

COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday 26th June 2018

The House Met at 2:30 P.M

{Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair}

Hon. Killo Dawe

PRAYERS

STATEMENT(S)

MOTION(S)

PAPER LAID

Hon. Christine Galgitele: Thank you Mr. Speaker, sir. We have the report of the Rift Valley Fever outbreak in Marsabit County.

Rift valley fever is a viral disease that affects both livestock and human being. It occurs mostly following a period of increased precipitation which leads to flooding and increase in vector population, (Aedes and culex mosquito) which is the main vector for transmission of the disease.

The disease is characterized by abortion in livestock, haemorrhages and fever. The disease is zoonotic and can affect humans through consumption of contaminated meat and handling of aborted fetuses, animal tissues during slaughter. The condition in humans is mostly confused with other haemorrhagic fevers.

Heavy rains above normal have been experienced in most parts of Marsabit County since early March 2018. This has caused flooding in some parts where some livestock have been lost and many in the last month of May have been aborting or giving still births. Due to stagnant water around the homesteads and night enclosures, there is a marked increase in population of Mosquitoes and other biting flies which have been a menace to Livestock in the entire County.

The DVS issue an alert on 7th February 2018 advising the Counties to be on high vigilance and increase passive surveillance in case of any Rift Valley Fever case. On 22nd May 2018 we received a joint press release was received by DMS and DVS putting the Counties on high alert and increase awareness and public awareness. In the past three weeks the department of veterinary services in collaboration with Zoonotic Disease Unit (ZDU) established an enhanced RVF surveillance in three of the four sub counties of Marsabit County-Moyale, North Hor and Laisamis. From the three Sub Counties we have been receiving reports of increased cases of abortion in both camel and small stock and increased vector population. The cases are particularly high in Moyale coming from Bori, Antut, Funan Nyata and Yaballo reveal that abortion and bleeding is on the increase in camels where 5 camels were found dead in Funan Nyata two weeks ago. In Bori a farmer by the name Galm Huka had 12 camels that aborted and 5 dead, among many other cases that have been reported. From Badan Rero, Amballo and Ittir other farmers have reported abortion in camels and goats.

In Laisamis the reports have come from Kargi, Oltorot, Log Logo, Korr and Laisamis with similar signs, in North Horr the cases of abortion and fever in camel and goats have been received from North Horr, Balesa, Demo, Shurr and Maikona. Apart from a few cases of fever, diarrhoea, no report from human health side have been received. However, on 2nd June 2018, there, there were reported suspected cases of Human RVF from Wajir County at a place called Basir which borders Moyale Sub County. After samples were taken to KEMRI it was confirmed to be RVF. Since then there are five human deaths from Wajir reported by the mainstream media. On 13th of June 2018, we

received a message from Director of Medical Services, Marsabit County that some of the samples collected from patients from Amballo-Moyale Sub County came back positive after they were tested by KEMRI.

Actions taken by the concerned departments

- 1. A joint meeting between the department of health and veterinary services Marsabit County on 8th June 2018 to discuss and share updates and wage way forward on how to approach the whole issue. At the time of the meeting there was no confirmed cases of human and also livestock but there were reports of suspected cases in livestock.*
- 2. Radio publicity was done to create awareness about the diseases. The radio session was done jointly by the two departments.*
- 3. In collaboration with RPLRP, Sidai Africa Limited, and the Karatina Regional Veterinary Laboratory, the department of Veterinary Services organized an active surveillance with the aim of establishing the presence of the diseases among the livestock in those areas we have been receiving reports of suspected cases in all the four sub counties-purposive sampling was done from animals that had the history of signs indicative of RVF e.g abortion. The team managed to collect a sample total of about 638 samples (434 sera and 204 whole blood). These samples were submitted to Nairobi for analysis (CVIL and CDC labs) on 15th June, 2018.*
- 4. Sub County vet officers have been put on high alert and to increase surveillance.*
- 5. County Steering Group meeting was held on 14th June 2018 to discuss the outbreak of RVF in Marsabit requiring the health and veterinary departments to provide status briefs and to draw way forward on the control of the diseases.*
- 6. Provisional quarantine was issued in 14th June 2018, which restricted movement of animals in and out of the County.*

7. Directives were provided to all slaughter houses to do ante-mortem inspection for all the animals destined for the slaughter while the public was discouraged against home slaughter.

Confirmation of diseases from samples collected

The samples that were delivered in the laboratory were bulky and the department advised priority to be given to areas with high risks such as the areas that border Wajir County.

On 19th of June 2018, the following results were obtained from the Kenya Veterinary Laboratory while the rest of the samples were being processed. These results confirm presence of Rift Valley Fever in Livestock in Marsabit County.

Moyale Sub county; Bori-5 sheep, 1 goat, Itir-6 sheep, 2 goats, 3 camels, Yaballo: 1 camel

North Horr Sub County: Demo-2 goats, 2 camels

Saku Sub County: Karare-1 camel

Planned Actions

1. *Enhanced civilians*
2. *Institution....Vaccination and Vector-control to arrest spread of diseases*
3. *Increase public awareness through public baraza, local Fm radio stations, posters*
4. *Institute quarantine of livestock, restrict home slaughter, trade in livestock, (closure of livestock markets)*
5. *Joint monitoring of the situation with the Department of Health.*

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Thank you.

Hon. Roba Godana Chachole: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am not here to add anything but just want to make some corrections. I am sorry to say that most part in the report is inaccurate according to them less than 50 animals have died so far! While I can confidently say in my Ward; 27 camels have died and hundreds of shoats, in Ambalo the same case and Badan Rero. This disease was first reported in North Eastern that is Basir area bordering my Ward, I called the CO Health and Veterinary, both of them told me that they were ready to act in case of anything.

What they are supposed to do, immediately the disease is reported in the neighbouring area, they were suppose to vaccinate the animals or spray according to specialists that is supposed to be used on the animals and it will automatically repel the mosquitoes, When I called them they told me they have everything ready and they are just waiting, it is unfortunate that instead of acting, they are waiting for the diseases to be reported in our County and when it was reported they are all claiming there is no fund. Yesterday, I was with CEC Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary and Fisheries at CO Finance office, when I asked they told me they have received small doses of vaccination from some donors but as at yesterday, they have not received a single a vaccine to help this people who are losing their livelihoods! According to them there are no funds for emergencies.....

(Hon. Sadia stood in her place)

(Loud consultations)

MOTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2018/2019

Hon Daud Tamasot Arakhole: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to move the motion THAT, this County Assembly adopts the report of Budget and Appropriation Committee on the budget estimate 2018/2019 estimates for the County Government and the County Assembly tabled in the County Assembly on 26th June, 2018.

NOTICE OF MOTION

MARSABIT MUNICIPAL CHARTER

Hon. Abdirahman Sheikh Bashir: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I here to present notice of motion on the Lands, Energy and Urban Development. THAT, this Lands Committee adopts The Reports of Lands, Energy and Urban Development Committee on the Marsabit Municipal Charter.

I think Mr. Speaker the members are getting for the first time the report right now. As a committee we have sat and deliberated a few issues and concerns. This is only a notice of motion and the debate will be later. Thank you.

BILL(S)

First Reading(s)

THE MARSABIT APPROPRIATION BILL, 2018

Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole: Mr. Speaker, the first reading of the Marsabit County Appropriation Bill 2018. The long title, an act of the County Assembly to authorize issuance of a certain sums of money out of the county revenue fund and the application of the services of the year ending 30th June and to appropriate those sums for a certain public services and purposes.

Hon. Speaker: The House remains adjourned until 9.30 am tomorrow.

Assembly rose at 3.15pm