

STATEMENT REQUEST ON THE STATUS OF WATER PROJECTS IN THARAKA WARD

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No 41 (2) (c), I would like to request for a statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Water and Irrigation on the status of water projects in Tharaka Ward.

Whether the Chairperson is aware that there has been an acute water shortage facing the residents of Tharaka Ward due to stalled and neglected water projects, a state of affairs that has caused immense hardships to the community by disrupting daily routines and impacting negatively on health and sanitation.

Whether he is further aware that Kamwerini Rock Catchment in Kanthungu village was constructed during the first County Government generation and is in a dire state where tanks have collapsed and kiosks meant to serve the community are left without water. Despite the significant usage of public funds, the government has failed to maintain the project leading to its current deplorable state resulting in significant wastage of public funds.

Whether he is also aware that Ciagacinka borehole in Gakombe Village which was drilled during the second generation of the County Government was capped and left incomplete. The relevant County Ministry has failed to finalize and operationalize the project leaving the community without the intended benefits.

Concerned that Karundu, Gacigongo and Mirambaikamba boreholes were drilled and equipped but are currently non-functional. Millions of shillings were spent on these projects, yet they remain unable to serve the community, thus resulting to imprudent use of the public funds.

Hon. Speaker
You may approve
4/12/2024

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Approved.
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Mr. Speaker sir, pursuant to the provisions of Article 43(d) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, water is a basic right whose access should be guaranteed. Lack of access to clean and safe water in adequate quantities infringes on the rights of the residents of Tharaka ward.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this situation requires urgent attention to ensure that the populace of Tharaka ward access adequate and reliable provision of water and further ensure that public funds are used prudently. Therefore, I seek a response from the Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Water and Irrigation within twenty-one (21) days on the following concerns: -

- i. Inquire into the reasons behind the water shortage in Tharaka Ward and provide a comprehensive report detailing why these projects are non-functional and neglected.
- ii. Clarify when the Government intends to repair and operationalize these projects to restore their intended purpose.
- iii. Provide strategies the line Ministry is putting in place to ensure sustainable water supply in Tharaka ward.

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HON. GODFREY MUTHENGI NDANGARA.

MCA- THARAKA WARD.

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