

THE HANSARD

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Assembly Building

The Assembly met at 2.30 p.m

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. David Lemantile) in the Chair]

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PRAYER

MOTION

ENHANCE CONDUCIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION WITHIN THE COUNTY

(Hon. Francisco Letimalo)

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Mr. Speaker, I think the Motion I have read is very clear and has stipulated most of the issues which we are supposed actually to deliberate here, and mine is just to add a little, to say that one, is that teachers actually required as we have heard of the ratio, one teacher to 56 teachers, double. That is double the number of small children, twice the number, meaning that more teachers are required to be employed. There are also villages without ECDE classes, and we are requesting the Committee in charge of this House to follow up in ensuring that all classes...

(Sergeant at arm taking video on the phone)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order, Order! Which Media is that? How do I prove? You are Sergeant at arm, you are not a media person. I don't think you double being a Sergeant at arm and the same time a media person. We are not going to allow any media that is not official. I think we already gave a directive on this. Continue.

Hon. Francisco Letimalo (Nominated): Thank you Honorable Speaker. I think we are requesting the Committee in charge and especially the Chairman, because I see that he is here, to get it clear. That we require more teachers, more classes. I think

the issue of food is another elephant in the house. I don't know whether it is being provided, but if it is, I think it is provided not as required, not as nutritious as it is being reported here, in the Motion. The food should be the food required for those young children to grow up. So mine Honorable Speaker is to request the concerned Committee to ensure that all what I have mentioned is actually provided. I think within the period, it should be noted. Thank you.

Hon. Salesio Kiambi (Wabera): Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa hii nafasi niweze kuchangia hii Hoja, pia mimi na *second* hii Hoja. Mheshimiwa Spika, hii ajenda ni nzuri kwa sababu inaongea kuhusu mambo ya watoto wetu wa *Nursery*. Na pia unajua hapo ndio tunaanza masomo. Na masomo yanafaa yapewe kipaumbele katika hii Kenya yetu na katika hii Kaunti yetu; Kwa sababu kila mtu yule ako kwa hii Kenya wamepitia hapa kwa hii masomo. Na ndio unaona vile juzi hapo walimu walikuwa mgomo na watoto walikuwa nyumbani. Kwa hivyo Serikali inafaa kusikiza walimu. Kuhusu mambo ya *ECDE teachers*, nafikiri mwaka jana Serikali yetu ya Kaunti ili *advertise* nafasi ya walimu ya *Nursery* 170. Pia ni jukumu letu mimi kama *Member*, pia Mwenyekiti wetu akiwa hapa, tuhakikishe na kuangalia kama hawa walimu wameandikwa ama bado. Kwa sababu bila kuangalia hizo ofisi inaweza kaa hivyo tu bila kuendelea na kazi. Kuhusu mambo ya chakula ya watoto, ni jukumu ya Serikali kulea hawa watoto wadogo kwa sababu hawa watoto wakikosa hiyo chakula ama uji kwa shule hata hawaendi shule; chakula ni ya kuvuta watoto na wanafurahia kukaa kwa masomo. Nafikiri kwa hii Bajeti ya leo hii Mwaka ya 2024/25 tuliweka pesa ya watoto wa ECD. Asante sana.

(Question Proposed)

The floor is open for debate.

Hon. Kamila Warsame (Nominated): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand to support the Motion. Mr. Speaker Sir, the function of ECDE is to provide education and it is the mandate of the County Assembly and County Government of Isiolo to implement as it was highlighted by the Mover of the Motion. I remember very well it is not the first time for us to bring this kind of Motion but it has been found it is very important that is why it was brought for a second time or even since the

inception, i think this is maybe the third time this Motion is brought to this House. Mr. Speaker, in as much as we are talking of implementation, we appreciate first the County Government for the construction of the ECDE classes in our previous Budget, but still there is need for that construction of ECDE classes especially for areas like Iresaboru which was mentioned by the Mover, where it was affected by previous floods and there is urgent need for those individuals who are living in that area, to have such kind of construction and it should be given priority. About the hiring of ECDE teachers, i think as a resident of Isiolo the hiring of ECDE teachers was done in 2018. Since then, i don't think whether the employment of ECDE teachers was carried out but there is this ECDE teachers to be employed to Ngaremara and Oldonyiro which was to happen, i don't know whether it was done or not but the hiring of ECDE teachers to all the centers in Isiolo County is very important. The reason am saying this Mr. Speaker, as the Committee for Education, we had a visit to various places but we found the teacher ratio is high, it is more than they expected and those learners are being taught by only one teacher; remember the whole center having one teacher, it is very sad. In as much as we are talking of additional, there are centers which need immediate attention Mr. Speaker and that can be achieved by the Members of the Committee to provide the dire need of the centers which needs more teachers; maybe there are centers which are better than others. But in as much as we are talking of hiring, let the consideration be given to the centers which is in dire situation. Mr. Speaker Sir, when am talking of the hiring of teachers, remember those for ECDE are being employed in common job groups and others have better skills or certificates; there are others who are being employed using diploma certificate, others using certificate only and those disparities must be looked at when they are being employed and even in their remuneration, that can be ways of even motivating them. About the provision of enough food for the learners, food is what is retaining learners in schools and we appreciate the amount which was allocated for ECDE food which has been increased and we appreciate the Budget Committee, they have looked at what we have said as Committees and even as the larger Members of this County Assembly. Without going into so many details, mine is just to emphasize on the need for implementation, since this Motion is very important and it is what is helping us. In considering the allocation for this County, the priority should be ECDE, that must be looked at in a special way because it is devolved and it is the primary mandate for the County Government of Isiolo. I would like to urge the Members, the

Committee Members to put our minds together so that we look forward to implementing this kind of resolutions which are important to our electorates. With those few remarks, I beg to sit down. Thank you.

Hon. Abdirashid Diba (Garbatulla): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I would like to applaud Honorable Francisco Letimalo for bringing this Motion to this House today. I will begin from where Honorable Kamila ended, ECDE is the primary function of the County Government, that I totally agree. The beginning of learning starts from an ECDE center. Whoever is learning at the ECDE across the County is a child of this County and is entitled to better education, improved facilities and others benefits that comes with the ECDE institution itself. I want to bring to the attention of this House, that whatever the recommendation that have been said or suggested by the Mover of this Motion has a cost implication and for the Motion to see the light of day, it must align itself to the cycle of the Budget, because you cannot arbitrarily just wake up and say that a few things must be done; so it must be during the factoring or the appropriation of funds to each department, that must be suggested. I think the Chair of the Education should note that. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to confidently say that during our last Budget Estimates and we are now in our first phase of an ADP which we should receive by 1st of September, which was a day before yesterday, that we will see how we are going to address the challenges or resolution made by the Mover of this Motion. However, in our previous Budget Estimate, I think some of the resolutions by the Mover has been catered for fully; the issue of ECDE teacher hiring is already in the Budget, so the implementation part is the only thing remaining and I think the Chair should follow up with the concerned institution, that is the Department of Education and Isiolo County Public Service Board which is mandated in recruiting the ECDE teachers; and also the important topic that has been addressed by Hon. Kamila, the issue of disparities between those who have acquired a higher learning grade and those who are below should be treated differently but with the motivation. The equipping of classroom has been fully catered for in our Budget Estimates and the provisions of food ration is also there. I think it is not quite in order to isolate only a certain Ward in 10 Wards just to say that it needs special consideration. I donated from my Ward a single classroom to be constructed in Iresaboru during the flood time. So, Mr. Speaker Sir, in as much as we try to consider a certain Ward, then it should not be done just to segregate the other Wards, it must be looked with the eyes of

equality. So with those few remarks, Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to support and sit down. Thank you.

Hon. Halima Gole (Cherab): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to support the Motion of this Early Childhood to enhance conducive learning environment to Early Childhood Education within the County. Mr Speaker, the Early Childhood in Education is the only area that County Government is mandated while the rest of the Education department are still under National Government. However the Early Childhood within those far reaching areas are really in pathetic situations, in terms of facilities, the teachers and all that. I thank the Mover who brought this Motion despite that we every now and then discuss very critical matters which we are not sure whether they are addressed; but particularly this one needs to be taken very seriously. The issue of the employment of the ECD teachers is critical to the learning, whereby when we don't have enough teachers as currently the CBC system demands a lot because the child needs to directly relate with the teachers. When we have in a class of 80 in those rural areas, we have especially in the current Cherab Sub County which was just launched last year, let's say totally we don't have ECD teachers, there are very few in all the schools we can count them at less than five or ten. So the issues of equity and equality in terms of recruiting teachers should be first considered. Issues of the school feeding program for the ECDE should be priority number one, because in those areas like in a season, like in this time of the Year, when the dry spell has started, water scarcity, insecurity and so many things comes in. When the school is providing food and other learnings favorable to the kids, the parent may not go away with the kid but leave them behind, at least when they know that this kid per day gets some meals. Recently, the County Government purported to have given food to schools, but I got feedback in my Ward that the amount of the porridge or that sacks which are given are four per each school and they said it seems that those porridge which was given have already expired. So, there is need to critically look into the issues of ECD in terms of purchasing of those food which should be coming from renowned suppliers, not just done anyhowly. Contracts are given and supplies done and then we take a picture and it's gone. So I'm urging the Chairman for the Education please, the previous distribution of the food was not enough and even the schools were not happy about it; they were saying there was not enough for the term, the four sacks are just so few and to make the matter worse even the porridge that they

gave was expired, somehow it is in the sack which doesn't show expiry, but by taste they are saying it's bitter and I'm sorry if I've gone to the extreme. So I'm saying that please these are our kids and like any other kids, the parents and the community are happy when they are being cared for; let's call a spade a spade. We have gone round and round, you know to me I see that as much as we try to avoid the fact it doesn't help us.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: It is a crime to use that and to give out an expired thing to the kids.

Hon. Halima Gole (Cherab): From the taste you know people can know the bad from the good. Even the teachers said they never used the supplied porridge. They even told me to come and confirm. So it's good that you confirm from schools maybe it is for one school but for the schools in Cherab Ward, they alerted me on the same. So please let's be very critical on Oversight for supplied food as MCAs of the areas. Also as the Chief Officers and CEC's after giving tenders, they have to follow up and see what are those things which are supplied. It's important this sector be allocated enough funds which you already said it is allocated, let's see whether the funds will be implemented for the purpose intended, that is now within our supervisory mandate. Thank you.

Hon. Abubakar Godana (Sericho): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I thank the Mover of the Motion, Hon. Francisco Letimalo for speaking for my people. One of the things I have as a suggestion to add on what the Chair should do from here, is that we should try to lobby and hire the ECD teachers directly. I was wondering when we were at Hon. Kindiki's place, he was saying that we will be hiring teachers directly from Teachers Service Commission, if it can be done we can hire directly TSC teachers from the National Government, and that's what Kindiki promised us that he will give us letters so that we hire teachers.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order, Order. Just restrain from calling other peoples names. Just stick to the Motion.

Hon. Abubakar Godana (Sericho): So, I am saying that we should be directly hiring ECD teachers from our Wards as the area representative., that's one of my suggestions I have as a Committee Member.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: We don't have that mandate and we will never get it.

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Hon. Abubakar Godana (Sericho): That is through lobbying. That's my suggestion. I hope Hon. Waithaka you have got it. We lobby so that we can directly hire the ECD teachers as Members. The second thing, is that my Iresaboru will be relocated, you know that's a rare thing to happen in this era. So, there is more urgency in construction of two, three or even four ECDE classrooms. Relocation comes with a lot of excesses, so we must be given a special consideration even in allocation of funds. Thirdly, what I am requesting from you the Committee, we need to go around those places to see the extent, even in Garbatula not only in my Ward even up to Cherab, where there is some expired porridge; you know that's criminal by the way if there is something like that you know that's a criminal act. We should not gamble with our children's lives. That's all.

Hon. David Waithaka (Bulapesa): Thank you Mr Speaker. I think education has been in the limelight, it shows how important education is to our people. That's why it has been trending for the last one to two months, it is what touches our people directly. I want to touch on hiring, please Hon. Speaker, protect me from my fellow MCA Hon. Kamila, She is interfering with my flow of thoughts.

(Laughter)

She is a very important Member of Education Committee, I value her, so her contribution is good. Thank you, my brother with his American name, Hon. Francisco Letimalo. When we talk of hiring teachers, i think its not the first time we are talking about it. Our people, our children, are without teachers. I think we need to give this one preference. And I really thank the Budget Committee because what we told them about hiring of teachers, making sure that money is available. We should make sure that not only the Education Committee, even we as Members, we lobby to make sure that these teachers are employed. Because there are very many centres without teachers. And those ones with teachers, they are very few. So, we need to make sure and follow it up that teachers are employed so

that we lay a very good foundation for our children. Because Education is everything. If you want someone, even President Ruto was able to sit with a person who was born in State House because of Education, now he is in that House. So, it doesn't matter where you come from if you get good education. And this one is the basic. We need to mould our children to make sure that we get...we want to compete with the best, even the whole Country or even the World. And I know if we start well, we can make it. There is this equipping of classes, we learn as friendly. You know, sometimes it is a joke when we say that we are equipping. There are some places that people are still sitting under a tree and even on stones. So, we really need to be serious because this one is our function, It is a devolved function. We should not even go to others. We should make what is ours, especially ECD. We make sure that our little children, get the best education, quality education. And even sitting arrangement, having good seats, equip classes with chairs. We went to Oldonyiro that place up there, we found children clamped together, It was pathetic, and that is just one example; there are very many, I think it is almost all over. At the same time, we have the worst part of it, ECD centers without toilets. We can build wonderful classes, but where will these young people take whatever after eating? Where do they go and dispose what they eat? Toilets are important, we need to build them. Next time, we must make sure that there is enough money to build toilets all over. On provision of food, let me also thank Honorable Members for supporting. Last time we had a Budget of 7 Million. We have pushed it to 20 Million. So, and it is not only giving out money, we also want to see value for that money. You know what Honorable Gole has talked about, there is a lot of truth in it. They also made sure that, that food because in town we know whether food is good or bad. In this town Wards that food did not reach here. So, we should make sure that even when buying food, we buy food that is good. We should not hide that at storage. So, we need to make sure that as a Committee, Honorable Members, I think we need to take our work seriously because we might kill our people by giving them bad food. The information that Honorable Gole has brought here, it also reached me. And I also followed up with the matter. They said it was storage that had a problem. So, we need to make sure that even that storage is good. I am happy, we are building classes, it is true, but also those classes should be accompanied by toilets. It has been stated here that fencing is important. Because, just imagine one teacher taking care of almost 200 children, you can imagine the problem they go through. So, they need a place with an enclosure

where they can go such that when a child is leaving, the teachers can know, that is also important. Thank you very much, Honorable Members. You have raised a very important issue about motivation of teachers. All teachers whether with certificates or diploma, they learn together. So, it seems as if we do not value education in our centers. Because, there are others with Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees and the salary is the same. How are we motivating our people so that they can give their best? And we are all aware that the more one is exposed to better education, the more value he or she brings to that center. So, we need to think of that. There is another issue; there are people that we call Ward Coordinators, they were promoted, but there is nothing to show that they have been promoted. You know promotion, it also means salary increment, we need to look for those. You cannot give someone a lot of responsibility and you don't pay him or her for it. So, these Ward Coordinators, they need to be promoted even so that they can be respected by other teachers, because if they are still earning the same or even the teachers are earning more than the Coordinator, it doesn't auger well. I think this one is a human resource issue. And the County Public Service Board should note this. It is not good, It is demotivating to our teachers. Finally, let me say that I am very happy, Honorable Members. You have shown that education is important. It is also paining you when you see it is not doing well. We need to come all of us together and push and make sure that our children in ECD centres, are well catered and they feel happy. If a child does not like school in the initial stages, he or she might not like it all their life. So, we need to make sure that we motivate our young children and also teachers, so that we build a cohesive society and the people who aspire to bigger heights. Otherwise, thank you, Sir. I beg to stop there. And I promise you we will keep following and make sure that we move to the next level. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I will give you a few seconds to do a recap so that we continue with another Motion.

Hon. Francisco Letimalo (Nominated): Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I thank all the Members who have contributed so much for their challenging contributions. I don't take your contributions for granted. The only thing I will comment on is on what Honorable Gole reported on the expired porridge. I think this is a very serious matter which will be looked at. And I think this should not happen again because of these young kids, for the small children, it is a crime that they get this expired

porridge. Lastly, I would like to re -inform Honorable Abdirashid Ali that we did not segregate the centers, by only mentioning Iresaboru. We said Iresaboru among others. There is also this that we saw in the social media in Longopito, that children were actually learning under tree. All those are included. We are not giving priority to one place but to all. Thank you so much.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I now put a question; That Aware that, Early Childhood Education is a function of the County Governments according to the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010;

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(Question Put and Agreed to)

MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF MODERN DUMPSITE AND FENCING THE EXISTING WITHIN THE COUNTY

(Hon. Kamila Warsame)

Hon. Kamila Warsame (Nominated): Mr. Speaker, That aware that, solid waste management is a function of County Government according to the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010;

Further aware that, solid waste management is domiciled under municipal administration in Isiolo Municipality and the department of Environment in other towns across the County;

Appreciating that, the County Government through the municipal administration is collecting and disposing solid waste in Isiolo municipality;

Concerned that, there is no designated dumpsite in other major towns except the Isiolo Municipality dumpsite which is not fenced;

Further concerned that, poor solid waste disposal can result to an adverse negative effect to the environment in the town;

This Assembly urges the County Executive Member for Water, Natural Resources and Energy to:

- i) Develop a solid waste management legal framework;

- ii) Establish designated dumpsite in all major towns and fence the existing dumpsite;
- iii) Provide for and regulate the participation of the various actors in solid waste Management with County.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this Motion is really touching all of us and even our electorates wherever they are. When we are talking of establishment of modern dumpsite and fencing the existing one within the County. Mr. Speaker, us people living in Isiolo Municipality, our dumpsite which we are currently using is filled up, and it is not even the first time we have talked about the same Motion Mr. Speaker Sir, I am repeating it, because the current dumpsite is filled up and there is urgent need for establishment of another site for garbage. Mr. Speaker Sir, when I take you back, all of us wherever we are seated, the portion of the land we are having or we are living in, how many times do we dispose this waste, food waste and other form of waste. Mr. Speaker, the transport is another issue, the place is already filled up and we need an urgent one within Municipality. The transportation we are using within Municipality is the one which was left by Isiolo County Council, the tractors, the vehicles are from local County Government, the previous one and it is serving within Isiolo town, Wabera which is in Isiolo town but how many villages or locations are there in Wabera Ward? Mr. Speaker, if you go to Bulapesa, Ngaremara, Burat. All of us are using that one dumpsite which is filled up and we need it. The Municipality when they came here for the Sector hearing, I think the Members of the Committees addressed that issue and we have seen several times even the locals complaining of that. Those people who are living, the neighbours to that dumpsite, Mr. Speaker, they cannot have a peaceful night or even day enjoying the breeze because of the smell. Remember when the flood comes, the runoff water, remember these people they are being taught self-sustaining for livelihood whereby a person can volunteer to even grow some vegetables in front of their house. And during the rainy season, the rain water is taken up by those plants and we are consuming. The food we are consuming, and the environment is toxic. Our people are not protected.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: How does that affect the growing of vegetables? Does that water come from the dumpsite?

Hon. Kamila Warsame (Nominated): Through contamination Mr. Speaker, when you are handling the vegetables, the water are contaminated with germs it can bring contamination. I am talking of the runoff water. People for Public Health, the Chairperson and Members of Health Committee are here; we ask this dumpsite to be located far away from where people are living so that people will enjoy wherever they are. On the transportation also as I have said we need more. People went out of their way to use the private transporters, where most cannot afford. Even feeding your people, getting them daily bread is a problem. But where can you dispose? Others are living in rental houses. You cannot say that this is my plot, I can do this or dig a dumpsite for disposal. Maybe some of them cannot enjoy those privileges. But when this transportation is improved, so many transport systems is put in place, wherever you are Mr. Speaker, you will enjoy that privileges because you cannot pay, even if it is the matter of paying, maybe you pay small portion compared to the allocation that you are paying to the private transporters. Mr. Speaker Sir, remember everything that comes, it comes with opportunities. When this transport system is provided, our youth will be getting employment, where maybe the individuals will pay or they can get something at least to help themselves, the service they are providing to the people, something is paid and they get their daily bread. Employment opportunities are there. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, as Members we need to give free civic education to our people. When for example we are going for recess like the other time, calling upon or having the *barazas*, telling those individuals, because we are talking about modern establishment of dumpsite in other towns like Garbatulla, Merti. But before then, do these individuals have that skill, to just dig and dispose those kinds of disposals, those kind of waste, bury them? They need to have those skills which are very important. Some of them maybe they don't have that information but giving them for free is very vital; wherever we are visiting our people, it is our mandate to give such kind of services them. Mr. Speaker Sir, the establishment of dumpsite in Garbatulla as the main town, in Merti it's very important. Buying of land is what is needed. Nowadays, every part of the land is being occupied by people, you cannot get even free land. Let the County Government move out of their way. These Municipality people should address this and take this matter seriously. Because we don't want our people to die anyhowly, we want them to be protected. We need this dumpsite as urgently as possible. Mr. Speaker, with those few remarks I give the

Honourable Members in the House to give maybe one, two, three on the same so that we will move forward. Thank you.

Hon. Nicholas Lorot (Burat): Nasimama *kusecond*, pia kuunga hii Hoja mkono. Mheshimiwa Spika, hii *dumpsite* iko katika Wadi yangu na nimepokea *claim* ya watu wakiwa wanadai kwamba hii *dumpsite* imekuwa kero kwao. Pia imekua kero pale kuna chafu mingi. Kitu la kwanza, wakati inanyesha uchafu inajaa kila mahali na kutapaka, kwa hivyo inakuwa hatari kwa afya ya watu ambao wanakaa mahali pale. Ya pili, imekuwa kero pale kuna chafu mingi mifupa ni mingi, fisi ikifika saa kumi na mbili wanajaa hapo na inakuwa ni hatari. Na niliongea wakati moja nikasema nilipoteza mama moja nyanya mkongwe ambaye aliweza kutambuliwa na nguo mahali pale na kichwa. Kwa hivyo ile *dumpsite* ni hatari pia haina *fence*. Kwa wale vijana ambao wanatumia dawa za kulevywa kama za kujidunga, zingine za kuvuta, wote wanapatikana mahali pale. Kwa hivyo hiyo sehemu ni hatari na tunasema imeanza kuleta hata wakora na wanyama wabaya. Imekuwa ni hatari kwa afya ya watu wanaoishi mahali pale. Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika hii Hoja imekuja mara nyingi kwa Nyumba. Hivyo basi, inahitajika wahusika wa *Municipality* waweze kuchukua hatua kwamba watafute ardhi nyingine ya kuweza kupeleka hii *dumpsite*, hata kama ni kununua ardhi. Mimi kwangu ningepomba kila Wadi ingekuwa na ardhi ya kuweza kuweka takataka, kwa sababu *town* zetu zinakuwa; kama Garbatulla, Merti, Ngaremara, Oldonyiro. Kama *Municipality* inafaa kuwa na *dumpsite* kubwa kando ya *town*. Ukienda Nakuru utafurahia sana, ni mtaa kama *Municipality* na *City* saa hii. Lakini ukiangalia *enviroment* ya hiyo *City* utafurahia, kwa sababu hawa watu wanaangalia sana mazingira. Ni jana nimeangalia kwa mitandao Mheshimiwa Spika, nikaona uchafu imerundikwa katika lami. Kama Kamati wahusika mimi ningepomba waweze kuita *Municipality Chairman* aweze kueleza mpango gani ako nayo kuhusu *dumpsite*, kwa sababu ni kitu tumeongea. Tumeongea mambo ya *fencing*, mambo ya hali hapo ambayo si mzuri. Kwa hivyo, ni kitu ambayo inafaa iweze kutekelezwa. Mheshimiwa Spika, tumekuwa tukiongea sana kuhusu *Motion* nyingi hapa. Lakini jambo la ajabu ni kwamba, *Motion* zetu huwa zinaishia katika hii Nyumba. Tunaongea hapa mambo mingi, hakuna *implementation* wala kujibiwa. Sijui kama ni sisi Waheshimiwa ndio tumelala kwa kazi yetu ama ni shida gani iko katika *Executive*. Ningepomba Kamati wahusika kutafuta majibu kuhusu hii mambo ya *dumpsite*. Kwa sababu hatutakuwa tunaongea kila siku na wakati. Tunataka yale mambo ambayo

tunaongea hapa yatekelezwe. Na hiyo ndio maana ya kuwa na *Assembly* ambayo imepewa *powers* ya kuweza kuuliza mtu maswali. Kwa sababu hapa sisi tunawakilisha sauti ya wale watu ambao wametutuma, ya raia wale wapiga kura wametutuma hapa hivi tuweze tukazungumzia mambo yao na yaweze kutekelezwa. Na Kama hayatatekelezwa sisi tumepewa na sheria nguvu ya kuadhibu wale ambao wanakataa kufuata sheria. Kwa hivyo Waheshimiwa na Kamati wahusika tunaomba tuweze kupatiwa ripoti ambayo tumekuwa tukijadili hapa sana, mambo ya *dumpsite*. Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika, nashukuru Kwa hiyo muda na kwa hii Hoja na nasema hii imekuja kwa wakati mzuri. Nashukuru pia Mover ambaye ni Mheshimiwa Kamila Warsame. Ahsante.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Halima Gole (Cherab): Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First i appreciate the Mover of this Motion. As we are heading towards industrialization in Isiolo County and many flagship projects and facing many influx of people into the area, we are anticipating to have more population and the area is anticipated to be overcrowded; And that is a reason why we should have proper and big dumpsite away from where people reside. Most things are already said and I concur with colleagues on the issues of the fencing of the dumpsite to be in a safer area away from where people live and the rest of the proposed intervention by the CEC. On top of that, the way collection of the garbages are done in our residences, we see its different, we don't know whether they are contractors, who are collecting. And it's good these people who are collecting garbages, whether they are individual entrepreneurs, It's good that the Municipality is aware and has given them permits to run the business, so that the dumping of the garbages are done in a safer way. One, is to say that even in terms of revenue, if all the collection of the garbages were under one roof, which is Municipality, then as Isiolo County residents, we are safe to go. So, I'm just urging on top of what we have raised, we also need as County Government of Isiolo to have census of all the garbage collectors. Also give them some basic skills of the safety precautions and also to be able to raise the revenues to do that. Because I'm seeing there is an absurd way of collecting garbages within Isiolo County and in

that we lose revenues and also these people may be dumping those garbages in a place which can be very dangerous to our people. Thank you.

Hon. David Waithaka (Bulapesa): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I think this Motion is important, it is not new. I remember Hon. Kamilla brought it and we discussed it. Nothing was done. This one is also another good reminder that has been brought again by Hon. Kamila. Although she says she didn't take long time, she took a lot of time to express herself, that shows the seriousness of the Motion. Let me say that I have also taken interest to follow this matter with the Municipal Manager. But I think the way things are moving here, they are moving at snail pace. We talked of buying 20 acres piece of land and when I was speaking to him we talked of 3 acres. You know this town is growing very fast. We need to think big. So, when you talk of 3 acres and it is not even bought. So, we need to push this thing to make our people realize that when they go to other Countries and find things are moving, those things were done by people. And we should also do it here. We went to Dubai which is disturbing a lot of people. But what we learnt from there was that we saw things were working, sewer lines, transport was working. Why? Because people planned for it. So we also need to plan as a people of this County to make sure that when we settle, we set our mind on a thing like that dumpsite, let it be classic. Let us think of even 50 years or even 100 years to come. Because the point is, I heard my able MCA Honorable Lorot saying that every Ward should have a dumpsite. I was thinking Bulapesa they have grabbed everything, where can we build a site in Bulapesa? So it is my prayer that this House will take our work seriously and make sure that dumpsite is bought and built so that we can....because honestly where they are dumping that, I am telling you it is terrible. That one is a disaster, even fear for the people of Shambani. Because anything can happen and our people possibly getting sick because of that dumpsite. Our airport here, because of even placement, people should also ask specialists, not just doing things at our whims. We think that it is.. we need to do proper research, because we might take this dumpsite where it will also be interfering with the aeroplanes. So we need to think carefully and I don't want to talk much. Let me stop there and support the Motion. I am known to speak a lot but this time I want to thank you Honorable Speaker.

Hon. Francisco Letimalo (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to support. The Motion is so important because it concerns our health

and that of our children. When the environment is clean, then our health is also good. When our environment is dirty, then we experience, trouble and diseases. I know in the place where I stay, we contract our own garbage collector and we pay every week that person to come and collect our garbage and take it to the required place, the dumpsite. And I think that was the work of the Municipality to do that. But since the Municipality is not carrying out its work as required, we were forced to do that for our own health, our children and that of Isiolo people. So, the Motion is so important that the entire concerned department, and Committee also of this House should take care, and make sure that this is done as required. Otherwise, if it actually splits and especially when we have floods in this County which are very frequent, and in case that overflows, we will be in danger. Hon. Lorot said that the place is even not fenced. I think that's disastrous, its very serious. If it is not fenced, all those wild animals, and I am sure there are so many people who walk during the night, passing through there to Burat villages and all this. I think that must be the first step we should be taking, that place should be fenced because it is dangerous. That's all I have. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Salesio Kiambi (Wabera): Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa kuniruhusu nichangie hii mjadala. Leo hii nimetembea hiyo *town*, ukipitia hapo mbele ya Pasoda, kuna *dumpsite* hapo kama ya wiki mbili hivi. Kwa hivyo huyu *Municipality Manager* ni kama amesahau kazi yake. Kama mahali *dumpsite* iko saa hii, ikifika saa kumi na mbili jioni, kuna fisi wanatawala huko, haina *fence*. Hawa fisi wanaweza leta madhara kiasi gani kwa wanadamu? Kwa hivyo, mimi napendekeza tu *summon Municipal Manager as the Whole House*, kwa sababu kila Wadi iko na shida ya *dumpsite*. Tuwe hapo sisi wote na kumuuliza maswali na ni kwa nini ameshindwa na kazi. Na pia vile Mheshimiwa Lorot amesema Wadi zote zinafaa ziwe na *dumpsite* isipokuwa Wadi mbili ya Wabera na Bulapesa , ambayo iko na ploti peke yake. Na pia ningependekeza hii *dumpsite* itolewe hapo kwa vile ni watu wanaishi huko, inaweza letea watu magonjwa mbaya. Inafaa ipelekwe kwa mlima huko ndio ikijaa, ichomwe. Naona kwa hiyo barabara ya Ruiru ukielekea Meru, utapata wameweka *dumpsite* kwa msituni mahali wanyama wanakaa, na ikiwa mingi wanachoma. Kwa hivyo tufikirie vizuri mahali hii *dumpsite* ya Isiolo itakuwa. Nilipita town juzi nikapata vijana wakisema hii kazi ni ya Kiambi, na hii mambo inazidi kutuharibia jina. Kwa hivyo sasa Mheshimiwa Spika hii mambo ni hatari sana na inafaa ifikiriwe kwa urefu. Na hiyo mambo ni hatari sana na inafaa

kuangaliwa na pia kwa sababu wananchi wanaendelea kuwa wengi, kila Wadi kama Garbatulla, Oldonyiro na zile zingine. Pia itambuliwe mahali itakayowekwa uchafu kwa hii *town* ili tusichafue Wadi ya Mheshimiwa Lorot, kwa sababu ndio iko karibu hapa haiko kichaka kubwa. Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika, hii maneno ya *dumpsite* ichukuliwe vizuri na isiwe kama wimbo tunaimba hapa kila wakati na kila kitu itekelezwe. Ahsante sana.

Hon. Kamila Warsame (Nominated): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I take this opportunity to thank all Honorable Members who have made their contribution towards this Motion which is worthy. Mr. Speaker, mine is only to urge the Committee concerned, I know it is under the Land, Municipality. I think it is... Yes, it is Land, Roads and Municipalities, to call upon the Manager to ask him how far they have reached with plans of this establishment of this modern or new dumpsite. Otherwise, I thank you all. Thank you very much.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I now I put a question. That aware that, solid waste management is a function of County Government according to the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010;

Further aware that, solid waste management is domiciled under municipal administration in Isiolo Municipality and the department of Environment in other towns across the County;

Appreciating that, the County Government through the municipal administration is collecting and disposing solid waste in Isiolo municipality;

Concerned that, there is no designated dumpsite in other major towns except the Isiolo Municipality dumpsite which is not fenced;

Further concerned that, poor solid waste disposal can result to an adverse negative effect to the environment in the town;

This Assembly urges the County Executive Member for Water, Natural Resources and Energy to:

- i) Develop a solid waste management legal framework;
- ii) Establish designated dumpsite in all major towns and fence the existing dumpsite;

iii) Provide for and regulate the participation of the various actors in solid waste management with County.

I think the clerk should note and change the department concerned because the Municipal falls under Roads, Land, Housing and Urban Development not Water, Natural Resources and Energy. Page | 20

(Question Put and Agreed to)

MOTION

REHABILITATION AND MANAGEMENT OF BOREHOLES WITHIN THE COUNTY

(Hon. Abdirashid Diba)

Hon. Abdirashid Diba (Garbatulla): Mr. Speaker, Aware that aware, Water and Sanitation is a function of County Government according to the Fourth Schedule of Constitution of Kenya 2010;

Further aware that, Article 43(1)(d) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 gives every Kenyan the right to clean, safe and adequate water. Noting that the Water Act, 2016 had put into the effect the right as provided for in the Constitution, obligating the Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Energy Sector to provide portable water to all Kenyans;

Appreciating that, the County Executive has been drilling and sinking boreholes across the County to ensure adequate supply of water for both irrigation and human consumption.

Concerned that, a number of boreholes that has been sunk are not useful since they are experiencing frequent breakdowns hence worsening the issue of water scarcity within the County;

This Assembly urges the County Executive Member for Water, Natural Resources and Energy to;

- I. Strengthen the capacity of Water Management Committee on maintenance and sustainability of the boreholes; and
- II. Allocate Budget for frequent maintenance of the boreholes within the County.

Honorable Speaker, anything that is living and non-living must survive on water. In my discussion, Mr. Speaker Sir, I will give preference to animals and human beings. Mr. Speaker Sir, I saw on social media, people from a certain area of Cherab Ward, I will not confirm the exact location, but from the people on the ground saying that it is the furthest end of Isiolo County, that is Bassa. I saw people drinking dirty water mixed with animal dungs, people cleaning their clothes on the dam, which is more than 30 kilometers away from where people are living. So it is a very disturbing scene and picture, It needs to be addressed. Mr. Speaker Sir, we are allocating a substantial amount of funds to the Department of Water. What they are doing with that money is a concern to this House. The primary source of water in each Ward is basically three; that is the sand dam, the borehole and the rainy water. Due to the climate change, the pattern of rainfall has been changing over time, so we are having unpredictable kinds of rain globally. But the two remaining, that is the sand dam, has been neglected, Mr. Speaker Sir. The only available one is more than 50 kilometers away from where the communities are residing. The classic example is Bassa. Mr. Speaker Sir, more than 2,000 residents are depending on that water. The consumption of that water is a different subject and so is the distance. Why are we subjecting those poor people who have elected us to be where we are, make them suffer to that magnitude? It must concern all Members that the person who is in charge of the Department of Water must be held accountable, that is the CEC Member. And he must be asked tough questions when we see our people suffering to that extent. Mr. Speaker Sir, the topic of Motion addresses also the rehabilitation part.

Mr. Speaker Sir, there is a lot of clips circulating on social media, and I don't want to put stress on that kind of video, but it is a point of reference, but we are seeing County Government sinking boreholes day in, day out, without proper plans. I think Mr. Speaker Sir, when we are making or putting into use the available funds

that has been appropriated by the Assembly, it must have a structured way of working. Instead of sinking maybe three boreholes in Garbatulla, you should make an overhaul of the already eroded infrastructure that is within Garbatulla; the pipe system sits on shallow soil of Garbatulla, whereby if a truck passes on those pipes, it breaks and leaks. The boreholes that we are having are four non-functional boreholes. But to the absurd of the reality, County Government sank another borehole in Garbatulla. We have been experiencing water shortage for the past two years. We are suffering, Mr. Speaker Sir. Equally other Wards are suffering. I will pick also on Sericho Ward, Iresaboru, which has relocated as alluded to by Hon. Abubakar, they do not have boreholes. Where they get their water, is a subject that should interest everyone so that we should know how they survive to where they have relocated to. The cause of non-functional boreholes has an attribute to factors such as a case of the borehole collapsing, suffocating the motors which has been sunk 30 or 40 meters deep. I have seen County Government dispatching a team of engineers and technicians, just to go and assess those non-functional boreholes, but if you make a follow up by a phone call to the CEC Members, engineers, and other relevant people, the automatic response that they will give you is that they do not have funds. I don't know whether they divert funds meant for water or they are not actually able to account for what they are given.

Mr. Speaker Sir, with those many remarks, I wish and pray that we will experience a change in the way we address those critical services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Dekha Bonja (Nominated): Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi naunga mjadala mkono, pia na *second Motion*. Kwa kikwetu mtu akiongelea maneno yenye mtu anataka kuongea mtu anasema ameongea na mdomo yangu. Nafikiri *Leader of Majority* ni kama ameongea na ile mdomo yangu. Mheshimiwa Spika, nikiongezea nasema kuna shida. Tunajaribu kuweka kwa Bajeti mambo ya maji, ya *boreholes*, na kujaribu kusaidia watu wetu. Kitu ninayo uhakika ni wakati ile maji inakosekana, kina mama ndio huwa na shida sana. Mheshimiwa Spika mimi nasimama hapa kama mama, niko hapa kama kiongozi ya kina mama. Mheshimiwa Spika, huko sehemu ya Mheshimiwa Gole, watu wanaamka saa tisa za usiku kuenda kutafuta maji. Mheshimiwa Spika, tunajaribu kuweka Bajeti tuweze kusaidia watu wetu. Dunia ya leo na *century* hii, hakuna sehemu iko na shida kama ya watu wetu. Pesa ya kusaidia watu wetu inakosekana, watu

wanaumia kwa sababu ya kiu. Wengine saa hii kuna shida ya mambo ya kukosa chakula. Wacha hata chakula, mtu akikosa maji anaweza kuishi vipi? Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi naunga huu mjadala mkono na hata siwezi kuongea mengi kwa vile *Leader of Majority* amesema mengi ambayo inatuhusu sisi wote kama watu wa hii Kaunti. Ahsante sana.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. David Waithaka (Bulapesa): Ahsante Sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Leo nasikia nimefurahi kwa kufanya kazi vile inatakikana, hata nikienda nyumbani nitasema leo nikilipwa nimefanya kazi. Ahsante sana kwa vile nasikia watu wakiongea maneno ya mdomo, hata mimi ni kama Mheshimiwa Rashid na Mheshimiwa Dekha wameongea na mdomo yangu. Kwa vile pia Kiswahili ni mdomo yangu nitaongea kwa Kiswahili. Nimefurahia sana hii Hoja tumeileta mara mingi na wakati ule tunakuwa tunaleta hii Hoja, hakuna kitu ambayo inafanyika. Tumeongea kama tujuavyo hii *town* maji ni haba ama ni finyu, lakini Mungu ametubariki sana watu wa Isiolo na maji, kwa sababu ukienda kama mita kumi maji iko na sisi tunakaa kama ni Kaunti ambayo maji imekuwa haipatikani sawa sawa. Na kama vile Waheshimiwa wamesema kwa hiyo mdomo yangu, pesa huwa tunatoa kila wakati na ya kufanya, lakini matokeo yake ni kama haionekani. Kwa hivyo ni ombi letu *Chairman* wa Kamati ya Maji aweze kufuatilia, tuweze kufanya kazi na kujua pesa zile kama hii Bunge imesema itumike inatumika kwa njia gani. Watu wetu kweli wanaumia. Mimi ukiniona tulikuwa tunaenda kuchota maji kilomita kama saba. Kwa hivyo mkiongea maneno ya akina mama na watoto kwenda kuchota maji, naelewa ile shida watu hupitia, ni kazi ngumu. Na kwa vile sasa sisi tuko na hiyo nafasi ya kuweza kufanya vitu ziweze kufanyika, si tufanye kazi yetu. Ahsante Bwana Spika.

Hon. Nicholas Lorot (Burat): Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia tena nafasi. Vile Mheshimiwa Waithaka amesema sasa ataenda akiwa na furaha, ni mzuri hizi *Motion* zikiwa zinakuja hivi, kwa sababu kitu cha kwanza, tunakula haki yetu. Ya pili, tulikuwa tunasema itakuwa inawekwa kwa mtandao *Motion* moja ile sisi tuna *debate*, na hata juzi tuliangalia katika ile.. hatukuwa na *Motion* nyingi. Kwa hivyo ni vyema ni kazi mzuri kwa sisi kuwa tuna *practice* kazi yetu

na hata inatofauti ya kuwa tunajua ku *debate* vizuri. Kwa hivyo tunafurahia kwa hii mabadiliko. Nimeamka kuunga hii Hoja. Kwanza ningependa kuzungumzia, hizi *microphone* mimi sina na ni mara nyingi nimeamka hapa, nafikiri ni mara ya tatu kuongelea, mimi mara husumbuwana na *Majority Leader* na kitu nyingine kumekuwa na shida ya hizi *microphone* na tuko na Bajeti yetu ya *maintenance*; kwa hivyo tungependa Mheshimiwa Spika, kujua hali ya hizi vitu iko namna gani, nani mhusika? Kwa sababu hii mara nyingi zinapotea, ni kama zimezeeka. Kwa hivyo tungependa *Motion* ya hizi vitu zingelletwa katika *Assembly* tuweze kujadili na kuongelea kabisa kwa sababu tunapitisha Bajeti ya *maintenance* tunajua na inapofika hapa tunang'ang'ana na *Majority Leader* kwa chombo moja ni aibu. Mimi nimechaguliwa na watu wa Burat niwe na chombo changu ya kuongelea. Mheshimiwa Spika, nimeingia kando kidogo.

(*Laughter*)

Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika, ni vizuri *boreholes* ambayo tumechimba ambazo Kaunti imetumia pesa yake kutengeneza kuwa na pesa ya kufanyia *rehabilitation*. Mimi juzi nimekuwa na borehole ambayo imetengenezwa pale chini ya Eremet, nafikiri Mheshimiwa Spika unajua hii sehemu. Na hiyo tunajua ni *area* ambayo ufugaji yetu yote tunategemea, mifugo yetu, wakati mingi hii mto huwa inakauka, na ndovu kutoka hizi *park* zetu na wanyama wengi wanakuja pale, watu wanasumbuana sana na wanyama. Mara kuna wakati hiyo nini imebomolewa na ndovu na watu wa hiyo *area* walihangaika sana, wanatoka na punda kutoka huko na kuja kutafuta maji huku. Ndovu ambao wako katika malisho yetu pale wanahangaika. Nimekuwa nikisumbua Waziri wa Maji mpaka hivi majuzi ndio hiyo ilifanyiwa *rehabilitation*. Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa *Majority Leader* ameleta *Motion* ambayo ni ukweli, kwa sababu hakuna vile tunatengeneza, tunachimba na tunatumia pesa nyingi na baadaye ku *maintain* hiyo kitu inakuwa shida. Kwa hivyo tungependa ile Bajeti ambayo.. kwa sababu nimeuuliza Mheshimiwa Spika, kama tumeweka juzi Bajeti ya *rehabilitation* ya hizo, na akasema iko lakini hakumbuki ni kiasi gani. Tungependa *rehabilitation* na hizi *boreholes* zote, kwa sababu tuko na *boreholes* mingi tumechimba na zingine zimeharibika, tungependa ziangaliwe, kwa sababu maji ni uwahi na ni kila kitu. Binadamu ama hata mimea wanategemea maji na kwa hivyo tunaambiwa katika maisha ya binadamu ya mwili 70 % ni maji. Hivyo basi, maji ni kitu muhimu ambayo inafaa kushughulikiwa. Tungependa kusema Kamati ambaye ni wahusika wangeweza kuchukulia, kuvalia kiatu mambo

ya *rehabilitation* ya hizo *boreholes*. Yangu kuna moja imetengenezwa, kuna ingine bado haijatengenezwa, ni kitu ambayo inahitajika. Na wahuika waweze kushughulikia mambo ya hizo *boreholes* ambayo zimekuwa zikiharibika. Kwa hivyo naunga hii *Motion* mkono kwamba ni *Motion* imekuja kwa wakati ambayo inafaa. Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Halima Gole (Cherab): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion. Water is life as we all know, without it there is no existence. But as you know with issues of water for human consumption, there are some areas which are permanently affected every season, which is something that is not an emergency but it is something that recurs after every rainy season, there is a dry spell according to the season and something which is known and I don't think it is an emergency to support the communities with water for consumption in areas with scarcity of water. My Ward is one of the hard to reach areas as already mentioned by Honorable Members. I had that Motion which I was waiting for, I thought it was in today's Order Paper, because I gave it out as an emergency during the House Business Committee meeting last Monday which I was not at liberty to attend but I forwarded my Motion and one was about the water and the opening of the boreholes, rehabilitation and support of the communities at the rangeland was one of my Motion which was supposed to be urgent, but it's okay that this Motion brought by Honorable Member for Garbatulla is also relating to the same subject. In Cherab Ward, I think which was given as an example by my colleagues, right now the situation is wanting. Previously by this time there is water trucking going on, I followed up for the last two months, people are complaining giving alerts that the groundwater is now diminishing because of the hot sun, water is evaporating and the dam water at the rangeland and for the consumption. Because near Bassa and near Malkagala they used to have this shallow dams; Malkagala lucky enough now had extension of the Biliki water which was recently launched by the Governor and it's the project of Nawiri, at least they get water on alternative days. Now we are remaining with some settlements around three or four which is permanent settlements which have no water for consumption; that is Dololo Dakiye, Bassa and Alango which was recently displaced because of the insecurity. As at now they are really in scarcity of water, as you saw that caption was sent to me as the first to receive and I forwarded to the CEC for Water and the Governor; I was writing messages from almost the beginning of this month and at the end of

last month. I have been calling the CEC and he explained to me that no contractor is willing to supply water because the pending bills were not paid and the Governor was not answering me anything, because I was telling him that the people are suffering, there is no water and at this time usually there is supposed to be water trucking going on. They relied on the dam which was previously dug by the Action Aid, it is a shallow dam and now it is muddy, there is no water totally. So the situation is that you saw. Walking to the water point at Ewaso Nyiro is hundreds of kilometers away, if you go in the morning, it is as if you will come back in the evening and that is not portable water for drinking. So just imagine with institutions like schools, hospitals in the area, what do you think about it? So the situation is really bad at Merti Sub County especially in the Cherab Ward, Dadachbasa, Lafey and Dololo Dakiye, people are suffering and we are Honorable Members, this is not my job as the County Assembly Member alone. We are serving this community as Members of County Assembly, we are serving Isiolo community entirely and this is an issue which is critical. I want us to decide, are we going to call these people as a matter of urgency tomorrow the CEC for Water, to get to know his fastest action to save those people. The situation is really bad. Secondly, Merti township in the last week Motion, I mentioned about the floods and its effect on the Merti community where over 2000 people were displaced, without homes now living in various Government institutions, churches and some living with families and up to now they have not gone back. On top of that, already last week but one when the water volume in the river rose, there was another flood experienced and during the rainy season, there was a contractor who was sent, there was a project called CEFA which was farming in Isiolo in Merti Sub County, and when they left the people had no much knowledge; they used to have farms with intake, which is now busted and is the one which is now pouring water into the Merti township. On top of that again these trees, the prosopis has other effects on the rivers I think. Now even on the lower side it's flooding when it rains because the sand has raised and you know all the periphery of the river this tree has already covered a lot and people have no accessibility to be able to see some of these places where this river has burst at the furthest end. So there are so many problems right now and most of the boreholes in Merti are around those places. My fear and the community's is that soon all those boreholes may collapse, because those are the boreholes which serve the entire Merti including the one which was extended to Biliki, so I don't know now if there is funds to help those people save these

boreholes. But there should be something which should be done to protect these boreholes from sinking because soon there will be flood and now the people are fearing that they will be completely displaced and those boreholes will be sinking. So there are such big threat to the life and livelihood of the people in Merti Sub – County. There are some political issues surrounding this I think lack of response. Politically, I don't know but let's not discuss some things here; but this is not a matter of politics because we are all elected by Isiolo people despite of personal differences, the community service should not be determined by personal relationships. So this is a matter that needs to be addressed by us and I think it is us to make a move to save our people. Thank you.

Hon. Kamila Warsame (Nominated): Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I stand to support the Motion. When we are following the deliberation of the contribution from the Honorable Members, I just feel like crying. Just imagine people who elected you and after five years we go back to those individuals asking for votes and we cannot help them now. I echo what has been contributed by Honorable Member from Cherab, what she has contributed is facts, all of us understand that Mr. Speaker. But how best can we help our people is our collective responsibility as she has said, it is not the matter of just moving a Motion and waiting for response from the Executive Mr. Speaker, this one we need an urgent answers from the Executive. The issue of boreholes as she has said is in Merti town serving the entire town almost sinking is what we are anticipating from the flood or overflow of the river. Mr. Speaker Sir the issue of Cherab, Dadach Bassa, Lafe, and the rest, I understand. I have families from there, and what she and other Members have said is true. But how can we wait? Why is it that the concern that has been raised by Honorable Member representing the Ward is not heard? Let us call upon those individuals. Why is it that water trucking is not being implemented? Mr. Speaker, we want to get the reason. Then, when we are on recess, Mr. Speaker, it is good sometimes to talk from the point of understanding or knowledge. One good week, people from South, that is Mogore, because my mom lives there, Mr. Speaker, she is always calling me to an extent of sending 20 liters of water for them. I pay the bus, and then I send her water from this point. Mr. Speaker, to that extent, because of unfunctional boreholes.

Remember the individuals who are suffering are mothers. Mothers are the ones who want to feed their children. They are waiting for the children from the school

coming back to have lunch. Mr. Speaker, remember of mothers who are in their menstruation period, they want to clean themselves. Menstrual hygiene is not observed, Mr. Speaker. How do we expect to go back to those individuals, Mr. Speaker, and we can help with nothing? The much we can do is calling the Chairperson in charge of Water, contacting the CEC or the Chief Officers, sending those individuals to look at the maintenance of that. Every now and then we cannot do that, Mr. Speaker. Let the allocation of the Budget, the money belongs to the people of Isiolo, let it help them. Let the money allocated for these people help them. We are tired, Mr. Speaker, and we want to meet those individuals very soon. Even if it's a matter of meeting them, we will make ourselves available supporting the Member, because this is something we cannot just listen and leave, Mr. Speaker. With those few remarks, this is very dangerous. Let us handle the matter in an urgent way. Thank you.

Hon. Salesio Kiambi (Wabera): Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa kuniruhusu kuunga hii ajenda mkono, kwa sababu ni Hoja mzuri sana. Tulisema *Motion* iwe inaandikwa karibu tano, kutoka moja, mbili, tatu, mpaka, tano. Nimesema hiyo kwa sababu ni muhimu zaidi. Najua hii mambo ya *boreholes* tumeongea mara mingi. Na unajua maji ni uhai ya watu. Na sijui, hii *Ministry* inachezea wananchi yetu, na pesa iko. Serikali kuu inatoa pesa ili mwananchi aione karibu na yeye. Lakini kuna wananchi wa Isiolo hawajawahi ona hiyo pesa. Kuna wakati wa kwanza watu walikuwa wanapelekewa maji na *lorry*, tukajadililiana hapa, tukasema kwamba boreholes zichimbwe kwa wingi, ili mwananchi asaidike na maji. Kwa hivyo, ukiona hata hapa *town* hapa Wabera, hata maji haitoshi. Tunaomba hapa pia iwekwe *boreholes* mbili ama tano ndio maji itoshe. Kwa sababu, mara kwa mara maji inapotea. Mara nyingine *pipe* inatoboka kwa vile hii ni ya zamani wakati watu walikuwa wachache. Kwa sasa watu wamekuwa wengi, wamejenga kwa wingi na kila mtu anahitaji maji. Mheshimiwa Spika, ahsante sana.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I think before I do this, I'm going to summarize. The issue of water, especially in Cherab Ward. For us to get the ear of the CEC. I think tomorrow you will come up with a Statement, so that we use that to call them to appear to give us the answers of what you have already asked. So, tomorrow will be Wednesday, you cannot wait until Thursday. You can do it tomorrow so that we can allocate a day for us to get them. And also you have to get the answers for

what you have been asking for. That's a criteria for us to get them. You know we cannot just use this Motion and call them, because the Motion is not saying, call the CEC to answer this, but when you come up with a Statement, that will give us a direction of how we can call the Department so that we can get the answers of the cry of the people of Cherab. So, make sure you sit down with the clerk, come up with a Statement tomorrow, whether in the morning or maybe afternoon, we are in a position to get that Statement, instead of waiting until Thursday. So, now, the Leader of Majority, the Motion was a bit tense and had a lot, so maybe you can summarize so that we can put a question if you have something to say, but if not, I can put a question.

Hon. Abdirashid Diba (Garbatulla): It's okay Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, So Members, I put a question, that aware, Water and Sanitation is a function of County Government according to the Fourth Schedule of Constitution of Kenya 2010;

Further aware that, Article 43(1)(d) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 gives every Kenyan the right to clean, safe and adequate water. Noting that the Water Act, 2016 had put into the effect the right as provided for in the Constitution, obligating the Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Energy Sector to provide portable water to all Kenyans;

Appreciating that, the County executive has been drilling and sinking boreholes across the county to ensure adequate supply of water for both irrigation and human consumption.

Concerned that, a number of boreholes that has been sunk are not useful since they are experiencing frequent breakdowns hence worsening the issue of water scarcity within the County;

This Assembly urges the County Executive Member for Water, Natural Resources and Energy to;

I. Strengthen the capacity of Water Management Committee on maintenance and sustainability of the boreholes; and

II. Allocate budget for frequent maintenance of the boreholes within the County.

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I think Members we really appreciate and thank you Hon. Waithaka, Kiambi and Gole, thank you for your contribution. We have to do this as our work. We have to work on it.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: So, Hon. Members the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 4.50 p.m.