



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA
THE HANSARD

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[The County Assembly met at 10:30a.m at the County Assembly Buildings]
[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu Makarani) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Makarani): Morning Members. Have your seats Members.

[Low consultations]

Yes, Clerk proceed.

STATEMENTS

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT BY CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE ON HEALTH HONOURABLE BENARD OGUTU
ON THE STATUS OF TUBERCULOSIS (TB) CONTROL AND RELATED HEALTH FINANCING MECHANISM

Yes, Honourable Members. Any Member from Health Committee to respond?

[Silence]

I will request the Leader of Majority Honourable Priscilla to respond on behalf of the Health Committee. Honourable Majority Leader?

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Mumba): Yes.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Makarani): I am seeing a Member of Health Committee who has just come in please let him respond. Honourable Makanga please respond.

Hon. Makanga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to respond to a statement that was brought by Honourable Milka Moraa Ngare that was brought on 29th July, 2025, during the 39th Sitting.

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Milka wanted to know the Status of Status of Tuberculosis (TB) Control and Related Health Financing Mechanism and with us Honourable Speaker we have a response from the Department of Health which I believe is supplied to all the Honourable Members including the Honourable Member Milka. So, maybe she can go through the same and confirm to us whether she is contented with the said response, if she is she will confirm to us, if not we as a Committee remain committed to follow up this matter to its conclusion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Makarani): Yes, Honourable Milka.

Hon. Ngare: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me for this opportunity. I thought it would be prudent for the Member to read through the statement because we have just received them. I do not, I have not had time to read through, so that even other Members can also get to understand what it is all about. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Makarani): Yes, Honourable Frankline Makanga. So Honourable, before Honourable Frankline Makanga responds, Honourable Milka! Honourable Milka, you want the Honourable Member on the floor to read it or you want more time so that you can go through this response?

Hon. Ngare: I think it's..., it is important that he goes through the statement so that other Members also in the plenary can also get to understand the status of tuberculosis in the County. It's a concern to everybody, it is a concern to the residents of Mombasa and it would be great if he goes through the statement as is the norm of this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Makarani): Okay, thank you, it is understood. Yes, Honourable Frankline Makanga as it is your response, please you can go through it.

Hon. Makanga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will do this because you know the Honourable Member is my mother-in-law, so I will do it in respect of that aspect. However, I will have saved my energy reading through this whole statement with all these prayers. Mr. Speaker, as earlier stated, the whole statement was seeking to understand the status of tuberculosis control and related health financing mechanisms. Honourable Speaker, as you are aware, the incoming of the United States President, Honourable Donald Trump, affected the financing of all the USAID and the global funded projects in Kenya, and Mombasa was one of the Counties that was benefiting from such programmes. So, with such, Honourable Member brought in a statement to understand the current status of such funding concern that there are increasing numbers of tuberculosis. Mr. Speaker, before us as a Committee, the Committee on Health, the current status of TB control programme in Mombasa County is as follows:

TB control in Mombasa County is well-structured and well-coordinated. At the County level, there is a County TB control officer who is a member of the County health management team and reports to the County Director public health and disease control. In each Sub-County, Mr. Speaker, there is a Sub-County TB control officer who coordinates TB control activities at the Sub-County and is a member of the Sub-County health management team and reports directly to the Sub-County Medical Officer of Health and County Tuberculosis Coordinator. TB control activities are integrated within the health system and all public facilities offer TB treatment.

Honourable Speaker, it is such a long reading. However, when we go to the issue of the question of what specific budgetary allocations have been made for TB interventions in the post and the current financial year:

The Department of Health has five programmes. Namely; the general administration, planning and support services, preventive and promotive, curative and rehabilitative health, coast general teaching and federal hospital special programmes. TB programmes fall under the special programmes and every year during programme-based budgeting, TB activities are budgeted under that. In the financial year 2024/2025, as per the programme-based budget, TB was allocated Ksh.3Million and the current year, which is 2025/2026 Honourable Speaker, the department managed to reduce the budget to Ksh.2.5Million and also every year there is costed annual work plan, which is the requirement in the Department of Health, and it is procedural for them to do so.

Then, Honourable Speaker, there was the issue has the Department of Health developed a sustainability plan following the withdrawal of donor funding?

Honourable Speaker, we are informed as a Committee that there is an ongoing conversation with the partners who work closely with the Department of Health as regards to TB and HIV and therefore Honourable Speaker, there is an adverse conversation around this to see how best the County is able to have these services integrated as part of the clinical services that they're supposed to deliver.

Honourable Speaker, there is another question; are there any plans to expand and strengthen TB service delivery points?

The answer is yes, as the department continuously engages more private facilities on a willing basis; Port Reitz Sub - County Hospital has been earmarked to be the regional centre of excellence through the support of the national TB programme. Staff will be capacity-built and the staff will be supported with the new TB diagnostic machine. The TB coordinators Honourable Speaker, continuously do mentorship and capacity-building to healthcare workers on current TB management.

Honourable Speaker, there was again a question of what partnership exists between the national TB programme, global health agencies, and or NGOs to support TB efforts.

Of course, there is a very strong partnership Honourable Speaker, because we have organizations like AMREF that has partnered and is working closely with the County to make sure that they address the issue of the TB burden in our country. Further, Honourable Speaker, there is an NGO or a partner by the name CHS, that is Centre for Health Solution, and a Tamatisha TB project which supports key TB activities such as training of healthcare workers, facility-based continuous medical education, that is SMEs, Honourable Speaker, as you are aware, each and every time there is an advancement of treatments, especially when there is issue of resistances so the healthcare workers always have what we call continuous medical education or CMEs to be updated on the current management of such ailments,

Honourable Speaker, now on a question that was asked and I suppose this was the last question; it was the issue of what the County is doing to tackle stigma, raise awareness and promote early TB detection and adherence to treatment.

Honourable Speaker, they are engaged champions; TB champions, these are people who once may have suffered from TB and then they are given the opportunity to talk to patients so that people are able to understand that TB is not HIV/AIDS and even HIV/AIDS has medicine as at now and therefore the issue of stigma and people running away from people who are diagnosed with TB it is something that the County is really working very closely. There are also radio talk shows Honourable Speaker where our healthcare workers go make such a passage of information to the public through radio and other media, including social media.

I know Honourable Speaker you are in TikTok and you must have witnessed some of these things happening, so those are some of the forums that our health care workers are using to pass such important information. Honourable Speaker, at the places of work there are tools that are put to make sure that whoever comes to the hospital is able to understand what TB is and that there is treatment to that effect and therefore a lot is being done and it is on record and a Honourable Member has the document I believe, for the time I have known her and also her being my mother-in-law, has the ability to comprehend such information and therefore I raise my case Honourable Speaker with such a response. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Makarani): Thank you, Honourable Frankline Makanga, for taking us through the response from the Health Committee which I also came to understand that Honourable Milka Ngare you are a Member of the Health Committee, so if you will be having more questions I think you will sit with the Chair of your Committee and if any issues arising from this response then they will be brought back to the House Business Committee for them to get away in this floor of this House.

Hon. Ngare: ... *[Inaudible]*.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Makarani): Thank you.

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT BY CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE ON HEALTH HONOURABLE BENARD OGUTU
ON ILLEGAL DISPOSAL AND BANNING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE IN MWAGONGO AREA

Yes, Honourable Frankline Makanga.

Hon. Makanga: Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika tena nisimame kwa niaba ya Kamati ya Afya kuweza kuleta majibu kuhusiana na maswala ambayo yaliweza kuletwa katika Bunge hili na Mheshimiwa, Mama mkwe wangu Mheshimiwa Milka Moraa Ngare Areba ambae aliweza kuleta swali katika Bunge hili ama kutaka kujua yale ambayo yanaendelea katika maeneo ya Magongo yaliyoko maeneo ya Chagamwe kuhusiana na umwagaji taka na kuchomwa kwa taka mahali pasio stahili. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika Bunge hili na katika kumbukumbu zetu tuko na barua ambayo imetoka kwa Idara ya Afya inayoonyesha yale ambayo yaliweza kufanyika toka swala hili lianzishwe ambapo kunamo mnamo tarehe 14/5/2025. Mheshimiwa Spika, kuliweza kuwa na malalamishi ambayo yalipelekwa katika afisi ama Idara zetu za afya ambayo yaliweza kupelekwa na Bwana mmoja anaitwa Bwana Moffat kuhusiana na uchafu huo unaomwagwa

sehemu zile za Magongo. Mheshimiwa Spika tarehe 15/5/2025 Idara iliweza kutuma maafisa wake wa afya katika maeneo yale kuenda kuangalia na kuweza kutathmini hali halisi. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika Bunge letu na katika meza yako kuna karatasi zinazo onyesha barua ambayo ilitolewa kulingana na sheria ya kuweza kuwapa ilani ya kwamba waweze kuondoa uchafu ule na waweze kurekebisha madhara ambayo wamesababisha katika jamii na kulingana na hio Mheshimiwa Spika ambayo imekua *annexed annexure* 1. Tarehe 25/5/2025 malalamishi yayo hayo sasa yakaletwa na Mwakilishi wetu wa kike Mama mkwe wangu, Mheshimiwa Milka Ngare ambayo tena yaliweza kunakiliwa katika idara yetu ya afya ambayo ni tarehe 29 mwezi wa 5. Mheshimiwa Spika, wale maafisa wetu ilipofika tena tarehe 30 walifika pale wakapata yule Bwana anayeitwa Sammy Wachira, hakuwa amefanya chochote, taka ziko vile vile na ule utepetevu bado ulikuwa unaendelea bila yeye kuzingatia ilani ambayo alikuwa amepewa. Mheshimiwa Spika baada ya hayo kufanyika tarehe 2/6/2025, waliweza kumshika yule Bwana wakampeleka kortini ambayo katika stakabadhi ambazo Waheshimiwa mko nazo imekuwa *annexed* kama annex 2. Alishikwa akapelekwa kortini na tarehe 11 mwezi..., samahani Mheshimiwa Spika Annex 2 ni barua ambayo ilikuwa *intention to prosecution* ama ilikuwa kuweza kumjulisha kwamba kwa sababu hajazingatia sheria na hajatilia maanani ile ilani yetu basi ataenda kushtakiwa na hiyo imekuwa mark annex 2.

Tarehe 11 Mheshimiwa Spika kukawa na kufanya *compilation* ama kukusanya zile karatasi zilizhitajika ili kumpeleka huyu Bwana kortini na tarehe 2/7/2025 yule Bwana Sammy Wachira akatozwa faini ya shilingi elfu hamsini ama apate kifungo cha mwaka mmoja. Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika jambo hili limeweza kufanya kazi, limeweza kushughulikiwa na tunaamini bado sheria itafwata mkondo wake na kuhakikisha ya kwamba haki imepatikana kwa wakaazi wa Magongo eneo lile ambalo limeathiri wananchi wetu. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika makaratasi ambayo yako katika meza yako, zipo mpaka picha pale za Sub-County Public Health officer ambaye anaitwa Bwana Mbindyo wa kule Changamwe akionekana yuko pale akiwa anaangalia hali hii ya kutamausha. Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika jambo hili tumelifanyia kazi na naamini Mheshimiwa mwenza Mheshimiwa Milka Moraa Ngara ambaye amejihusisha sana na maswala ya kijamii haswa haya ya kuangalia afya ya wamama, watoto na jamii kwa ujumla imefanywa kazi. Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa mwenza Mheshimiwa Milka nampongeza na hayo ndio majibu kutoka kwa Kamati ya Afya. Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Makarani): Thank you Honourable Frankline Makanga. Yes, Honourable Milka Moraa are you satisfied?

Hon. Ngare: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the response that has come is quite satisfactory but there are things that are hanging. This man I would request that the department should go further and stop this dumping; the person should be completely barred from dumping the waste in that area and it shows that even though he has been fined he has not stopped dumping the waste it is still there burning it is not a solution the waste is still there it must be totally cleared and I'm glad Deputy Speaker that this is your area of jurisdiction. We need to go further and make sure that this person would not repeat, would not continue and that he must be totally barred and removed and if he continues to do the same he must be prosecuted afresh because there is a neighboring school, a church and the community lives there. Some of these children have started developing respiratory complications due to the dumping of the waste from this particular..., I do not know if it is an industry or whatever he is doing but he is still doing some dumping at night. Further investigations need to be done and total removal of him from using that site must be done, thank you Mr. Speaker. However I appreciate the response that has come from the department and I think we can do more than what has been done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Makarani): Thank you Honourable Milka and we will ask the Environment Committee plus the Health Committee to organize a site visit to the ground so that they ascertain if this man has stopped and also the department to liaise with the department to at least make sure this waste is being removed from that area so the two Committees to liaise and make a site visit to the site place in airport Ward.

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members, there being no other business the House stands adjourned until 20th August, 2025 at 2:30p.m.

The House rose at 10:56a.m