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THIRD ASSEMBLY - SECOND SESSION

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Subject: alleged diversion of user forgone funds EAKET

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 45(2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health Service regarding the alleged diversion of User fee foregone for Baba Dogo Health Centre.

Hon. Speaker. Article 45 of the Constitution 2010, guarantees every citizen to the highest attainable standard of health which includes the right to health care services. This can only be achieved if health facilities in the County receive adequate funding and utilize the funds in an accountable way. Hon. Speaker, Baba Dogo Health Centre is one of the facilities in the County that receive user fees foregone and in November 2022, the facility received a compensation of Ksh. 3.5 million from the National Government.

Hon. Speaker, initially the money was to be utilized to purchase computers for the facility's use. However, the Chief Officer halted the process since it has allegedly been established that the monies are to be shared with other four (4) health facilities including Githurai, Ngomongo, Pickens and Ruaraka Health Facilities. Accordingly, the Chief Officer directed that the funds be used as per the budget prepared by these facilities according to their needs. Therefore, the intended purpose of purchase of computers was allegedly abandoned on the directives of the Chief Officer for Health Services.

Hon. Speaker, it is my considered opinion that the alleged diversion of the said monies will greatly affect the operations of Baba Dogo Health Facility, which is still grappling with shortage of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:-

- The criteria used by the County Executive in disbursement and utilization of user i)
- Reasons why the initial intended purpose of the funds allocated to Babadogo Health ii)
- Reasons why the user fees foregone funds allocated and meant for BabaDogo Health Centre are being diverted for other uses and why the monies are to be shared with iii)

other facilities.

HON. GEOPHREY MAJIWA, MCA. MEMBER FOR BABADOGO WARD Statement read by Hon. Marina, en 15th March, 2023. Rarponce on 22th March, 2023, (week) 2023