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SANITATION COMMITTEE ON THE ASSESSMENT OF THE SUB
COUNTY HOSPITALS AND SELECTED HEALTH FACILITIES.

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1.0 PREFACE.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On behalf of the Members of the sectoral Committee on Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation and pursuant to the provision of the Standing Order no.211(5), it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's report on the assessment of the status of Sub-County hospitals.

1. Committee Establishment and Membership

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The committee was constituted on 28th October 2022, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 211 of Wajir County Assembly Standing Orders. The Committee comprises the following Members:-

1. Hon. Mohamed Nur Farah - Chairperson
2. Hon. Amina Mohamed Noor-Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Mahat Mohamed Ibrahim - Member
4. Hon. Sahal Mugow Mohamed - Member
5. Hon. Amina Ibrahim Mohamed - Member
6. Hon. Hamud Abdi Hassan -Member
7. Hon. Ali Omar Mohamed - Member
8. Hon. Yussuf Hussein Ahmed - Member
9. Hon. Mahfudha Abdullahi Hajji - Member

Committee's Mandates

Mr. Speaker sir,

The Committee draws its Mandates from Standing Order 211(5), which states the committee mandate shall be to:-

Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to the Mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the department;

Study the program and policy objectives of department and effectiveness of the implementation;

Study and review all county legislation referred to it;

- Study, assess, and analyse the relative success of the department as measured by the result obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to assigned department as they may deem necessary, and as many may be referred to them by the county assembly.
- To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 192(Committee on Appointments); and
- Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

1.3 Objectives of the Visit

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee members had the following objectives for the site visit;

- ❖ To find out the ongoing upgrading of the hospitals and the levels in which they are.
- ❖ To find out the availability of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical items in the hospitals
- ❖ To confirm the availability of utility vehicles and standby ambulances
- ❖ To find out the operationalization of patients wards, Maternity wings, Staff quarters and the hospitals in general.
- ❖ To find out staffing challenges in the hospitals
- ❖ And the general conditions of the hospitals

1.4 Committee Site Visit

Mr. Speaker sir, the Committee managed to visit the Sub-County hospitals and other health facilities and had an intense discussion with the administration of the hospitals. During the visit, members in their deliberations made references to the Article 43(1) (a) of the Constitution of Kenya which states that 'every person has a right to the highest attainable standards of health which includes the right to health care services, including preventive health care'. Article 43(2) states that a person shall not be denied emergency medical treatment and in light of the above, the Committee members

resolved that it was prudent to have a study visit to see and analyze the minimum standard of services, facilities and equipment the hospitals offer in the sub counties.

1.5 Acknowledgement

On behalf of the health services committee, may I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the necessary support provided in the execution of the committee's mandate.

I also wish to thank and appreciate the firm support of the committee members and the secretariat for the successful compilation of this report.

Thank you.

Hon Mohamed Nur Farah - Chairman

Signed.......... Date.....27-02-2026.....

2.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS.

2.1 Eldas Sub-County Hospital

The Hospital has the following Staff Establishment;

s/no.	Designation	No.
1	Medical officers	2
2	Clinical officers	2
3	Nurses	6
4	Public Health Officers	2
5	Pharmacists	2
6	Nutritionists	2
7	Records	2
8	Radiologists	1
9	Community Health Worker	2
10	Anesthetist	2
11	Lab tech	2
12	Pharm tech	1
13	Biomedical engineer	1
14	Medical social worker	1
15	Casual workers	13

r. Speaker Sir,

The Committee observed the following:

- ❖ The Hospital Board of Management was initially in place but has been disbanded with the coming to effect of the Wajir County Health Facility Improvement Financing Act, 2023.
- ❖ The hospital lacks dental equipment, x-ray machine, and renal machine for effective services delivery.
- ❖ The hospital is understaffed and has no pharmacists. The hospital is served by one Medical officer.
- ❖ The hospital laboratory services were affected by inconsistent supply of laboratory reagents prior to the current supply of stock.

- ❖ The hospital received its supply of drugs in November. The committee was informed this was about 60% of what it ordered.
- ❖ The committee noted that the hospital had a standby ambulance for referral and emergency services, while the one serving Basir/Lakole had a mechanical problem and was parked at the facility.
- ❖ The committee observed that most of the buildings done by the Kenya Defence Forces in the facility have cracks all over, resulting in the overstretching of other infrastructure.
- ❖ The patients in the wards are not provided with mosquito nets and food.
- ❖ Solar installation of the critical areas like theater should be prioritized due to frequent power outage in Eldas.
- ❖ Installation of a hematology machine and bio chemistry machine was in the process.
- ❖ The theatre is operational thus caesarean section and minor surgeries are conducted at the facility.
- ❖ The hospital has a backup generator.
- ❖ Lack of perimeter fencing thus affecting security of facility assets and patient safety.
- ❖ The hospital has no accident and emergency unit.
- ❖ The hospital lacks pediatric ward

2.2 Bute Sub-County Hospital.

The Hospital has the following Staff Establishment;

S/No.	Designation	No.
1	Medical officers	2
2	Clinical officers	3
3	Nurses	9
4	Public Health Officers	3
5	Pharmacists	0
6	Nutritionists	2
7	Records	2
8	Radiologists	1
9	Community Health Worker	2
10	Anesthetist	2

11	Lab tech	3
12	Pharm tech	2
13	Biomedical engineer	1
14	Ophthalmologist	1
15	Htc counselor	1
16	Dental technologist	1

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee observed the following in Bute Sub-County Hospital;

- ❖ The facility has staffing challenges in cadres like nurses, clinical officers and public health officers and laboratory technicians.
- ❖ The hospital received its supply of drugs in November.
- ❖ The Hospital Board of Management was initially in place but has been disbanded with the coming to effect of the Wajir County Health Facility Improvement Financing Act, 2023.
- ❖ The hospital is connected to the borehole and has adequate supply of water but essential departments like maternity, laboratory and theater are not connected because piping has not been done.
- ❖ There is need for the construction of new incinerator as the existing one is no longer functional.
- ❖ The facility needs an oxygen supply plant, as transport of oxygen cylinders to and from Wajir is expensive and time consuming.
- ❖ The anesthetic machine needs service, the oxygen sensor is expired, and the internal battery for the machine and monitor is needed.
- ❖ Patient monitor machine should be installed.
- ❖ There is need for a stretcher bed.
- ❖ The recovery room lacks sufficient beds as it only has three beds hence addition of beds is necessary.
- ❖ The hospital lacks pediatric ward.
- ❖ The hospital has no accident and emergency department and the outpatients department (OPD) is single room with one bed for patient examination.
- ❖ The hospital lacks dental equipment, x-ray machine, and renal machine for effective services delivery.

11	Lab tech	3
12	Pharm tech	2
13	Biomedical engineer	1
14	Ophthalmologist	1
15	Htc counselor	1
16	Dental technologist	1

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee observed the following in Bute Sub-County Hospital;

- ❖ The facility has staffing challenges in cadres like nurses, clinical officers and public health officers and laboratory technicians.
- ❖ The hospital received its supply of drugs in November.
- ❖ The Hospital Board of Management was initially in place but has been disbanded with the coming to effect of the Wajir County Health Facility Improvement Financing Act, 2023.
- ❖ The hospital is connected to the borehole and has adequate supply of water but essential departments like maternity, laboratory and theater are not connected because piping has not been done.
- ❖ There is need for the construction of new incinerator as the existing one is no longer functional.
- ❖ The facility needs an oxygen supply plant, as transport of oxygen cylinders to and from Wajir is expensive and time consuming.
- ❖ The anesthetic machine needs service, the oxygen sensor is expired, and the internal battery for the machine and monitor is needed.
- ❖ Patient monitor machine should be installed.
- ❖ There is need for a stretcher bed.
- ❖ The recovery room lacks sufficient beds as it only has three beds hence addition of beds is necessary.
- ❖ The hospital lacks pediatric ward.
- ❖ The hospital has no accident and emergency department and the outpatients department (OPD) is single room with one bed for patient examination.
- ❖ The hospital lacks dental equipment, x-ray machine, and renal machine for effective services delivery.

- ❖ The Hospital Board of Management was initially in place but has been disbanded with the coming to effect of the Wajir County Health Facility Improvement Financing Act, 2023.
- ❖ The facility needs additional staffing especially in cadres like nurses, clinical officers and public health officers.
- ❖ In the month of November 2025 the first-ever caesarean section was done at the facility. This is remarkable achievement despite the challenges the facility is facing.
- ❖ The radiology department has been built but yet to be equipped.
- ❖ The facility does not have a water source and relies on water trucking which is costly.
- ❖ Only the theater has solar installation.
- ❖ There are inadequate staff quarters since only 2 have been built by the county government.
- ❖ For safety purposes the theater should have a 2-ways door. Currently it has a one-way door.
- ❖ Adequate drugs have been supplied.
- ❖ The maternity ward is functional and in good condition
- ❖ The hospital lacks pediatric ward
- ❖ The committee was informed that the only ambulance in the hospital is functional but needs to be serviced.
- ❖ The theatre is not functional because of lack of equipment and referrals made to Wajir.
- ❖ The committee noted that the facility lacks essential services such as X-physiotherapy and renal unit.
- ❖ The facility has no perimeter fence. There is need to have this addressed better security and stop encroachment to facility land.

2.4 Buna Sub-county Hospital.

The Hospital has the following staff establishment;

s/no.	Designation	No.
1	Medical officers	0
2	Clinical officers	2
3	Nurses	3
4	Public Health Officers	2
5	Pharmacists	0
6	Nutritionists	1
7	Records	0
8	Radiologists	0
9	Community Health Worker	1
10	Anesthetist	0
11	Lab tech	1
12	Pharm tech	0
13	Support staff	3

The committee made the following observations and findings during the facility;

- ❖ The committee observed that this facility is a level 3A facility and It offers all the outpatient services but no inpatient services.
- ❖ There is understaffing in all cadres like nurses, clinical officers and health officers.
- ❖ The hospital received its supply of drugs in November; the informed this was about 40% of what it ordered.
- ❖ The Hospital Board of Management was initially in place but has with the coming to effect of the Wajir County Health Facility Financing Act, 2023.
- ❖ The committee observed that the facility is not connected to the nearest pole being hundreds of meters away. Only the OI quarters have solar installation.
- ❖ The hospital lacks radiology equipment – x-rays and ultrasound.
- ❖ The hospital lacks laboratory equipment like hematology and

- ❖ There is need to have bush clearing and landscaping in the facility as the area is prone to snake bites.
- ❖ The facility has no running water and depends on water trucking which is costly. This hampers the daily operations of the facility.
- ❖ The maternity does not have an incubation unit
- ❖ Wards are incomplete and not operational.
- ❖ The committee noted that the facility lacks essential services such as physiotherapy and renal unit.
- ❖ There are inadequate staff quarters.
- ❖ The facility is not fenced, thus posing risk to patient safety and the security of hospital assets.

5 Korondile Health Center

The following is the human resources establishment of the facility;

1. Clinical officer- 0
2. Nurses- 3
3. Public health officers - 1
4. Nutritionist - 1

The committee made the following observations and findings during its visit to the facility;

- ❖ The toilets in the maternity unit are not in use due to lack of running water
- ❖ The facility is understaffed
- ❖ The roof of the OPD leaks during rainy seasons
- ❖ The only staff quarter in the facility is housing the Deputy County Commissioner, while the facility staff reside in rental houses within the town.
- ❖ The underground storage tank is leaking and not in use. It needs repairs.
- ❖ The facility needs solar installation or a back-up generator.
- ❖ The entire facility requires renovation.

6 Kutulo Sub-county Hospital.

The hospital has the following staff establishment;

s/no.	Designation	No.
1	Medical officers	0
2	Clinical officers	1
3	Nurses	2
4	Public Health Officers	1
5	Pharmacists	0
6	Nutritionists	0
7	Records	0
8	Radiologists	0
9	Community Health Worker	0
10	Anesthetist	0
11	Lab tech	1
12	Pharm tech	0
13	Support staff	0

The committee made the following observations and findings during its visit to the facility;

- ❖ The committee observed that this facility is a level 3A facility and not a level 4. It offers all the outpatient services but no inpatient services.
- ❖ There is understaffing in cadres like nurses, clinical officers and public health officers, among others.
- ❖ The county government has constructed a laboratory, general ward, radiology and theater which are all yet to be equipped and operationalized.
- ❖ There are inadequate staff quarters
- ❖ Lack of oxygen cylinders or concentrators.
- ❖ The OPD unit is small and congested.
- ❖ The facility lacks a proper fence thus putting a risk to patient safety and the security of hospital assets.

Kutulo Sub-county Hospital.

The hospital has the following staff establishment;

no.	Designation	No.
	Medical officers	0
	Clinical officers	1
	Nurses	2
	Public Health Officers	1
	Pharmacists	0
	Nutritionists	0
	Records	0
	Radiologists	0
	Community Health Worker	0
	Anesthetist	0
	Lab tech	1
	Pharm tech	0
	Support staff	0

The committee made the following observations and findings during its facility;

- The committee observed that this facility is a level 3A facility and not It offers all the outpatient services but no inpatient services.
There is understaffing in cadres like nurses, clinical officers and public officers, among others.
The county government has constructed a laboratory, general ward, and theater which are all yet to be equipped and operationalized.
There are inadequate staff quarters
Lack of oxygen cylinders or concentrators.
The OPD unit is small and congested.
The facility lacks a proper fence thus putting a risk to patient safety and security of hospital assets.

2.7 Sarif Health Centre.

The hospital has the following staff establishment;

S/No	Designation	No.
1	Medical officers	0
2	Clinical officers	0
3	Nurses	2
4	Public Health Officers	0
5	Pharmacists	0
6	Nutritionists	0
7	Records	0
8	Radiologists	0
9	Community Health Worker	1
10	Anesthetist	0
11	Lab tech	0
12	Pharm tech	0

The committee made the following observations and findings during its visit to the facility;

- ❖ There are adequate drugs, with the last supplies from KEMSA being a week before the Committee's visit.
- ❖ The facility has shortage of essential staff. In addition to the requirement of more nurses, the radiology unit that was constructed has no staff.
- ❖ There is power blackout every 5 pm, thus affecting the operations of the facility. The hospital, therefore, requires power back-up options.
- ❖ The Hospital Board of Management was initially in place but has been disbanded with the coming to effect of the Wajir County Health Facility Improvement Financing Act, 2023.
- ❖ The facility lacks an incinerator thus posing health risks arising from poor disposal of waste.

2.8 Biyamathow Health Centre

The hospital has the following staff establishment;

S/No	Designation	No.
1	Medical officers	0
2	Clinical officers	0
3	Nurses	1
4	Public Health Officers	1
5	Pharmacists	0
6	Nutritionists	0
7	Records	0
8	Radiologists	0
9	Community Health Worker	1
10	Anesthetist	0
11	Lab tech	1
12	Pharm tech	0

The committee made the following observations and findings during its visit to the facility;

- ❖ There are adequate drugs, with the last supplies from KEMSA being a week before the Committee's visit.
- ❖ The facility has shortage of essential staff. The Committee was informed that a nurse who was transferred from Dilmanyaley deserted duties and has not been replaced
- ❖ There is no staff toilet and as a result, staff share toilet with patients.
- ❖ Most of the staff have served in the facility for ten years with none of them ever promoted since their recruitment.
- ❖ There is power blackout every 7 pm, thus affecting the operations of the facility. The hospital, therefore, requires power backup options.
- ❖ The facility has no management committee in place as required by the Wajir County Health Facility Improvement Financing Act, 2023.
- ❖ The facility lacks an incinerator thus posing health risks arising from poor disposal of waste.

2.9 Sabuli Health Centre

The hospital has the following staff establishment;

S/No	Designation	No.
1	Medical officers	0
2	Clinical officers	0
3	Nurses	2
4	Public Health Officers	1
5	Pharmacists	0
6	Nutritionists	1
7	Records	0
8	Radiologists	0
9	Community Health Worker	1
10	Anesthetist	0
11	Lab tech	0
12	Pharm tech	0

The committee made the following observations and findings during its visit to the facility;

- ❖ There are adequate drugs, with the last supplies from KEMSA being a week before the Committee's visit.
- ❖ The Committee was informed that most of the health workers in this facility have their contracts ending soon or have been working without pay for months, following the end of their contracts. For example, a Lab Tech who was contracted by the Global Fund, has been working in the facility without pay for the last 18 months. The county government did not renew his contract, neither was he considered in the recent recruitment of health workers by the county government despite his long period of service and the fact that his services are still required. Two UHC staff, with one being the in-charge of the facility, have their contracts ending in May 2026.
- ❖ Some of the few staff contracted by the county government have served in the facility for ten years without being promoted since their recruitment.
- ❖ The Committee was informed that an ambulance donated to the facility by IGAD no longer serves the facility and its whereabouts could not be established.

- ❖ A building that was constructed in 2010 in the facility is not operational. The Committee was informed that the contractor is yet to hand over because of an alleged pending bill of 2,000,000 shillings. The building which is in a good condition is vital for the delivery of health services to the community but it is not serving the purpose it was built for.
- ❖ The facility has no management committee in place as required by the Wajir County Health Facility Improvement Financing Act, 2023.
- ❖ Both the incinerator and placenta pit have collapsed thus posing health risks arising from poor disposal of waste.

2.10. Dalsan dispensary

The facility is served by only one nurse.

The committee made the following observation and findings during their visit to the facility.

- ❖ This facility that was recently operationalised has serious bat infestation making it inhabitable.
- ❖ The hospital had adequate drugs having received its supply from KEMSA in November.
- ❖ There is no incinerator and placenta pit
- ❖ There is no staff quarter and staff toilet.
- ❖ The facility requires additional personnel to support the nurse who is the only healthcare worker serving the community.
- ❖ The fridge is out of order and requires replacement.
- ❖ The facility has no management committee in place as required by the Wajir County Health Facility Improvement Financing Act, 2023.

2.11 Abakore Health Centre

The hospital has the following staff establishment;

S/No.	Designation	No.
1	Medical officers	0
2	Clinical officers	0
3	Nurses	2
4	Public Health Officers	1

5	Pharmacists	0
6	Nutritionists	1
7	Records	0
8	Radiologists	0
9	Community Health Worker	1
10	Anesthetist	0
11	Lab tech	1
12	Pharm tech	0

The committee made the following observations and findings during its visit to the facility.

- ❖ There are adequate drugs, with the last supplies from KEMSA being a week before the Committee's visit.
- ❖ The installed solar is not functional and requires repair.
- ❖ The hospital lacks hematology equipment
- ❖ The facility has no management committee in place as required by the Wajir County Health Facility Improvement Financing Act, 2023.

2.12 Habaswein Sub-county Hospital

The hospital has the following staff establishment;

S/No	Designation	No.
1	Medical officers	2
2	Clinical officers	4
3	Nurses	10
4	Public Health Officers	1
5	Pharmacists	1
6	Nutritionists	2
7	Records	4
8	Radiologists	1
9	Community Health Worker	2
10	Anaesthetist	2
11	Lab tech	4

12	Pharm tech	1
13	Social worker	1
14	Bio medical	1
15	Dental tech.	1

The committee made the following observations and findings during its visit to the facility;

- ❖ The hospital had adequate drugs having received its supply from KEMSA in November.
- ❖ Main x-ray machine not functioning
- ❖ The dental unit lacks equipment-there is no operational dental chair.
- ❖ There is no functional New Born Unit, no incubator.
- ❖ Laboratory requires air conditioning, drainage, waste disposal and working benches.
- ❖ Pharmacy store requires renovation as it lacks ceiling and air conditioning
- ❖ The hospital has serious bat infestation- a meeting of the Committee and hospital staff was severally interrupted by flying bats and bat droppings.
- ❖ The facility requires fencing of the in-patient unit for security of hospital assets and patient safety.

2.13 Ademsajida Dispensary

The hospital has the following staff establishment;

S/No.	Designation	No.
1	Medical officers	0
2	Clinical officers	0
3	Nurses	2
4	Public Health Officers	1
5	Pharmacists	0
6	Nutritionists	1
7	Records	0
8	Radiologists	0
9	Community Health Worker	1
10	Anesthetist	0
11	Lab tech	0

The committee made the following observations and findings during its visit to the facility;

- ❖ The facility has huge cracks which may soon result in a disaster
- ❖ The maternity wing has serious bat infestation. There is a strong smell emanating from the building which makes it difficult for someone to go in. The Committee witnessed support staff sweeping heaps of bat droppings. The support staff had no protective gear while cleaning up the bat droppings, neither were the staff who were working in this hazardous environment.

2.14. LMD dispensary

The facility is only served by one nurse.

The Committee made the following observations and findings during its visit to the facility;

- ❖ The facility has no electricity and therefore requires solar installation
- ❖ It is water-scarce and depends on trucked water
- ❖ The facility also lacks a laboratory

2.15. Hadado Level Four Hospital

The hospital has the following staff establishment;

S/No.	Designation	No.
1	Medical officers	0
2	Clinical officers	2
3	Nurses	2
4	Public Health Officers	1
5	Pharmacists	0
6	Nutritionists	1
7	Records	0
8	Radiologists	0
9	Community Health Worker	1

10	Anesthetist	0
11	Lab tech	0
12	Pharm tech	0

The Committee made the following observation and findings during their visit to the facility;

- ❖ The hospital had adequate drugs having received its supply from KEMSA in November.
- ❖ The ambulance is not operational and requires repair works.
- ❖ There is need for underground water tank for water storage.
- ❖ There is need to upgrade the solar and have a back-up generator.

2.16. Athibohol Health Centre

The hospital has the following staff establishment;

S/No	Designation	No.
1	Medical officers	0
2	Clinical officers	1
3	Nurses	2
4	Public Health Officers	0
5	Pharmacists	0
6	Nutritionists	1
7	Records	0
8	Radiologists	0
9	Community Health Worker	1
10	Anesthetist	0
11	Lab tech	
12	Pharm tech	0

The Committee made the following observations and findings during its visit to the facility;

- ❖ The hospital had adequate drugs having received its supply from KEMSA in November.
- ❖ There is adequate water and power

❖ Emergency referrals are through the emergency coordination unit in Wajir

2.17. Garseqoftu dispensary

The facility is served by one nurse and one community health assistant.

The Committee made the following observations and findings during its visit to the facility;

- ❖ There are adequate drugs, with the last supplies from KEMSA being a week before the Committee's visit.
- ❖ The facility is not fenced
- ❖ Maternity wing needs renovation
- ❖ The facility lacks an incinerator thus posing health risks arising from poor disposal of waste.

2.18. Arbajahan Health Centre

The hospital has the following staff establishment;

S/No.	Designation	No.
1	Medical officers	0
2	Clinical officers	1
3	Nurses	1
4	Public Health Officers	1
5	Pharmacists	0
6	Nutritionists	1
7	Records	0
8	Radiologists	0
9	Community Health Worker	0
10	Anesthetist	0
11	Lab tech	1
12	Pharm tech	0

The Committee made the following observations and findings during its visit to the facility;

- ❖ The hospital had adequate drugs having received its supply from KEMSA in November.
- ❖ The facility lacks toilets for both patients and staff.
- ❖ The facility serves a large population which overwhelms the staff. Therefore, there is need to post additional personnel to the hospital.

2.19. Griftu Sub-County Hospital

The hospital has the following staff establishment;

S/No.	Designation	No.
1	Medical officers	2
2	Clinical officers	4
3	Nurses	10
4	Public Health Officers	2
5	Pharmacists	0
6	Nutritionists	1
7	Records	2
8	Radiologists	1
9	Community Health Worker	2
10	Anesthetist	2
11	Lab tech	3
12	Pharm tech	1
13	Social worker	1
14	Bio medical engineer	1
15	Dental tech	0

The Committee made the following observations and findings during its visit to the facility;

- ❖ The hospital had adequate drugs having received its supply from KEMSA in November.
- ❖ Maternity wing requires an incubator and resuscitator
- ❖ There is no staff toilet
- ❖ The facility requires fencing of the in-patient unit to stop the theft of hospital assets and enhance patient safety.

3.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker sir, the Medical services, Public Health and Sanitation Committee recommends the following;

- ❖ The Committee noted that health facilities are unable to utilize funds generated at the facility level. This situation has arisen due to the unlawful usurpation of powers by the County Chief Officer for Finance, who has designated himself as a signatory to the Health Facility Improvement Financing (HFIF) funds as well as the mandatory approver of these funds, contrary to the Wajir County Health Facility Improvement Financing Act, 2023. The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health Services should ensure strict compliance with the Act and guarantee that only legally mandated signatories have access to and approve these funds.
- ❖ Ademsajida Dispensary should be closed with immediate effect due to serious safety concerns. The facility poses significant risks to both patients and medical personnel, as extensive structural cracks have been observed on the walls, raising the likelihood of partial or total building collapse. In addition, the maternity wing is unsafe due to severe bat infestation, which presents potential health hazards to patients and staff.
- ❖ The Department should address human resource disparities in facility staffing by deploying additional personnel to facilities currently manned by a single staff member and reallocating staff from facilities with comparatively higher staffing levels.
- ❖ The Department should develop clear guidelines on the maintenance and allocation of ambulances for sub-county hospitals in order to address challenges related to emergency referrals.
- ❖ Level 4 hospitals should be standardized in terms of infrastructure, equipment, and personnel to minimize unnecessary referrals to the Level 5 hospital.
- ❖ Staff welfare should be prioritized, including timely promotions, particularly for staff who have stagnated in the same job group for more than ten years, provision of comprehensive health insurance cover, and construction of staff housing, which is currently lacking in most facilities.
- ❖ Incinerators should be constructed in rural facilities to ensure proper disposal of medical waste.
- ❖ At Sabuli and Bute, essential health facilities have been locked by contractors due to alleged non-payment of a pending bill amounting to over Ksh 2,000,000. The Committee recommends that all verified pending bills relating to construction works in health facilities across the County, as identified in the

Report of the Wajir County Assembly Ad Hoc Committee on Pending Bills, be settled to allow utilization of these important infrastructures.

- ❖ Most rural facilities are experiencing serious bat infestation, rendering them uninhabitable. These include Ademsajida and Dalsan Dispensaries, among others. The Department should renovate the affected facilities and adopt building designs that minimize the risk of bat colonization in future construction projects.
- ❖ The Department should ensure that all health facilities have access to clean and reliable water sources, functional sanitation facilities, and adequate handwashing stations in compliance with public health standards.
- ❖ Solar power systems should be installed in facilities without reliable electricity to ensure uninterrupted service delivery, particularly in maternity wards and laboratories.
- ❖ To strengthen drug supply chain management, the Department should implement robust stock monitoring systems in all health facilities to prevent frequent stock-outs of essential medicines and commodities and ensure timely requisition from KEMSA. Currently, supplies are delivered twice a year; this should be increased to quarterly deliveries.
- ❖ The Department should procure and maintain essential diagnostic equipment, including but not limited to X-ray machines, ultrasound machines, laboratory analyzers, and biochemistry machines.
- ❖ The County Department of Health should urgently address staffing gaps, particularly for Medical Officers, Clinical Officers, Nursing staff, Laboratory Technologists, and Pharmaceutical Technologists.
- ❖ The Department should organize regular capacity-building initiatives and Continuous Medical Education (CME) programs for healthcare workers to enhance their professional skills and align services with emerging health trends and national guidelines.
- ❖ Eldas Sub-County Hospital and Korondile health facilities are facing serious safety concerns. These pose significant risks to both patients and medical personnel, as extensive structural cracks have been observed on the walls, raising the likelihood of partial or total building collapse due to the clay soil type.
- ❖ In Bute, the pathways to the health facility cross a stream originating from the hilly areas. During the rainy season, this poses serious risks to patients and staff accessing the facility.
- ❖ In Dadajabula, the land designated for future hospital expansion is not fenced and is therefore at risk of encroachment. The Department should ensure the immediate fencing of the land. Additionally, the equipping and operationalization of the theatre should be undertaken without further delay.

The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health should urgently constitute and gazette the Hospital Boards of Management for the sub-county hospitals to ensure smooth operationalization of the facilities and proper utilization of internally generated revenue.