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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2.30 p.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Andericus Odongo) in the Chair]

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

AMENDMENTS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Members, it has been brought to my attention that under Statement the Order Paper has been run and some amendments were made, so I will just allow the person with the Statement request to proceed with it.

PAPER

COUNTY BUDGET REVIEW (CBROP)

Hon. Oyugi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to lay on the Table of the House the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper for Financial Year 2018/2019. Thank you.

STATEMENT

SIAYA COUNTY REFERRAL HOSPITAL DEBTS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes, Hon. Willis Ochieng.

Hon. Ochieng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the Standing Order number 41 2(c) I rise to seek a Statement from CECM Health on the Status of and repayment plans of the threatening ballooning debts at the Siaya County Referral Hospital. Noting that the total debts the facility owes various service providers currently stands at a whooping Kshs 43,737,021. Divided among the various services as follows:

1. Dental Services: Kshs 55,000

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2. Electrical Services: Kshs 37,700
3. Food: Kshs 10,610,549
4. Gases: Kshs 530,350
5. Building Materials: Kshs 1,621,148
6. Institutional Items: Kshs 59,095
7. Lab: Kshs 1,158,170
8. Medical Equipment: Kshs 225,000
9. Drugs: Kshs 5,885,955
10. Non Pharms: Kshs 4,290,955
11. Other Fuels: Kshs 282,500
12. Printing: Kshs 175,750
13. Renal: Kshs 3,870, 012
14. Sanitary: Kshs 3,561, 965
15. Office Supplies: 2,961, 235
16. Surgical Equipment: Kshs 331,500
17. Patient Uniforms: Kshs 431,33
18. Water and Sewer: Kshs 2,254,731
19. Ex-rays: Kshs 575,080
20. KPLC: Kshs 3,867,046
21. Medical Accessories Kshs 953,250

In the Statement, the CECM should;

1. Give a detailed report on the plans the County Government has to pay off all the accumulated debts that the Referral Hospital owes to all the service providers, totaling to 43, 737, 071, and especially the recurrent expenditure, mainly Electricity, Water and Casual Wages that takes a huge chunk of the revenue of the County Hospital in rates.
2. Explain the delays in reimbursement of the Facility Improvement Fund (FIF) from the County Revenue Fund (CRF) account to the Hospital which normally interferes with operational planning and activities at the Hospital hence leading to further pending bills.
3. Give details of the plans the County Government has to avert the looming debts and crisis at the facility that has resulted into tensions including but not limited to the possibility of various creditors auctioning the facility to pay off the debts, litigations and possible termination of the supply of critical services such as Water, Electricity among others.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I don't know if we have any Member, Finance or Health. Chair Health? Can you give us an estimate of how long you should be given? 21 working days or how many? Because we are also approaching the long recess. I don't know if you are comfortable? Hon Willis Ochieng.

I am aware that the Budget Committee is outside working on the ADP and the document that has been laid here by the Majority Leader will stand committed to the Budget Committee. I believe that the Clerks at the Table will see how the document reaches the Budget Committee. Yes, Hon. Willis?

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Hon. Ochieng: Thank you, Chair. Now that there is a document that has been brought in the House, and just as you said that the Committee of Budget is busy in Kisumu for days that they might not finish this week, I was just requesting that if I can be facilitated to take that document to Kisumu because I know its importance.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Willis. You are aware that the Clerk of the Budget Committee always reports here in the morning, before he leaves for the meeting in Kisumu, so I think it will just reach him. Next Order!

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, there being no other Business will you be upstanding for adjournment?

Hon. Members, there being no other Business, this House adjourns to tomorrow Wednesday Morning at 9.30 a.m. in the Chamber.

The House rose at 2.59 p.m.