

# REPUBLIC OF KENYA

## SIAYA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### THE HANSARD

#### Second County Assembly – Fourth Session

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020

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

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

#### PRAYER

#### STATEMENT

##### STATUS OF BUDGET PROCESS

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Madialo.

**Hon. Madialo:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir; I rise to inform the House that the Committee on Budget and Appropriations is at an advanced stage of assessing the replies from the Executive.

It is imagined that there is a disagreement between the Executive of our County and the Auditor General on the amount that are outstanding in Covid-19 use. The replies given by the Executive disclose that there is an outstanding amount of Kshs. 21million.

The Auditor General insists it is Kshs. 126million. The Committee has therefore directed the Executive to clear away the pending bills to enable this county access funds for development and other services. The Committee undertakes to Report to this House as soon as the Committee is satisfied that the outstanding bills have been sufficiently done with.

**Hon. Audi:***(inaudible)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Audi, I believe your sentiments have been captured by the Chair for Budget.

**Hon. Oyugi:** First, I want to appreciate the regular updates on the coming Budget. My request goes to the Chair of Budget to furnish us with the copies of the same 7days before the tabling to give us enough time to digest and interact with the budget to be able to make his work easy.

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**Hon. Adala:** Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir; we have found ourselves in a very sad time. Sad in the sense that when we began this year we started on a very good note and everything was well arranged, planned with visions of our County then towards some point the calamity struck.

Mine is in reference to the virus that is now taking us for granted. There is a view outside here that the Head of State needs to relax on the curfews set.

As a concerned citizen of Siaya; I applaud the surveillance team in Siaya; so far it has done a good job. In fact, when we look at the cases being announced none so far has been from the County. At the point that now we assume that check points are now relaxed things at per how things are then I really fear for Siaya County which is my home.

The status of the health system in Siaya cannot handle the magnitude that we are seeing in other areas like Coast. We you visit the Referral hospital you will find that our beds are really full. These are areas that we really need start thinking seriously as an Assembly.

That supposedly and we are not hoping for that; that the infection rate in Siaya gets higher. That has always been my concern; we need to start thinking of how to handle issue.

**Hon. Olasi:** I just want to highlight on what Hon. Adala has said. In West Uyoma the health center doesn't even have surgical gloves and other basics. I know it not easy to supply even the safety masks to everybody in Siaya County but our health workers need to be provided with the basic to work.

As a House we should take this one directly to the door step of the Executive so that we make sure that at least our health workers are protected in one way or the other. What would happen if the infected number increases like in Coast and Nairobi?

**Hon. Ochieng:** On the issue of preparedness in the Covid-19 pandemic fight the team that is on the frontline; I want to believe that in Siaya County the Executive team has done well and there has not been any case that has been reported from Siaya. As much we all know we could budget on curbing the Covid-19 virus that has no cure and we are just working on assumptions.

There are these endangered species that were washed away by the heavy rains; at this moment I want to believe most of the affected have no homes. It's high time the special team that was constituted worked very closely with the Executive and liaises with them on how they can help the homeless.

I know they have been distributing food stuffs. The County Government should work on a program whereby each affected household is given 20 to 30 iron sheets to help them establish new homes. I know we have some emergency money that can help them build new homes.

**Hon. Odhiambo:** In relation to what Hon. Ochieng has said; it will be very difficult for Siaya or Kenya to feed its people because there are no funds. The response team which was created in Siaya should move very fast and see on how they can donate building materials to the people affected by water from the heavy rains and rivers overflowing.

Instead of taking food which cannot feed the whole family for a week; let's work on long term things not short term.

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**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members lets be up standing for adjournment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** There being no other business the House stands adjourned until tomorrow 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 at 2.30p.m. in the Chamber.

The House rose at 3.18 p.m.