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Dr. Joyce Laboso Centre at 9:30 a. m
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(The Assembly met at 9:30 a. m in the
County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)
[Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir) in the Chair]*

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

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Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Good morning, Hon. Members. In our session today, we have Reverend Jackson Langat. I request him to pray for us.

(Rev. Jackson Langat said a prayer)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

WELCOMING REMARKS

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, I welcome you back from the long recess. I believe that during the recess you were able to come up with issues that affect our esteemed citizens of Bomet County. We are, therefore, ready to tackle those issues. I have received bills ready for publishing from:

1. The Committee on Lands, Urban Planning and Housing;
2. The Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries; and
3. The Committee on Health and Sanitation.

I encourage the other Committees to come up with businesses. It is quite imperative to note that most of these issues affect our people and, therefore, we should do something in our Assembly.

There are Papers also that require your attention as Committees. I urge the Chairs of the various Committees to ensure that you are up to speed. In the last Session, we had challenges with some Committees. Let it not be on my Table that some Committees were not able to finish their business. If there is any support that you need from my office, let me know. Otherwise, welcome back.

Today, we would have had Senator Hillary Sigei, our Senator with us. However, it was not

possible because of the Africa Climate Summit taking place in Nairobi. I hope the Committee on Energy, Water, Environment and Natural Resources is following what is going on in Nairobi. We expect that the report that comes out of that meeting will be of benefit to our great county.

Without much ado, we can now proceed.

PETITIONS

PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISPENSARY AT KAPKOITIM WITHIN KAPLETUNDO

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): I do not know whether the Petitioners are there. Serjeant-at-Arms, if the Petitioners from Kapkoitim, Kapletundo Ward are present, kindly usher them to the public gallery.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much. There is a petition to the County Assembly of Bomet for the establishment of a dispensary at Kapkoitim within Kapletundo Ward. It reads, ‘We the undersigned citizens of the Republic of Kenya and residents of Kapkoitim in Kapletundo Ward within Bomet County draw the attention of the County Assembly of Bomet to the following:

That the constitution of Kenya guarantees every Kenyan citizen and any other such person in Kenya the highest attainable standards of healthcare which includes the right to healthcare services including reproductive healthcare.

Two, that one of the frameworks to attaining the highest standards of this constitutional right is the formulation of the Kenya Health Policy 2014, 2013 that strives for significant improvement in the overall status of health in Kenya in line with the Vision 2030 and global commitments.

Three, that the said policy demonstrates the health sector’s commitment under the government’s stewardship to ensure that the country attains the highest possible standards of health in a manner responsive to the needs of the population in Kenya.

Four, that the constitution of Kenya devolves and vested the responsibility of various in functions to the county government which are the earlier, provision of Health services which includes the county health facilities and pharmacies.

Five that the full employment, full enjoyment of the right to health revolves around availability, accessibility, acceptability and quality; all leading towards achieving a universal health coverage and sustainable development goal by 2030.

That therefore, the right to healthcare should not only be available in our county but also accessible geographically and it should be accessible to those who use it.

That the dispensaries are at the lowest level of Public Health System and are the first point of contact for patients.

That the residents of Kapkoitim have since time immemorial been discriminated against in

terms of the availability and acceptability of health services.

That the area lies within Kapletundo Ward in Kamungei location and according to the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census report, Kapkoitim Sub location has a total of 2,901 persons with 556 households with an area of 4.6 Square Kilometres and a density of 627 persons Per Square Kilometre.

That this heavily populated area does not have a single Healthcare facility.

That the residents are forced to seek healthcare services from a neighbouring dispensary in Kapletundo location which has a population of 9,183 persons and is served by a single facility. That the said facility is situated on a 50x100 parcel of land which also hosts a Police Post, a ward administration office, and a chief's office.

That the patient's right to treatment while respecting their dignity rights and choice among others has been infringed by the county government by denying free accessibility and acceptability to the context of the patient's right.

That Kapkoitim Sub location neighbours Chesilyot, Kesengei, Ririk and Chemobei whose areas do not have a single health facility hence forced to seek medical attention at Kapkatet Sub County Hospital in Kericho County.

That the Ministry of Health in its Kenya Health Policy 2014, 2013 changed its cost-sharing policy and replaced it with a 10/20 policy in which dispensaries and health centres are not to charge users fees of curative care other than Ksh 10 or Ksh 20 for client's cards.

That these residents by traversing to a level four facility in another county incur certain costs and an additional registration fees against their rights to affordable health healthcare care for all.

That some health services including antenatal care and treatment for simple medical treatment but the residents are forced to travel and incur unnecessary costs at the level four facility for the said services in a different county.

That since the inception of devolved governments the residents have time and again in various Public Participation forums, voiced their requests including ensuring that it is incorporated into the county-integrated development plans of 2013 - 2017, 2017 – 2022 and now 2023 – 2027 and the current annual developments of 2023 – 2024.

That we are forced to have this matter addressed by the relevant authorities all of which have failed to give satisfactory response thus the petition to the County Assembly which is vested with the power to represent the residents of Bomet County and particularly the residents of Kapkoitim in respect of this subject matter.

That none of these issues raised in this petition is pending in any court of law, any constitutional or any other quasi-judicial organs.

Here, therefore, are our humble petitions and we pray that the Bomet County Assembly intervenes in this important matter with a view to expeditiously ensure the establishment of a dispensary within Kapkoitim location.

Here signed on 31st August 2023, the petitioners list are as follows;

- i) Sara Chepterera Tor
- ii) Jonathan K Kiget
- iii) Irene C. Kiget
- iv) Weldon Rono
- v) Andrew Rator
- vi) Reuben Langat
- vii) David K. Kiget
- viii) John Kipruto Koech
- ix) Richard K. Boson
- x) Robert Cheruiyot
- xi) Geoffrey Sang
- xii) Andrew K. Tonui
- xiii) Daisy Chelangat
- xiv) Bornes Chepkemoi

Handling petitioner is Jonathan Kiget of I.D Number 4759545. I therefore commit this petition to the petitions committee. They should report to this house within the next 14 days meaning Wednesday 20th this month. Thank you.

I don't know if the residents who are with us are from the said Kapletundo ward?

(The speaker is informed that the petitioners present are from Sotik)

Alright, maybe in the afternoon we will look into the other petition.

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet ward, INDEPENDENT): Hon. Speaker from the committee we are ready to expeditiously execute the business, however, the time that you have given us is not enough. I request that you consider allowing us at least 30 days as per the Standing Orders. The petitions are allowed to be executed within 60 days. I am requesting Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you chair, have given you 14 days because it is a petition and it is a direct order. You cannot request for more time before you even start. Kindly execute within the said time.

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet ward, INDEPENDENT): Obligated Hon. Speaker.

PAPERS

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Samoei.

Hon. J. Samoei, Deputy Majority Leader (Nyongores Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker I beg

to Lay the following Papers on the Table of the County Assembly today Wednesday 6th September 2023;

1. The Bomet County Community Health Service policy 2023.
2. The Bomet County Health Facility Improvement and Public Health Financing policy 2023.
3. The Bomet County Emergency, Referrals and Ambulance policy 2023.

I beg to Lay.

(The member lays the papers at the table of the county assembly)

Point of order

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi ward, U.D.A): Hon. Speaker I rise pursuant to Standing Order 38 (2) which says that the Order Paper shall be published in the County Assembly website, I have checked and it is not there. The Order Paper is not prepared in accordance with the law.

(The speaker directs the member to repeat his point of order)

Hon. P. Ronoh (Kipsonoi ward, U.D.A): Hon. Speaker standing order No. 38 dictates that the Clerk shall prepare the Order Paper and circulate it on the County Assembly website 12 hours before the sitting. I have checked the website and it is not there.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): As per the Standing Order that you have mentioned it states that a supplementary order paper shall be made available at least 1 hour before the County Assembly meets. Are you saying the order paper is not in your gadget?

(The member acknowledges having the order paper in his gadget but not the website)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Your concern has been noted. Take into account that this is the opening session; note again that the members have all the rights, you are the members that moved to adjourn up to today so it is not expected of the clerk to do anything before opening of the Assembly. The Order Paper is prepared, printed and circulated to the members 12 hours before the sitting with the exception of the opening sitting. It is only until today 6th September, that has been prepared, anything before that one you will be contravening the law. Thank you and I encourage the members to be reading the Standing Orders. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members this session is adjourned up to 2:30 P.M today.

The Assembly rose at 10:10 a.m