

Statement Requested.
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GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY



THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY

(FIFTH SESSION)

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Subject: The dire need for the establishment of Early Childhood Development (ECD) centers

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee Children Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training regarding the dire need for the establishment of Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres in the 85 Wards of Nairobi City County, and more particularly in Lindi Ward, Kibra Sub-County.

Hon. Speaker, pre-primary education is a function of the county government under the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. Early childhood is the foundation of a child's learning, health and development, and every child has the right to free and compulsory basic education under Article 53 of the Constitution. It is therefore a matter of serious concern that a number of Wards in the County, among them Lindi Ward in Kibra Sub-County, have no public ECD facility, despite the large and growing population of children within the County.

Hon. Speaker, as a result, many children in these Wards are left without access to early learning, or are forced to travel long distances with their parents to other Wards, or to enroll in informal and often poorly equipped private centres that their parents can hardly afford. This places a heavy burden on families in densely populated informal settlements and widens the gap in learning outcomes before children even begin primary school.

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

- 1) Why a number of Wards in the County, and Lindi Ward in particular, lack an ECD facility despite the huge demand;
- 2) A list of all the ECD centres across the County, indicating their respective Wards and their current status;
- 3) Plans by the County towards development of ECD Centers and their mapping strategy against the population per-capita and macro-economic situations of different Wards in the County; and
- 4) Whether the County Executive has plans in place to partner with Private Sector and None-state agencies towards addressing the dire need for ECD facilities in the County for the greater public good.

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Member for Lindi Ward

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