

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TAITA TAVETA

THIRD ASSEMBLY - THIRD SESSION

THE HANSARD

Sitting no. 059

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

The House met at 2:49 p.m. in the County Assembly Chamber

[The Acting Speaker (Hon. Anselm Mwadime) in the Chair]

PRAYER

QUORUM

The Acting Speaker: Honorable Members, I confirm that the Sitting has Quorum to proceed. Clerks-at-the-Table, read the Orders of the day.

STATEMENTS

STATUS OF ECDE TEACHERS EMPLOYED ON PERMANENT AND PENSIONABLE TERMS

Hon. Amos Makalo (MCA, Kasigau): Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker, Sir. I beg to seek the following Statement:

In line with the parliamentary best practices, precedents and conventions, and pursuant to the provisions of the Third Taita Taveta County Assembly Standing Order no. 42(2)(c) relating to the Sitting's Order no. 7 (Statements), a Member of the House can seek a Statement requiring availability of information, clarification or appearance on any substantive issue, circumstances, situations and matters appertaining to the attention of County Governments, the National Government, or any public entity where such mandates related to the management of service and leadership to the citizens and institutions, as per the Constitution of Kenya (CoK), 2010, and our current laws are concerned.

In view of the foregoing, I beg to seek a Statement regarding the status of Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) teachers who were recently employed on permanent and pensionable terms.

1 Disclaimer: *The electronic version of the Official Hansard Report is for information purposes only. A certified version of this Report can be obtained from the Hansard Editor.*

These ECDE teachers are not being recognized as teachers, but rather being treated as support staff supervisors in the duty stations that they were posted to, even though some have the prerequisite qualifications and Teachers Service Commission (TSC) numbers. There are also instances in which some were engaged on different and lower job groups, that is, Job group E of a support staff supervisor instead of job group J of an ECDE Assistant Teacher I. This is an act of discrimination, and at the same time a demotivating factor to the teachers that are affected.

I would like the Chairperson of the Early Childhood Development Education, Libraries and Vocational Training Committee to furnish this House with the following information:

1. Why were teachers with diplomas and TSC numbers absorbed as support staff supervisors at job group E?
2. What caused some other teachers to be employed as ECDE Assistant Teachers I at Job group J?
3. What necessitated the glaring disparities during the employment process?
4. Why were some teachers with lower qualifications employed at the same job group with those with higher qualifications?
5. What are the minimum required qualifications for ECDE teachers?
6. What plans or efforts does the Department have to harmonize these anomalies?

Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker.

The Acting Speaker: Chairperson of the ECDE, Libraries and Vocational Training Committee, respond.

Hon. Kimuyu Daniel (MCA, Mahoo): Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker, Sir. Let me also thank Hon. Amos Makalo for the Statement sought. We request the House to give us 14 days to ventilate on this issue and give a report on the same. Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker.

The Acting Speaker: Statement seeker, does that suffice?

Hon. Amos Makalo: Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker, Sir. Yes, it suffices.

The Acting Speaker: Honorable Members, I would like to open the Floor for remarks on the Statement sought. Any Member who has a remark to make; please bear in mind that we have a limitation of three minutes per person, and cumulatively 20 minutes for this particular business. Hon. Dorcas Mlughu.

Hon. Dorcas Mlughu (MCA, Rong'e): Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker, Sir, for giving me the opportunity to contribute to the Statement that has just been sought. First of all, let me congratulate Hon. Amos Makalo for his great concern. It is very unfortunate that Taita Taveta County is one of the institutions that ignores directions and instructions and they do not take matters seriously. Not long ago, the Auditor General's report had a concern on the same. We also had a resolution that was brought forward by the Committee on Administration, Security, Devolution, Public Participation, Community Services and Drugs Control and adopted in this

2 Disclaimer: *The electronic version of the Official Hansard Report is for information purposes only. A certified version of this Report can be obtained from the Hansard Editor.*

House on matters re-designation and realignment of our structures and human resource, but unfortunately, they have been ignored.

Again, just recently, a County Chief Officer (CCO) was in this House and clearly stated that she is not aware of the instructions emanating from this side, which is very unfortunate. Education is such a serious investment and in Kenya, it has been taken seriously to an extent that when you appear for an interview or when you want to apply for a job; there are qualifications that have been set aside for one to be in a position to apply for that job and if you are not qualified, then you let it go. How on earth do we have teachers and other staff in various departments who have great qualifications or papers and they have done well in school yet the way they have been employed is a concern?

Reading this is very unfair and disheartening. Every day, I wonder and ask God why he allowed me to be a leader in an institution where instructions, rules and regulations are there, but are ignored by the Government yet there is a way things should be done. This should stop with immediate effect.

From the instructions that were given to the House, I want to believe that 90 days has long gone and if they could have done realignment as required, we would not be having such kinds of Statements that are exposing us to investigative authorities of this Country, or making us look careless and ignorant of Executive Orders. Since we have 14 days, as the Chairperson of the Committee has committed, they should also consider the Executive Order. If one is 60 years and above, they should find their way out and exit government premises. Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker.

Hon. Anisa Mwakio (MCA, Nominated): Ahsante sana, Mhe. Kaimu Spika, kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Namshukuru Mhe. Amos kwa kuleta Kauli hii katika Bunge. Ni masikitiko makubwa mambo kama haya yanapoendelea kutokea wakati sheria za uajiri wa kazi ziko bayana. Wakati tunalalamikia huduma kutofika kule nyanjani kwa wananchi, mojawapo ya sababu ni kuwa tunapeana kazi kwa watu ambao ujuzi wao ama makaratasi yao hayaambatani na ile kazi wanayotakikana kutekeleza.

Katika Kamati ya Usimamiaji, Usalama, Ugatuzi, Ushirikisho wa Umma, Utumishi kwa Jumuiya na Uthibiti wa Madawa ya Kulevyu, tulikuwa na jambo kama hili na tukasema kila mtu awekwe mahali anastahili kukaa kulingana na makaratasi yake ama mahojiano aliyofanyiwa. Bado hayakufanyika mpaka leo tunakuja kuyajadili. Kama mtindo huu utaendelea, basi tutarajie kutakua na mambo mabaya zaidi. Sio bahati mbaya, ninaona wazi ni kusudi ya watu wengine kunyima wananchi huduma kulingana na matarajio yao ama kama utaniruhusu kutumia lugha ya kizungu, *sabotage*.

Mambo haya si ya leo wala jana na nilifikiri yameisha, kumbe bado yako. Tutafute njia mbadala ya kuyamaliza mambo haya ili kila aliyeenda shuleni na yuko na vyeti vyake apewe kazi

3 Disclaimer: *The electronic version of the Official Hansard Report is for information purposes only. A certified version of this Report can be obtained from the Hansard Editor.*

kulingana na elimu aliyo nayo. Hatusongi, bado tunazungukia pale pale kama mbwa wa kizungu anayeitwa *Poodle*, na huku tunanyima wananchi nafasi zao

Huu ni ubaguzi wa hali ya juu. Tuko na wasomi walio na makaratasi, je, ni kwa nini tunawanyima nafasi na tunachukua wale ambao makaratasi yao ni ya chini?

Nitaomba jambo hili liangaliwe kwa makini na tutafuatilia tuone majibu tutakayopewa tukitarajia kwamba yatakua ni ya kuridhisha. La sivyo, tutaomba nafasi ili tuchukue hatua zingine za kuwaadhibu. Ahsante, Mhe. Kaimu Spika.

The Acting Speaker: Kukupatia mwelekeo mzuri, badala ya lile neno ulilotumia, ungetumia hujuma au kuhujumu.

Hon. Rose Shingira (MCA, Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker, Sir. I beg to support the Statement sought and congratulate Hon. Makalo for the noble idea that he has brought to this Honorable House. It is true that some of the ECDE teachers are not being treated equally and fairly. There is favouritism. I know of an ECDE teacher who holds a Bachelor Degree in ECDE and the job group she has been given does not befit a person with such qualifications. One wonders whether they are being motivated or demoralized.

As a County Government, we need to make sure that all workers, including the ECDE teachers, are given moral support matching their papers. It is unfortunate to see somebody with all the credentials being paid like an unqualified person. I believe this Honorable House will give justice through the Executive. Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker.

The Acting Speaker: Yes, Hon. Lawrence Mzugha.

Hon. Lawrence Mzugha (MCA, Mbololo): Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker, Sir, for this opportunity and thank you Hon. Amos Makalo. It is in this same House that we passed a Motion to ensure that our ECDE and Vocational Training teachers are employed on permanent and pensionable basis and it had overwhelming support from all the Members. It is unfortunate and I will be shocked if I find out that these allegations are true.

ECDE is a devolved function and those working there are mainly our own local people; our sisters and brothers. When we see them being mistreated in this manner, it is shameful and unfortunate and I am hoping that the Committee, where I am also a Member, will do a thorough investigation on this matter and action taken.

When you joke around with a child's education or foundation, then the society is doomed. That is why we said they should be employed on permanent and pensionable basis. This Statement should be responded to in detail. I have heard the Chairperson seeking for 14 days but I thought

seven days would be enough because it is information which is available and can be brought here so that we can deal with this matter as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker.

The Acting Speaker: Hon. Mabishi Kirubai.

Hon. Mabishi Kirubai (MCA, Chawia): Ahsante sana, Mhe. Kaimu Spika. Ninachukua fursa hii kumpongeza Mhe. Makalo kwa kuibua maswala haya katika Nyumba hii. Majukumu ya walimu wa chekechea na wa shule za ujuzi ni ya Serikali ya Kaunti, na ni sharti ihakikishe masuala yanayowahusu yanatekelezwa inavyofaa. Itakuwa ni masikitiko ikiwa masuala yaliyo ibuliwa yana taswira ya hali ilivyo, kwani tunaharibu msingi wa elimu katika jimbo letu la Kaunti ya Taita Taveta, ambao unanzia chekechea. Ili mwalimu au mfanyikazi katika idara yoyote apate moyo wa kufanya kazi, ni lazima awekwe kwa nafasi aliyoisomea na anayostahili.

Iwapo kuna walimu ambao wamehitimu na shahada au stashahada katika kazi hii, utapata aliye na shahada amewekwa mahali hastahili na hii ni kuwanyima fursa ama kuwavunja mioyo ya kutekeleza majukumu yao. Kama vile Mhe. Makalo alivyo omba, nitaiomba Kamati hii iweze kuchunguza mambo haya kwa haraka na walete majibu katika Bunge hili ili tuweze kusukuma panapostahili.

Sio sawa kabisa kama haya ndiyo mambo yanayoendelea katika wizara hiyo. Inaonyesha tunaua elimu ya watoto wetu ambao wanatutegemea sisi kama viongozi na wazazi kuwapa elimu inayostahili katika maisha yao. Ahsante, Mhe. Kaimu Spika.

The Acting Speaker: Hon. Brayson Mwambi.

Hon. Brayson Mwambi (MCA, Sagalla): Ahsante sana, Mhe. Kaimu Spika. Ninamshukuru Mhe. Makalo kwa kuomba Kauli hii kwani jambo hili limekuwa ni sugu katika Kaunti yetu ya Taita Taveta. Ukiangalia kwa mtazamo wa maslahi ya wafanyikazi wa Kaunti hii, utapata walimu wetu wa chekechea wameandikwa katika kiwango kimoja na wanakaa katika kiwango hicho hadi wastaafu.

Ninakumbuka, kuna wakati tuliita shirika la TAVEVO hapa kuwahoji iwapo wako na mpangilio wa kusaidia kukuza wafanyikazi kama ilivyo katika serikali ambapo mfanyikazi anapo andikwa katika kiwango hiki, baada ya muda fulani, hata kama ni miaka miwili au mitatu anaenda katika kiwango kingine. Tuligundua ya kwamba, taasisi au idara tulizo nazo, hazina kile wazungu wanakiita *Scheme of Service*; ndiyo maana hakuna mpangilio wa kumpanidisha ngazi mfanyikazi baada ya muda fulani, na ndio sababu mfanyikazi akiandikwa katika kiwango fulani, atakaa hapo hapo mpaka mwishowe astaafu akiwa katika kiwango hicho.

Tujaribu kupeana majukumu haya katika ofisi husika hasa ya Idara ya Ugatuzi ili tuone jambo hili limefanywa katika kila Idara na siyo kwa shule za chekechea pekee, kwani limekuwa donda sugu. Leo asubuhi kabla ya kuingia katika kikao chetu cha kwanza, nimepigiwa simu na

5 Disclaimer: *The electronic version of the Official Hansard Report is for information purposes only. A certified version of this Report can be obtained from the Hansard Editor.*

mfanyikazi mmoja wa Hospitali ya Wesu ambaye tulikutana kanisani na alikuwa analalamikia mateso anayopitia. Tangu aajiriwe katika kiwango hicho, bado yupo pale pale, na ana makaratasi yanayo onyesha yuko na Stashahada lakini bado analipwa kiwango cha chini ambacho ni kiwango cha kikundi cha kazi cha E.

Suala hili limekua nyeti na sijui ni kwa nini haliangaliwi kwa uangalifu, ili kusaidia wafanyikazi wa jimbo la Taita Taveta. Jambo hili lisiwe kwa shule za chekechea pekee, bali lifanywe katika Idara zote, kwa maana wako na shida lakini wengine wanaogopa kusema, wanavumilia. Nashukuru kwamba Kauli hii imeombwa Bungeni. Ahsante, Mhe. Kaimu Spika.

The Acting Speaker: Hon. Nzai.

Hon. Stephen Nzai (MCA, Marungu): Ahsante sana, Mhe. Kaimu Spika. Kwanza ninampongeza Mhe. Makalo ambaye ni jirani yangu wa Kasigau kwa kuomba Kauli hii Bungeni. Tunajua wazi kwamba shule za chekechea zimegatuliwa na kama Serikali ya Kaunti, tunastahili kuzizingatia.

Wengine wetu tukisoma shule za chekechea, walimu wengi walikua wamemaliza darasa la nane, na ndio waliokuwa wanafunza shule hizi. Gatuzi zilipoingia, ilionekana ni vyema hawa walimu waendeleze masomo yao na wawe na stakabadhi zinazonyesha wazi kuwa ni walimu na wanaweza kufunza watoto wetu vyema.

Wengi wao walienda wakapata vyeti vya Stashahada na hata Shahada na matarajio yao makubwa yalikua ni kwamba wakipata vyeti hivyo waone nyongeza za mishahara na pia wawe na mazingira mazuri ili waweze kuwa na moyo wa kufunza watoto ili wafanye bora zaidi. Tunajua wazi elimu ya chekechea ndiyo msingi wa maisha wa kizazi cha sasa na endapo walimu hawa hawatapewa motisha, kusema ukweli, watoto wetu hawataweza kupata elimu nzuri.

Kuna walimu wengi wa chekechea ambao wanalia, hususan wale hawakuwa na vyeti vya kuajiriwa kwa masharti ya kudumu. Wengi walichukua mikopo na wako nyumbani, wanalia hawana pesa na wanadaiwa na benki mpaka leo.

(Katizo)

The Acting Speaker: Hon. Nzai, three minutes have lapsed. Kindly wind up.

Hon. Stephen Nzai: Nikimalizia, hata walimu waliopata vyeti vyao, walichukua mikopo ili waweze kusoma. Kwa sababu muda ni mchache, ingawaje ningomba unipe dakika za wale ambao hawako, ninaunga mkono Taarifa hii. Ahsante, Mhe. Kaimu Spika.

The Acting Speaker: Honourable Members, when you are given an opportunity to contribute or make a remark on a Statement, it is not a matter of contributing like in a Motion and that is why it is limited to three minutes and cumulatively, the 20 minutes have been exhausted. The
6 Disclaimer: *The electronic version of the Official Hansard Report is for information purposes only. A certified version of this Report can be obtained from the Hansard Editor.*

Chairperson for ECDE, Libraries and Vocational Training Committee, you need to fast-track this Statement and revert within the timelines that you have committed to. Chairperson for Health and Sanitation Services Committee, you can now proceed with the response to the Statement sought.

OPERATIONAL STATUS OF MGHANGE DAWIDA HEALTH CENTRE

Hon. Duncan Wangama (MCA, Wusi/ Kishamba): Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker, Sir. I beg to give a response to the Statement sought on the operational status of Mghange Dawida Health Centre.

The Committee having reviewed the response from the Health Services Department hereby submits its Statement as follows:

[The Acting Speaker (Hon. Anselm Mwadime) left the Chair]

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Lilian Kidali) in the Chair]

1. On the state of service of Mghange Dawida Health Centre, circumstances that led to partial closure of the facility and when the facility is going to be fully operational.
 - i. Mghange Dawida facility was initially a model health centre which was downgraded to a dispensary after assessment by the Ministry of Health (MoH).
 - ii. The facility had 1 Registered Clinical Officer (RCO), 2 Nurses, 1 Public Health Officer (PHO), 1 Community Health Assistant (CHA) and 1 Lab Technician.
 - iii. One nurse was transferred to Paranga dispensary which had only one nurse who had worked alone for more than two years without going for annual leave. To enable the nurse in Paranga to proceed for leave and for the facility to operate smoothly, the nurse in Mghange Dawida was transferred to Paranga.
 - iv. A replacement was however made from Wesu sub-County Hospital (SCH) through a posting order dated 7th June 2024 and the facility is now operational.
 - v. Further, the Lab Technician who was at Mghange Dawida Dispensary was transferred to Wesu sub-County Hospital (SCH) due to service need. However, routine Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT) at Mghange Dawida can be performed by staff available at the facility while specialized test can be accessed in Mghange Nyika Dispensary which is about 5 kilometres away.
2. On the status of service of rural health facilities in Wundanyi sub-County on service delivery, staffing, commodities supply including laboratory reagents, pharmaceuticals and non-pharmaceuticals;

7 Disclaimer: *The electronic version of the Official Hansard Report is for information purposes only. A certified version of this Report can be obtained from the Hansard Editor.*

- i. Wundanyi sub-County has a catchment population of 63,798
- ii. There are 15 public health facilities; 1 sub-County hospital (Wesu SCH), 1 Health Centre (Wundanyi HC) and 13 Dispensaries
- iii. There are 21 Community Health Units
- iv. There are 280 Community Health Promoters (CHPs)
- v. The expected catchment population for a Health Centre is 30,000
- vi. The expected catchment population for dispensary is 10,000
- vii. Staffing of health facilities is mainly based on catchment population and workload
- viii. Laboratory services done are classified as routine and special test
- ix. Special lab test includes full hemogram, liver function test, urea electrolytes and creatinine, lipid profile, grouping and cross matching, prostate surface antibodies, culture and sensitivity, Hepatitis A, B and C, true nat for TB diagnosis and sputum microscopy for TB diagnosis
- x. Routine lab tests and blood sugar, urinalysis, stool for ova and cyst, hemoglobin test, blood slide for malaria, Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Test (MRDT), pregnancy test, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV test), Venereal Disease Research Laboratory (VDRL) test for Syphilis
- xi. All special tests are done in Wesu SCH together with all routine tests
- xii. Rural health facilities are able to do routine test subject to availability of commodities
- xiii. Most laboratory tests can be done by non-lab staff including all routine tests subject to availability of commodities
- xiv. Wundanyi Health Centre (HC) maternity runs for 24 hours, 7 days a week, while its lab is a referral hub for other facilities
- xv. Wesu SCH lab runs for 24 hours, 7 days a week and does more specialized tests
- xvi. Some Public Health Officers (PHO) and Community Health Assistants (CHA) cover more than 1 health facility

xvii. Staff attrition without replacement since 2023 has contributed to shortage of staff in the County. The following staff are yet to be replaced;

- a) 6 nurses resigned, 1 nurse died, 5 nurses retired, 3 nurses transferred to other sub-Counties within the County
 - b) 1 clinical officer retired, 1 transferred to other sub-Counties within the County
 - c) 1 PHO resigned, 2 retired
 - d) 1 Lab Tech retired, 1 transferred to other sub-Counties within the County
 - e) 1 Health Records Information Privacy (HRIP) died
3. On commodities supply including laboratory reagents, pharmaceuticals and non-pharmaceuticals

The County Government has been facing significant challenges in the procurement of essential supplies due to suspension of accounts with the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) since February 2024.

The suspension was lifted following a partial payment of the outstanding debt which stood at Ksh. 25,545,560.65 in June 2024, a payment of Ksh. 13,000,000 was made, reducing the debt to Ksh. 12,545,560.65 and subsequently enabling the County Government to resume ordering from KEMSA.

The County has placed orders for essential pharmaceuticals and medical supplies crucial for maintaining healthcare services within the county amounting to Ksh. 49,363,161 with KEMSA which are in processing stage.

The average allocation of orders in health centres and dispensaries is as follows:

Facility level	No. of facilities	Average allocation	Total allocation
Health Centers	8	942,000	7,536,000
Dispensary	62	495,000	30,690,000
Total			38,226,000

The allocation of Mghange Dawida dispensary is Ksh. 495,729.

The County Finance and Economic Planning Department has also initiated a request to procure goods worth Ksh. 20 million from Mission for Essential Drugs Supplies (MEDS). However, it is worth noting that MEDS does not extend credit services, thus necessitating upfront payment for orders.

9 Disclaimer: *The electronic version of the Official Hansard Report is for information purposes only. A certified version of this Report can be obtained from the Hansard Editor.*

Further, an urgent order of Hydroxyurea totalling to Ksh. 997,920 has been received and delivered for patients suffering from sickle cell disease. Payment of this order is pending approval by the Finance and Economic Planning Department, to ensure timely provision of treatment to vulnerable population.

4. On plan of action and remedies on Mghange Dawida health center operation and all the Rural health facilities;

The Health Services Department is positive that, while strides have been made in clearing outstanding debts with suppliers like KEMSA and initiating new procurement avenues with MEDS, challenges remain in ensuring uninterrupted access to essential healthcare commodities. The County Government remains committed to addressing these challenges and improving the availability of healthcare resource across the county.

The department will also:

- i. Lobby for replacement of staff who were lost through attrition
- ii. Lobby for the county to fast track supply of drug ordered
- iii. Lobby for more staff to be employed to operationalize lab services which are closed due to lack of laboratory staff such as in Shigharo, George Faraji, Vighombonyi, Paranga and Mghange Dawida dispensaries.

In view of the foregoing, the department has also taken the following actions;

1. The department vide a letter dated 27th May, 2024, reference TTVT/HS/CCOH/HR/VOL11 (027), wrote to the County Public Service Board (CPSB), submitting a list of staff attrition for the Department of Health Services. The list is as summarized below:
 - i. 62 staff in the Nursing Unit
 - ii. One staff in the Nutrition and Dietetics Unit
 - iii. 13 clinical officers
 - iv. Four medical engineer officers
 - v. 13 Medical Laboratory Technologists
 - vi. 19 staff from other cadres ranging from Clerical Officer V, Dental Technologist I, Radiographer III, Sonographer II, Health Records Officer II, Office Administrator I, Mortuary Attendant I, Support Staff Supervisor I, Clinical Supervisor I, Occupational Therapist I and DCHAO I
 - vii. 21 staff in the Public Health and Community Health Unit

10 Disclaimer: *The electronic version of the Official Hansard Report is for information purposes only. A certified version of this Report can be obtained from the Hansard Editor.*

- viii. 21 Public Health officers
 - ix. 11 doctors and Pharmatech staff, 2 Medical doctors, 1 Gynaecologist, 4 Pharmaceuticals technologists, 2 Pharmacists, 1 Radiologists, 1 cadre not indicated.
 - x. Four staff from the Occupational and Physio Therapy Department
2. The Health Services Department vide a letter dated 24th January, 2024, reference TTVT/HS/CCOH/LET/VOL3/ (12), wrote to the Acting County Secretary and indent for additional staff due to natural attrition as follows:
- i. Physiotherapist III - one post
 - ii. Consultant Radiologist - one post
 - iii. Medical officers - five posts
 - iv. Registered nurses - 34 posts
 - v. Radiographer - four posts
 - vi. Cleaning supervisors - two posts
 - vii. Clerical officers - six posts
 - viii. Sonographer - two posts
 - ix. Medical laboratory technologist III - 12 posts
 - x. Medical engineering technologist - III four posts
 - xi. Registered clinical officer - eight posts
 - xii. Assistant public health officer III - 18 posts
 - xiii. Human resource officer - two posts
 - xiv. Senior office administrator - one post
 - xv. Occupational therapist III - three posts
 - xvi. Mortuary attendant - one post
 - xvii. Pharmacist - one post
 - xviii. Director Medical Services - one post

11 Disclaimer: *The electronic version of the Official Hansard Report is for information purposes only. A certified version of this Report can be obtained from the Hansard Editor.*

xix. Nephrologist - one post.

Committee way forward;

The Committee has noted with concern the rising cases of partial closure of rural health facilities in the County. It is therefore scheduling a meeting with the following departments: Health Services, Finance and Economic Planning and the CPSB during recess, to deliberate on the way forward on this issue and other matters related to health, after which the Committee will table its Report for approval by the County Assembly. Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Genard Mwandau, is the response sufficient?

Hon. Genard Mwandau: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. The response is sufficient.

The Temporary Speaker: Next Order.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

ATTENDANCE AT THE GALLERY

The Temporary Speaker: Honorable Members, let me recognize attendance at the public gallery; we have Mr. Raymond Njumwa from Radio Rahma and Sheki FM, Mr. Robert Maghanga, a Reporter from Anguo FM and Mr. Renson Mnyamwezi from the Standard Media Group.

MEETINGS OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEE AND THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Honourable Members, the Budget, Finance and Appropriations Committee will meet after the Liaison Committee meeting at the chamber.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker: Honorable Members, there being no other business, the House stands adjourned until Wednesday, 7th August 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

(The House rose at 03:35 p.m.)