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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]

PRAYERS

STATEMENT

REPAIR OF MATERNITY WING OF SIAYA REFERRAL HOSPITAL

Hon. Ochieng: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(c) I rise to seek a Statement from the CECM Health on the status of construction repair works at the Maternity Wing of the Siaya County Referral Hospital.

In the Statement the CECM should:

Give a detailed report of the status of repair works in the maternity wing of the Siaya County Referral Hospital with specific documentary evidence of the percentage of work done, pending works and plans put in place for its completion.

Explain why the construction repair works at the maternity wing has taken longer the contract timeline despite the fact that the wing generates higher comparative revenue compared to other service points

Explain the alternative plans put in place by the county government for the protection of mothers and new born babies from as the completion of the unit facilities is being fast tracked.

For those who have gone to the hospital there is work that was started and it was done halfway. There are some parts of the unit left in the maternity where our mothers give birth and it is in a very wanting situation.

Now that the weather is rainy if it rains in that facility it forces the women to go and seek refuge somewhere waiting for the rains to end before they go back to bed. At the same time when they go back they find their bedding wet.

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It is not easy to sleep in those beds with young babies. For those who have gone through labour pain, it is really scaring when the bedding is wet and you are going through that pain.

As a matter of fact that facility gets like Kshs. 1.5 million every month from Linda Mama where those women give birth. It is quite in order for those women to give birth in that facility. They give that facility a lot of money and yet their health can't be looked into and the facility is there.

My humble request is that the CECM moves with speed to fast track the completion of the wing so that our mothers and the new born babies who are taken care of in that facility get a good atmosphere. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Ochieng. I believe that we have the Chair for the Committee on Health where this Statement stands committed.

Hon. Abigael: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. We will give a response in 2 weeks' time.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Are you comfortable with that Hon. Ochieng?

Hon. Ochieng: I wanted her to give a response before the Budget so that if there is no coverage in this Financial Year they consider because it is an emergency. If that 2 weeks will not find when we have passed the Budget then I don't have any problem.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You are aware because you have the Calendar in 2 weeks' time we will not have passed the Budget because it is when we are working on it. You are also aware as the Chair of the Committee on Agriculture we communicated this recently that because of Covid-19 Pandemic we are working in shifts in our departments in the county. So I kindly request you to bear with her.

Hon. Ochieng: I will bear with her but on a light note she must also consider that the number of children who are dying in that hospital are more than the number of deaths caused by Covid-19. So it should not bar us from helping the mother and newborns in that facility.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chair of Committee on Health you have heard the concern and I urge you to move with speed. If at all it can come before the end of the requested 2 weeks the better.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: There being no other Business this House adjourns until next week Tuesday, 2nd June, 2020 at 2. 30 p.m. in the Chamber.

The House rose at 2.49 p.m.