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

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

PRAYER

STATEMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes, Hon. Otiato

Hon. Otiato: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I just want to make a personal statement. Going by the trend that we have witnessed, being the Chair of the Covid Committee, yesterday within the borders of Tanzania, you realize that they made it clear that Kenyans now have to go through stringent measures to pass through to Tanzania.

Almost it's like Kenyan trucks are not allowed to proceed into Tanzania except those who are proceeding beyond Tanzania to Rwanda and not by Kenyans.

We also share borders and we have got people coming in here and especially in some of these, we have to take very seriously, our war on Corona cannot make Tanzania to behave in a manner that strains our relationship.

Many of the Maasais who are selling us Akala etc. are Tanzanians; we should also adjust our way of responding to them as a County, we need to do something in ensuring that Tanzanians don't cross from Uganda to Kenya. That they remain in Uganda. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Otiato It's good to put your Statement in writing so that it will stand committed to the relevant Committee. Yes Hon. Andiego.

Hon. C. Andiego: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I would like to know what are the mitigation measures that the County Government has put in place to help those who might have been displaced by floods especially in the islands, because the long rains have just started and the level of waters in the lake will raise causing floods and displacing people.

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Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Andiego. I think the same applies to the first communication. They are good Statements but let them be placed in writing so that they stand committed to the relevant Committees. Hon. Booker?

Hon. Booker: Thank you Mr. Speaker. We only see people from Alego Usonga being given food, even though they are displaced. What is the County Government doing to ensure that people from the other sub Counties are also fed? It is a hard time, we don't have food, what is the County Government putting in place to give other people from other Sub counties food, as they provide others, and especially from your Ward Mr. Speaker, Alego Usonga and Ugenya were given food recently. People from Rarieda, Bondo and Gem for that matter, are they not Members of this County?

We also need to know what the County Government is planning for other Sub Counties because we also have challenges here and there. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I believe Hon. Booker is emphasizing on the Statement from Hon. Andiego. Yes Hon. Otiato.

Hon. Otiato: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I don't think you got his Statement well. What he is simply saying is that the floods have affected almost all of us. What people have referred to as the beaches.

I want to say possibly for the records that the concern is that now that people are being given food from Alego Usonga Sub County and possibly West Ugenya Ward, other than that possibly he was going to Yimbo west because we are hearing that we have Budalangi, that's very close to them, but this thing is affecting all of us because for example Yimbo East has now the highest number of people affected and there is not even a single coil, not even a visit.

Now what happens with Yimbo East is that we have big chunks of land, and now their homes have been swept off but they have been accommodated by their other brothers in other places. They are also in Siaya, but they are now not considered as people who have been displaced, but they have been displaced from their home. We are now only asked when I called, you are saying people have been displaced, 'yes' they are in which school?

So according to Siaya, unless you are in a camp in a school, you are not affected by floods. So we have got these people who have been displaced, I know senior chief is here and he is a very close Member of mine down there.

We are having in my area Aduwa where homes have been flattened, but now these people are squatting in their relatives homes, when this was happening, when floods are coming, you run, you don't even think of carrying some of your essential items and drugs that you need. So they need to be visited where they are, and be given the drugs and these essential items that they don't have.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Otiato. I believe your Statement is in the same line as that of Hon. Booker's, because you were on a Point of Order.

Hon. Otiato: I was just emphasizing.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes. Hon. Edwin.

Hon. Odhiambo: Hon. Speaker I think what goes around majorly is washing hands and putting on mask. If the County Government cannot buy masks, let them give people a chance to

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have clean water and soap so that our people can wash their hands. That is basically what I have been seeing has been given by the County Government in Siaya town, but if you go to other Sub Counties like Bondo.

I have never seen anything in these other Sub counties, and if not, my Ward. Think we need to see the value of the Covid budget passed here because during these times people are feeling very bad. It is not only food related. So we really need an explanation from the Executive on what they are planning. If not, let them supply whatever is required during these hard times. Thank you'

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Edwin. As I said earlier, all those brought on the floor should be put in writing in form of a Statement so that they can stand committed to the relevant Committee.

In all those said, we have heard about issues of Houses being swept by floods, the issue of Covid -19, on how the money allocated to it has been spent, and now for us to have a proper response then these issues must be in writing. So I urge the Members who have just contributed on the floor today to put them in writing to enable us have the authentic reports. 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 stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday 20th May at 9.30 a.m. in the Chamber.

The House rose at 3.11 p.m.