocated Kshs 6.4M for purchase of safety gears - to procure and distribute assistive devices for PWDs under the Social Development and Children Services.

Whether, the Chairperson is further aware that, the Ministry spent Kshs. 2.4M for the Program and revoted Kshs 3M in that Financial Year.

Whether, the Chairperson is further aware of the criteria used by the Ministry to distribute the assistive devices in the County.

Whether, the Chairperson is further aware that the Ministry never involved the Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Services and the representatives of PWDs during the distribution of assistive devices. However, during the commemoration of International Day for People with Disability on 3rd December, 2023, the representatives of PWDs had been invited for planning purposes.

whether the Chairperson is aware of any strategies that the CECM, Culture, Gender Youth, Sports, ICT and Social Services is putting in place to ensure that assistive devices are distributed equally and fairly within the County.

the Chairperson is aware that assistive devices are not only limited to Whether den Appred. wheel chairs.

Mr. Speaker

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Whether the Chairperson is aware that the Assembly in the Kitui County Supplementary budget 1, 2024/2025 reinstated the proposed reduction of Kshs. 7,679,600 for the procurement and distribution of assistive devices.

Mr. Speaker,

Aware that prudent and responsible use of public funds is a principle of good governance and Financial Management as enshrined in Article 201 of the Kenyan constitution 2010; I strongly seek a response from the Chairperson, Committee on Culture, Youth, Sports, Gender and Social Services within Twenty - One (21) days. In response to the statement the Chair should avail:

- i. The total budgetary allocation for purchase and distribution of assistive devices for PWDs in the 2023/2024 Financial Year.
- ii. The total amount spent during commemoration of the International Day for People with Disability in the Financial Year 2023/2024.
- iii. A list of all the assistive devices procured in the 2023/2024 Financial Year.
- iv. A report on the public participation done on the need analysis of assistive devices per ward.
- v. A report on all the beneficiaries per ward.
- vi. The criteria used to distribute the devices.
- vii. The ministry's plan to ensure that each ward benefits from the distribution of the assistive devices.
- viii. Any other relevant information that could be useful for the oversight purpose.

SIGN The DATE 19/11/2024

HON. CHARITY KATHATHI MUSYOKA, M.C.A - NOMINATED,

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI