

KERICHO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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[Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Let's proceed.

MOTION BY HONORABLE ERICK BETT

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Honorable Erick Bett!

Hon. Erick Bett (Member for Kipchebor Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance. I rise pursuant to Standing Order number 36 (1) to seek leave of the House to table the following motion and discuss a matter of County importance that is the health crisis in Kericho County.

Aware that Schedule 4 Part 2 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 section 2(a) provides that County Governments shall be in charge of county health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of health care among other health care functions.

Further aware that Article 207 of the Constitution established Revenue funds for County Governments and sets up how the Revenue funds may be withdrawn and that the County departments including the Health services department are required to deposit monies in the County Revenue Fund account as is stipulated in Section 109 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

Concerned that the Department of Finance and Economic Planning has not released funds to the department of health services for a while now occasioning a crisis since the health facilities have no drugs and non-pharmaceutical items to dispense breaching the constitutional national value and principle of governance as laid down in Article 10(2) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 on good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability among other national values and principles of governance.

Noting that the Kericho County Referral Hospital Intensive Care Unit is currently closed, the operations at Kapkatet Hospital are at a dilapidated state because of lack of pharmaceuticals and non pharmaceuticals, irregular transfer of personnel across the health facilities without following due process, patients buying drugs and supplies in chemists for instance those used at the dialysis unit at Kericho County Referral Hospital.

Further noting that the County is grappling with the Covid 19 pandemic, there is no consistent supply of adequate oxygen despite the clarion call by the Cabinet Secretary in charge of the Health Service for Counties to maintain adequate supply of oxygen during this pandemic period and that the health care personnel need financial support and any other facilitation in discharging their mandate.

I urge this Honorable House to resolve that:-

1. The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Finance and Economic Planning provides to the County Assembly within 7 days from the passage of this motion the following:-
 - i. The total amount of money transferred from the health services department to the County Revenue Fund Account and breakdown of the amount to be reimbursed to the department of health services for operations in the last Financial Year i.e. FY 2020/2021 and FY 2021/2022?
 - ii. A report on the amount of money due to the suppliers as pending bills for the Financial Year 2020/2021 and FY 2021/2022 detailing all suppliers for the health department who have not been paid and reasons thereto.
 - iii. A report of the plans that the department has put in place to ensure timely requisitioning of funds to support the operations of the respective county departments.

2. The County Executive Committee Member for Health Services provide the following documents within seven days of the passage of this motion :-
 - i. A report of revenue generated by the level 3 and level 4 health facilities (Sub County Hospitals) and transferred to the County Revenue Fund Account (CRF).
 - ii. A human resource manual and policy indicating a detailed standard procedure of staff transfers in the Health Services department of Kericho County.
 - iii. An IFMIS generated expenditure schedule on drugs and non- pharmaceutical supplies procured by the department of health services and hospitals of Kericho County in the last 3 Financial Years.
 - iv. A cost analysis comparison schedule between suppliers – Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA), Mission for Essential Drugs and Supplies (MEDS) and local suppliers of volumes from the three respective categories of suppliers.

- v. A report on the status of the Intensive Care Unit and the dialysis Unit of the Kericho County Referral Hospital.
- vi. A detailed report on the status of the Pharmaceuticals and non- pharmaceuticals of the Kericho County health facilities as at 31st August 2021.
- vii. A report on the Authority to Incur Expenditure (AIEs) at the department of Health Services stating categorically how the departments of health services support them in the execution of their mandate.

3. The County Executive Committee member in charge of Finance and Economic Planning and the County Executive Committee Member for Health Services with their respective County Chief Officers appear before the Committee of the Whole House within ten days of the approval of this motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, Next order!

**THE KERICHO COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES BILL, 2021
(SECOND READING)**

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): The Kericho County Health Services Bill, 2021 (Second Reading), the honorable Dennis Kirui or the honorable Emily Kerich.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Honourable Emily Kerich.

Hon. Emily Kerich (Nominated Member representing women): Thank you very much honourable Speaker for giving me an opportunity this afternoon to read the Kericho County Health Services Bill for the second time.

Memorandum of Objects and Reasons

The Kericho County Health Services Bill seeks to provide for implementation of section 2 of part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 on County Health Services. The main purpose of the Bill is to promote access to health services, facilitate realization of rights to health care as provided under Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and facilitate realization of consumer health rights in accordance with Article 46 of the Constitution.

The Bill provides for the legal framework on the establishment of various committees for the county hospitals, health centers and dispensaries. It also provides for requirements for health services delivery system, rights and duties for health care personnel. The bill seeks to ensure that the Health department prepares a five year health plan which will give a sense of direction in matters health.

The Bill seeks to establish the County, Sub-county and Hospital Health Management Team who will ensure implementation of the Bill.

The Bill confers general power and responsibilities to the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Health Services to make regulations for the better carrying out of the objectives of the Bill. I am standing in for the chairperson, Hon. Dennis Kirui. Thank you so much.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you. Next order! Chairman Governance, Labour and Social Welfare Committee.

Hon. Grace Betty Koech (Nominated Member representing women): Thank you very much honourable Speaker for giving me this opportunity to table this motion. I am standing in for Chairman Labour, Governance and Social welfare committee.

That this House approves the report of Governance, Labour and Social Welfare committee on the establishment of offices in the department of agriculture, livestock and fisheries and the health services. I need your guidance on where I should start reading the report.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Only that the copy that I have is faint, so please start from page 6 which is 4.0 on your committee observations.

Hon. Grace Betty Koech (Nominated Member representing women): Thank very much Hon Speaker. The Committee on Governance Labour and Social Welfare observed that the request for the creation of offices in the offices of Health Services and Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries is in tandem with the approved Kericho County organizational Structure.

The committee on Governance, Labour and Social Welfare recommends that the offices of Chief Officer, Livestock and Fisheries and Chief Officer, Promotive and Preventive Health Services be established.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Committee on Governance Labour and Social Welfare for their valuable input and in consideration in the matter of establishment of offices of Chief Officer, Livestock and Fisheries and Chief Officer, Promotive and Preventive Health Services.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On behalf of the Committee on Governance Labour and Social Welfare and pursuant to Standing Order No.205, it is my pleasant duty to present to this House the Committee's report on the establishment of positions in the County Public Service Board for the Departments of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and Health Services for consideration and approval by this honorable House. Thank you on behalf of Hon. Anthony Rutto, the Chairman.

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Thank you, who is seconding?

Hon. Grace Betty Koech (Nominated Member representing women): I welcome Hon. William Soi who is the vice chair to second this motion.

(Hon. William Soi bows on secondment)

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(Adjournment)

The Speaker (Hon Dominic Rono): So we adjourned till 9:30 a.m. tomorrow thank you.

(The house rose at 3 p.m.)