



**NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Third County Assembly – Second Session**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

*[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Malyun Abdi) in the Chair]*

PRAYER

**QUORUM**

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Clerk, please confirm the quorum.

*(Clerk-at-the-Table confirmed there was no quorum)*

Under Standing Order No.37 (2), Serjeant-at-Arms, please ring the bell for ten minutes.

*(Quorum bell was rung)*

Hon. Members, the House is now fully constituted. We are back to business. Clerk, proceed.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

VISITING DELEGATION FROM THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KILIFI

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Members, I have the following communication to convey:

Hon. Members, today's Sitting is graced by a delegation drawn from the membership and the secretariat of the Statutory Committee on Ward Scholarship Fund from the County Assembly of Kilifi, who are seated in the Speaker's Gallery. The delegation is here to benchmark with us and share experiences with our Assembly, specifically with the Assembly's Sectoral Committee on Children, Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training.

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Hon. Members, the delegation comprises of the following:

1. Hon. Hon. Moses Furaha Kea - The Committee Chairperson
2. Hon. Emmanuel Changawa - Member
3. Hon. Mwambire Mohammed - Member
4. Hon. Humphrey Mkadi - Member
5. Hon. Rashid Odhiambo - Member
6. Hon. Karisa Ngirani - Member
7. Hon. Kalama Ngome - Member
8. Hon. Rose Baraka - Member
9. Mr. Eric Libendi - Clerk of Committee
10. Ms. Selina Kasichana - Clerk of Committee
11. Ms. Peris Kibarua - Hansard Reporter
12. Mr. Elijah Mwambire - Sergeant-at-Arms

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the County Assembly of Nairobi, to extend a warm welcome to our distinguished guests and to appreciate you for finding it appropriate to benchmark with us and to share experiences. I wish you all the best in your engagements with our Committee and the Assembly by extension. Thank you.

#### CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON POWERS AND PRIVILEGES

Hon. Member, I also have a communication considering the report of the Select Committee on Powers and Privileges.

You recall during yesterday's Assembly Sitting, a Member of the Select Committee on Powers and Privileges tabled three reports on investigations into breach of privilege by Members.

However, a Hon. Member, Hon. Hashim Kamau, MCA requested the presiding Chair to make a determination on whether the reports were properly before the Assembly, in the reading of Section 15 (6) of County Assemblies Powers and Privileges Act, 2017. Accordingly, the presiding Chair gave an undertaking to issue a determination today.

However, Hon. Members, given the magnitude of the issues I want to address this Assembly hereafter in my subsequent Communication, I defer issuance of the said determination to tomorrow, Thursday 5th October 2023. You are so guided.

Clerk, next Order.

#### STATEMENT

##### BUSINESS APPEARING BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Sospeter Mumbi.

**Hon. Sospeter Mumbi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. I want to thank Members, on behalf of the House Business Committee, for making it to today's Assembly. While

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I appreciate that you have a responsibility to attend the Assembly, we do not take it for granted anytime we see the House full and ready to transact business. We thank you very much. Let us keep up that spirit and I know that we will be blessed.

Allow me to go straight to updating this House on the business that lies ahead of us. This is a Statement by the House Business Committee.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47 (2) (a), on behalf of the Assembly Business Committee, I rise to give the following Statement regarding the business appearing before the Assembly for the week beginning Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023:

Hon. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee met today, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to allocate business for the week for consideration by this Assembly. In that regard, Hon. Speaker, allow me to brief the Assembly as follows:

1. Today, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023, under the Order No. 8 and 9, the Assembly shall be considering the following business:
  - a. Motion on adoption of the report of the Sectorial Committee on Lands, Planning and Housing on inquiry arising from a Statement regarding illegal demolition of residential home built on land LR. NO. 1870/111/46 and irregular accusation of the same by Lariak Properties in School Lane, Parklands/ High Ridge Ward, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023; and
  - b. We will also be having a Motion by Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa, urging the County Executive to develop a comprehensive policy that will promote a sustainable solution to child headed households and develop programs which will create awareness and address needs of child headed households, training on issues of reproductive health, children's rights, drug abuse, home management and conflict resolution for children in child headed households within the County.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate Hon. Perpetua for coming up with this Motion because I relate to it, having lost my mom when I was young and we had to take care of ourselves as a family. Our family was child headed, and so, this is a very good Motion as I resonate with it.

2. Additionally, on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023, under Order No. 8, the Assembly shall be considering the following committee reports:
  - a. Adoption of the report of the Select Committee on Powers and Privileges on inquiry into allegations of breach of privilege by Hon. Hashim Kamau, MCA for California Ward, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023; and
  - b. We will also be having a substantive Motion by Hon. Leader of Majority Party resolving to establish an ad hoc committee comprising of 13 Hon. Members to inquire into the revenue collection system adopted by the County Government and to report to the County Assembly within 60 days after the adoption of the Motion.

3. Lastly, Hon. Speaker, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023, under Order No. 8 and 9, the Assembly shall be considering the following business:
  - a. Substantive Motion by Hon. Peter Imwatok, the right Leader of the Majority Party, on the harassment of the County Executive staff; and
  - b. Adoption of the report of the Select Committee on Powers and Privileges on inquiry into the allegations of breach of privilege by Hon. Robert Alai, MCA for Kileleshwa Ward, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023.

Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee urges members of this Assembly to familiarize with the aforementioned Motions and prepare accordingly for debate, through the help of the Research Department. Details of the Motions can be obtained in the Notice Paper, being the last page of the day's Order Paper.

Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee shall be informing this Assembly after every Assembly Business Committee sitting, through its designee, on the allotted business during the Statement Hour for timely preparation.

Finally, Hon. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee will again meet on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at the rise of the Assembly to ballot business for the subsequent week.

Hon. Speaker, I now wish to lay the Statement on the Table of the House. Thank you.

*(The Statement was laid on the Table)*

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Sospeter Mumbi.

#### *Point of Order*

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Chege.

**Hon. Waithera Chege:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. On the Order on Statements, I think that it will be so irrelevant for us to keep on asking for statements and they are not being answered. There is a Statement that I asked for a month ago and I am demanding for answers from the Chairman of Environment.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member, I have noted that and we will be coming with a comprehensive report regarding the Statements which have not been answered. Thank you.

#### **MOTION**

##### **ADOPTION OF REPORT ON ILLEGAL DEMOLITION OF RESIDENTIAL HOME BUILT ON LAND LR. NO. 1870/111/46**

**Hon. Alvin Palapala:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion:  
THAT, this Assembly adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Planning and Housing on inquiry arising from a Statement regarding illegal demolition of a residential home

built on land LR No. 1870/111/46 and irregular acquisition of the same by Lariak Properties in School Lane, Parklands/ High Ridge Ward, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Thursday 15th June 2023.

Hon. Speaker, the residential home belonging to an Asian family of one Avan Shah was illegally demolished on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 by a private developer called Lariak Properties despite Court orders and County Government restraining Lariak Properties from demolishing the said property.

The Committee resolved to conduct an inquiry into the illegal demolition of the Asian home in Parklands L.R No. 1870/111/46. The matter came to the attention of the Committee through a Statement requested by Hon. Stephen Gitau on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee conducted a site visit on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and thereafter held several meetings with the CEC Member and officers from the Lands Office and the Ministry of Lands. They successfully concluded the inquiry with the resolution that the land be reverted back to the Asian family.

Hon. Speaker, I want to applaud Members of the Planning Committee for the good job done. We went to the bottom of the matter by bringing on board all stakeholders, including the Ministry of Lands. I am pleased to inform this House that we found out that what happened to the Shahs was indeed an attempt of forceful eviction and grabbing of their land which they have owned for the last 46 years. The Ministry of Lands was able to table documents evidently showing that the land belonged to the Shah's.

Hon. Speaker, our Constitution is very clear on serving justice and fairness to every citizen of our beloved country, Kenya. Justice means giving each person what he or she deserves or in more traditional terms, giving each person his or her dues. As such in our report, we have recommended that L.R No. 1870/111/46 file be reopened both in the Ministry and the County Lands records in the name of Batuk Shah, who is the original allottee, and they be accorded the necessary approval to reconstruct their home.

The County should also endeavor to protect all land records to avert future incidences of attempt decoding of the same by individuals intending to grab lands.

Hon. Speaker, I urge Members to adopt this report that will make the public regain their trust to this honorable House. I call upon my good girl friend, Hon. Waithera Chege.

*(Hon. Waithera Chege bowed to second the Motion)*

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Members, you may now debate. Hon. Anthony Kiragu.

**Hon. Anthony Karanja:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. I want to support this report and urge the whole Assembly to support it. I also take this opportunity to commend the Chairman and the entire Planning Committee.

Hon. Speaker, theft and grabbing of land is a serious thing in this country, and especially in this County. It is very fresh in our minds as Members of this County Assembly what happened

to the Batuk family. They woke up one day on a land they bought in 1976, a land that they have a history and was registered in 1949. That one day somebody came in 2014, changed their records in the County and started claiming ownership of this land.

Hon. Speaker, last year I think in September, goons came in the company of one renowned grabber called Mr. Baraza – I am not sure whether he is a friend to the Chairman, but he will confirm. He came with goons and demolished the house and took away even the small personal belongings, including clothes, pictures and loading them in motor bikes in broad day light. Three police stations refused to respond to their distress call and the family was left destitute. It took another two days without anybody's intervention or help for them to demolish the house and kick out the family. To date, the family is not yet in their land. This is an opportunity... (*microphone went off*). Hon. Speaker, I think there is sabotage somewhere and I believe it must be from Mr. Baraza.

Hon. Speaker, this is the only opportunity for this House to redeem itself and to be on the side of truth. I am aware that the Chairman and the Members resisted a lot of attempts from the staff, grabbers and everything to alter and do what is not supposed to be done. They rose above that and they have given us a good report that gave back the land to the Batuk family.

Hon. Speaker, I urge this Assembly to adopt this report as quickly as possible in order to make the people of Nairobi to have confidence in this Assembly. It is an opportunity and a way of saying that his Assembly is different. We know that we have had two toothless Assemblies before and I can assure you if this report had come in the previous Assembly, the Chairman can attest to that it would never have seen the light of day. So, congratulations to the Planning Committee. I would also like the Chairman to recognize the Members of the Committee who are here because they did a commendable job. Thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Lily Kidenda

**Hon. Lily Kidenda:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker... (*microphone went off*) I think I am audible now.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to support this report. I mentioned that I am a proud Member of the Planning Committee and I think for me sitting in that Committee was a huge learning curve of commitment, dedication and refusal to be stopped. I have watched my fellow colleagues go step by step interviewing everyone who could be interviewed. I watched people trying to say that there were no records, but eventually all the records were unearthed and the truth was told.

Allow me to add that the Baraza's of this nation should be behind bars. I do not think that the passing of this report should be the conclusion. This family is either housed by some people or living in hotels because their house, a beautiful cottage, was brought down by someone who did not have any ownership. I believe that this job was not done by one person, all the people who might have been behind this should be brought to book. If we truly want to make a statement as a House, we should take this matter beyond accepting, adopting and passing this report today. I know that it reached a point that the Committee was in a place of wanting to recommend the sacking of certain people. But I thank God that today we can celebrate that this family can have



back their land. The big question is; how do they get back their house back? Something must be done to support them not only to get the land back but also to get their house back.

Thank you, Madam Speaker, I am a happy woman, happy mother and a happy and proud Member of this Assembly. Thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Lily Kidenda. Hon. Sospeter Mumbi.

**Hon. Sospeter Mumbi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to support this report. Congratulations to the team headed by the Chair, you have done a great job.

Hon. Speaker, as I stand here, I know that by the time I leave this House since right now I am receiving a number of calls because of a land in my area which the public decided to reclaim today in the morning. They decided to bring down the iron sheets which had fenced that land.

As the area MCA, I have received numerous calls, reports and letters have been done to the County Executive. As the area MCA, I requested for enforcement from the County Executive through the Sub-County Commander, and what these people have done to some extent, anytime they get on the ground, they are not able to stop the construction of illegal structures, including those that are done on public spaces.

As an Assembly, we need to interrogate this issue because I feel each of the 85 Wards in Nairobi County has an issue related to public space which has been grabbed. If I talk about Roysambu today, Hon. Speaker, it is among the best performing ward in terms of revenue generation for this County. When you talk about the land rates, and the businesses along Super Highway and along Kiambu Road, there is immense investment in Roysambu Ward.

Hon. Speaker, allow me to bring this to your attention, that when it comes to return on investment whereby we generate revenue for that revenue to come back to us as the public and carry out development within our area, this has not been the case for the people of Roysambu. When you talk about social hall, we don't have any within Roysambu Ward because the land has been grabbed. When you talk about playground, personally I cannot benefit when it comes to development of such facilities. When you talk about a health facility, an ECDE or a market, I cannot lobby for anything. I am only left with roads. It is sad that even if I don't have space for development of other utilities, I cannot bargain to be compensated me with additional kilometers of road construction or repair. That can't apply. So, what I am saying is that, the people of Roysambu are generating so much money in terms of revenue...

*(A Member spoke off the record)*

Hon. Speaker, protect me kindly. So my point is...

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Sospeter. please concentrate on the Motion, either you oppose or propose.

**Hon. Sospeter Mumbi:** I am supporting. Initially when I stood, I said I am supporting Hon. Speaker. I am bringing this because of land grabbing that is ongoing in this County.

I want to inform my brother, who happens to be my neighbor, that the pain that I am sharing, the wearer of the shoe knows where it pinches the most. As I speak, Hon. Speaker, I am

speaking on behalf of the people of Roysambu. The Planning Committee needs to move with speed and continue interrogating these spaces, and in particular the lands that have been grabbed.

Thank you very much, I support and thank you, Hon. Speaker for protecting me.

**Hon. Emily Oduor:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the opportunity. I stand to support this Motion. Chair of Lands, congratulations to you and your team for the wonderful job. I think it is something that was started in the last Assembly and I am so happy that today we are seeing the end of it. Members, imagine yourself and your family going to bed knowing things are going to be normal, but you wake up in the morning and you realize you are homeless and you are landless. This is the cry of not only this family, if I may deviate a bit, but to so many families in Nairobi.

I am really disappointed that the Committee felt short of recommending the sacking. To me, it should have even been actually taking the people who interfered with this to court. I wonder why the Committee decided to spare them because by sparing them, I guess it is going to happen to somebody else. Committee Members, I plead with you that it does not stop here, make sure they get their land and their documents straight, and more so the prosecution of our staff who are involved. At the end of the day, Nairobi County gets a very bad name, and when people talk about Nairobi County, they do not know whether these people come from the Executive or come from the Assembly side. So, this gives a very bad name. They look at us like we are land grabbers and all sorts of this things. I plead with you that prosecution should be the next step.

Hon. Chair, I hope this is the first step. I am very happy that it is coming on the first year. It has been our first anniversary since we were sworn. I am hoping this is not going to be the end of it. Please, continue following others and make sure people get their assets back. Also, recommend for prosecution. With these few remarks, I beg to support.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Emily. I want to inform you that I have an issue with my system. The mover to reply.

*(A Member spoke off the record)*

I have said I have an issue and I want to register that my systems are not...

*(Loud consultations)*

Order, Hon. Members! I have just said I have an issue with the system.

*(Loud consultations)*

The mover to reply.

**Hon. Alvin Palapala:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, let me take this opportunity to ask Members of Planning Committee to stand up.

*(Hon. Members of Lands, Planning and Housing Committee stood)*

Hon. Speaker, these are the Members who gave me support and they did this wonderful job. We are going to continue doing this wonderful job for the five years God has given us. Thank you, Members for the good job you did for this Committee. Sit down.



*(Hon. Members of Lands, Planning and Housing Committee took their seats)*

I also thank Members of this House for the good contributions, though you have given only three Members chance to contribute, Madam Speaker. Many other Members wanted to contribute on it. Lands issues in Nairobi is all over the 85 wards.

I assure this House that we will continue working hard and deliver for the citizens for Nairobi. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Chair.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### MOTION

**Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker...

*(A Member spoke off the record)*

I am not confused, Madam Speaker, protect me. Just to bring to the attention of this House, it is such a wonder that when a Madam Speaker is sitting on that powerful Chair, there are shouts especially from the men, and it doesn't happen when the substantive Speaker or even the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Kados, who I have never seen any Member shout at him. So, Madam Speaker that is a point for this House to note. You should sit in that seat of yours, as powerful as it is, and make sure that you are not intimidated.

### POLICY AND PROGRAMS ON CHILD HEADED HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN THE COUNTY

THAT, aware that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is the most complete statement of children's rights ever produced and is the most widely-ratified international human rights treaty in history, ratification which Kenya is party to;

NOTING that the Convention has 54 articles that cover all aspects of a child's life and set out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights that all children everywhere are entitled to and also explains how adults and governments must work together to make sure all children enjoy all their rights;

CONCERNED that ensuring child rights in Kenya is still a challenge 31 years after ratification of the treaty, and efforts by the State to enforce these rights have not been sufficient as evidenced by rampant cases of abuse and neglect;

FURTHER CONCERNED that there are many children heading households (CHH) in urban informal settlements facing specific vulnerabilities shaped by limitations on their opportunities and capabilities within the context of urban inequities, which affect their wellbeing;

NOTING that Section 62 of the Children Act, 2022 provides for the County Government to establish welfare schemes to provide or facilitate the provision of childcare facilities and programs for children, including children with disabilities;

RECOGNIZING that if County Governments do not supplement efforts to address Child Rights by National Government, the implementation of the UNCRC charter will remain a mirage;

CONSIDERING the huge mandate that the Nairobi City County has in respect to the Children and acknowledging that the County is in the process of enacting a policy and legislation on children welfare;

THIS ASSEMBLY urges that the County Executive to:

1. Develop a comprehensive policy that will promote sustainable solutions to child headed households; and
2. Develop programs which will create awareness and address needs of child headed households, skills training on issues of reproductive health, children's rights, drug abuse, home management and conflict resolution for children in child headed households within the County.

Madam Speaker, in a nutshell, I am trying to bring to the attention of this House that in Nairobi, there are children under 18 years who head their own households; just the way your father and mother can head a house or you as an adult can head a house. These children might have found themselves in this situation not coincidentally, may be they are orphans and have no choice. The firstborns decide to be the heads of the families and take care of their siblings. They may be children who have run away from home, so, they think that it is proper to start a home or head a home.

Before I call my seconder, I want to elaborate a bit. These children face lot of problems. In children's home when we try rehabilitating the children and integrate them back to society, we find many hitches because majority of them would want to go back and be the head of their own households yet they are under 18 years old.

The reason why the policy has to be made is because there is a case in the children's home where one, Mr. Adida, if I am not wrong, is a legal parent to all the orphans in the children's home who are going to secondary school or college. The policy and the law requires them to have a parent yet they do not have.

Therefore, we want to bring to the attention of the County Government to support the National Government in supporting these children headed households. When you support children headed households, you will reduce the number of child pregnancies in Nairobi.

I call upon Hon. Katile to second this Motion. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Diana Mwangangi:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, I stand to second this Motion. Before I proceed further, though I can see he has left, I would like to acknowledge the step by Hon. Sospeter of standing up and saying that he is an example of having experience of being the head of a child headed household.

Madam Speaker, the effect of this household is that these children end up not living the life of a child, they are denied a certain stage of their life because they have to become parents at an

age they are still supposed to be enjoying the privilege of being taken care of and provided for. These children face many issues, some of them are exploited by extended family. Once they become child headed households, you will find out that at times they are even disinherited because they do not have someone to fight for them. They also lack socioeconomic needs such as food, health, and hygiene. These needs are not met because these children do not have work or where to go. They also face multiple layers of hardship that intersect with the socioeconomic dimension of vulnerability. They are vulnerable because this is an institution that does not have a recognizable head. When you think of a household, you think of a father, mother, and children. If the father is not there, there is a mother. But this is a household that is headed by a child. Any person who thinks of harming these children will find the leeway to go and do what they want to do because there seems to be no recognizable head.

Even as we are urging the County Government to develop policies and programs, we urge them to come up with a participatory approach in which they are able to engage the children heading those institutions so they are alive to the problem that these children are facing. There are organizations that have gone to these households and done studies. We urge the County Government to also go to these households and take their findings and involve these children so that they can come up with proper policy after involving them.

With that, Madam Speaker, I beg to second. Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Silas Matara:** Thank you, Hon Speaker for this opportunity, I rise to support this Motion. First, I would like to extend gratitude to Hon Mponjiwa, Chair of Education Committee, for taking time to remember this vulnerable segment of our community.

In line with urging the Executive to come up with a policy towards achieving the desired results of Mheshimiwa and this Hon. House, the sector that deals with children and the vulnerable members of the community, be it youth and social services, should make a budgetary provision towards addressing the concerns raised in this Motion. In as much as they will have to come up with a policy, it needs financing to be able to come up with tangible programs to be able to alleviate their suffering.

Hon Speaker, it is important that this child headed households are taken into consideration. We have had incidences of respective extended families deliberately not taking care of those children for the interest of maybe they have land which they are supposed to inherit, bank accounts and properties, and the issues about next of kin are not clear. When we have a policy in place, it means that it is going to do a follow up whether these households have extended families whether in Nairobi or in their rural areas, how do we locate the families and how to integrate them into the society and to their extended families.

In the policy, the Executive should liaise with National Government agencies, National Government existing institutions and infrastructure like Nyumba Kumi whereby if the parents have deserted their kids or they died, they have information of these respective families. The County

and National Government need to liaise and have a convergence of initiatives towards identifying those respective families and ensuring that whatever support that comes from the County or the National Government gets to reach these children.

There is an issue about these children being exposed to adulthood quite early in life. The County Government can come up with a policy whereby these children headed households can be enjoined with other families, institutions or county institutions and be given extra support. If it is a business entity, they can be allowed to pay lower rates.

The policy should also need to come up with mechanism of identification of these families and linking up of these children with all government agencies and their families. There is also an element of urging the communities to take care in wholesome of these children led families.

In finality, societies or leaders are judged by the way they treat the vulnerable members of the community. In this case, these families are very vulnerable. So, I urge my colleagues support this Motion in full because if it sees the light of day, then history will judge us fairly. Thank you, Hon Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you. Hon Lily Kidenda.

**Hon. Lily Kidenda:** Thank you very much, Hon Speaker, I rise to support this Motion. I would like to thank my Chair for Early Childhood Education for coming up with this Motion. In the area of counseling, we call these children being parentified. It is a big word that says a child has become a man or a woman, and the responsibilities that come with that exposes a child to things that we probably may not even imagine. These children are exposed to sexual issues very early, they become hardened and they want to stop things that should not happen that they saw mummy and daddy do.

The first thing that we should recommend is awareness. I would like to appreciate the Hon Member who seconded this Motion for the elaborate way in which she has spoken to this Motion. I would just like to add that if we want this succeed, we have to bite it one small chunk at a time. It looks like a big mountain, but we need to bite it in sub county by establishing centers where data can be collected, support can be channeled to central place, where reports are written and where there is a follow up. We could even come down to the ward level. If Members of this County know the number of vulnerable children and the children headed households within their wards, then we have something to work with. If we make it global, we can collect and bring everything we can do, but for it to get to the target group, that is really what will work.

I pray that we will support and pass this Motion but we will not leave it there, we will cut it down into the implementation and follow up to see what works. One day, we will wake up and say we have rescue centers of support and centers with data that we can work with. Thank you, Hon Speaker. I congratulate the mover of this Motion.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you so much. Hon Emily Khatemeshi.

**Hon. Emmy Isalambo:** Thank you, Hon Speaker. I thank the Chair of Education for bringing in this timely Motion. I think this is the best thing the County should do for the children. Imagine a child who is growing and doesn't even know or remember when he\she was born. Most

of them don't even own a birth certificate, and when it comes to that time of them getting identity cards, it is a real problem. Most of them are regarded as foreigners.

These children are vulnerable and don't even enjoy freedom of movement as they have no access to play grounds and maybe churches, therefore not knowing anything to do with God. So, it is important that this Motion will bring sanity to them. Thank you so much, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you. The mover to reply.

**Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa:** Hon Speaker and the House at large, I really appreciate. I beg to reply.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** There being no other business, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 2:30 p.m. Thank you, Hon. Members.

*House rose at 3:58 p.m.*