



**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA
THE HANSARD**

Tuesday, 8th July, 2025

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THIRTY FIFTH SITTING

*[The County Assembly met at 10:44a.m at the County Assembly Buildings]
[The Speaker (Honourable Aharub Ebrahim Khatri) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Khatri): Honourable Members, you may be seated.

[Consultations]

Yes, Clerk next order please?

NOTICE OF MOTION

MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE MOMBASA COUNTY
CHILD CARE FACILITIES ACT, 2016

Yes, Honourable Milka Moraa please give the Notice of Motion.

Hon. Ngare: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this chance. I rise to give Notice of Motion on, *Measures to enhance the implementation and enhancement of the Mombasa County Child Care Facilities Act, 2016*. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to issue notice of the following Motion;

The County Assembly of Mombasa, guided by the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, particularly Article 53(2) which dictates that a child's best interests are of paramount importance, and Article 43(1) on the right to education and health;

REAFFIRMING the authority and mandate of this Assembly, as enshrined in the Mombasa County Child Care Facilities Act, 2016, hereafter the Act, which seeks to ensure all children have access to safe, stimulating and nurturing environments.

AWARE that while the Act provides a robust legal foundation, a significant disparity persists between its provisions and the operational realities of many child care facilities, especially those serving our most vulnerable communities;

CONCERNED THAT without a supportive implementation strategy, the Act's compliance requirements, particularly licensing and infrastructure standards, could inadvertently force the closure of essential, affordable child care providers in informal settlements;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT this implementation gap risks creating a too-tired child care system in Mombasa, deepening inequalities by allowing quality advance in affluent areas while leaving children in low-income communities further behind;

RECOGNIZING that strategic investment in the early years is the single most effective means of developing human capital, and that accessible, quality child care is a critical enabler of economic growth by unlocking the full potential of the female workforce;

Acknowledging the existing County Executive initiatives, such as the ECDE feeding programme, as a vital starting point that demonstrates the capacity for successful integrated service delivery;

NOTING THAT global best practices defined by the UNICEF-WHO Nurturing Care Framework demand an integrated approach that combines health, nutrition, safety, responsive caregiving, and opportunities for early learning;

HEREBY RESOLVES that the County Government of Mombasa do as follows;

Enhance accountability and public transparency. Table before this Assembly, within 90 days, a comprehensive Report on the Act's implementation status, including data on facilities licensed, revenue collected, and the operational status of the advisory committee, and simultaneously launch a public online database of all licensed facilities.

- 1. Invest in human capital through Tiered Certification in partnership with accredited institutions. Immediately roll out a subsidized Tiered professional development programme for all child care providers. This programme must be accessible across all sub-counties and structured to create a career pathway from a foundational certificate to an advanced diploma with a curriculum centered on the nurturing care framework.*
- 2. Pilot integrated child care development hubs. Drawing from international best practises, select, fund, and upgrade at least two child care facilities in each sub-county to function as integrated service hubs. These pilot centers will co-locate or provide regular access to essential services, including child growth monitoring, immunization checks, nutritional support, and parental skills workshops and*
- 3. Finally, four, operationalize supportive quality assurance system. Immediately fund and operationalize the inspectorate units mandated by the Act, equipping it with a modern digital toolkit for assessment. This unit must operate on a dual mandate, ensuring compliance through regular inspectorate while providing supportive developmental guidance to help all facilities progressively achieve the required standards.*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Khatri): Thank you very much Honourable Milka Moraa for the Notice of Motion. Yes, Clerk next order please?

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members, this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 8th of July, 2025 at 2:30p.m.

The House rose at 10:52a.m.