

STATEMENT ON STATUS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RONALD NGALA UTALII COLLEGE  
IN KILIFI COUNTY

On 4<sup>th</sup>, March, 2014, the Member for Kaloleni Constituency Constituency, Hon. Gunda Mwinga Chea, MP requested for a statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning and Trade regarding the implementation status of Ronald Ngala Utalii College in Kilifi County. The member indicated that the Government approved the establishment of Ronald Ngala Utalii as the second National Tourism institution in 1996 and subsequently earmarked it as one of the Vision 2030 flagship projects to be financed by the Government of Kenya.

The Hon. Member further submitted that the initial cost of the project was estimated to be Khs. 1.9 billion but was varied to Khs. 8.9 billion at the time of tender award. Though the tender was duly awarded and the contractor went to the site, construction has since stalled. The Member therefore requested the chair to inquire into and report on:-

- i. *the reasons why the project stalled*
- ii. *when will the National Treasury avail Funds to the ongoing construction of the proposed project*
- iii. *the expected completion date of the said project*

The Committee sought for the response from the Ministry of East African Affairs, Commerce & Tourism (the Ministry charged with the responsibility of overseeing implementation of the project) and wishes to respond as follows:

1. Why the project stalled


It is true that Ronald Ngala Utalii College project in Kilifi covering 31,000m<sup>2</sup> was approved by the Cabinet in 2007 at a total cost of Ksh. 1.9848billion. However, the project is lagging behind schedule because the variation from Ksh.1.9848billion and 31,000 m<sup>2</sup> to Ksh.8.9 billion and 94,000 m<sup>2</sup> had neither been re-approved by the Cabinet nor the National Treasury.

2. When will the National Treasury avail funds to the on-going construction of the project

There are consultations within Government on the way forward for the project. However, the Government is committed to the project.

3. Completion date of the project

The expected completion date of the project will be known once the consultations are finalized.

Signed.....

Hon. Nelson Gaichuhie, MP  
Vice Chairman,  
Finance, Planning & Trade Committee.

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