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NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THIRD ASSEMBLY - THIRD SESSION
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Subject: Lack of food in Maternity Wards in the County

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services regarding lack of food in maternity Wards in the County and specifically Uthiru Muthua Health Centre in Uthiru Ruthimitu Ward.

Hon. Speaker, Part II (2) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 stipulates the functions of the County Governments and specifically on County Health Services, including, in particular promotion of primary Health care.

Hon. Speaker, The maternal delivery period is a critical time for expectant mothers and lack of due care which includes nutrition may result in risks of chronic diseases in offspring later in life. Food and nutrition play a vital role not only during the developmental period of the foetus but also at birth, as poor maternal nutritional status is causally associated with abnormal foetal growth patterns, low birth weight and mortality amongst others.

Hon. Speaker, despite the critical role food and nutrition plays, it is alleged that a section of hospitals in the County and specifically Uthiru Muthua Health Centre in Uthiru Ruthimitu Ward do not provide food for expectant mothers admitted in the maternity wards, in violation of Part II (2) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya.

Additionally, the Hospital is in a sorry state in terms of hygiene since there are no cleaners. This poses an additional risk to the mothers and newborns who are prone to infections at this stage.

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

- i) Whether the County Executive is privy of the insufficiency of food in County hospitals and specifically Uthiru Muthua Health Centre in Uthiru Ruthimitu Ward;
- ii) Whether there are sufficient Human resource personnel (cleaners) in the said hospital and if yes, what is the justification for the non- hygienic conditions;
- iii) Measures the County Executive is taking to ensure there is sufficient food and adequately staffed kitchens in the County hospitals across the County; and
- iv) Measures the County Executive is taking to ensure there is clean and hygienic environment in the County Health Centres across the County.

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HON. PETER MWANGI, MCA.
MEMBER OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY, UTHIRU RUTHIMITU WARD.

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