



REMARKS BY H E SUSAN KIHKA DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MOTHER AND BABY WING AT THE ELBURON LEVEL 4 HOSPITAL IN ELDBURON, MOLO, NAKURU COUNTY ON 30TH JUNE, 2026

Honourable Members of the County Assembly;

Members of the County Executive;

Our healthcare workers;

Development partners;

Distinguished guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning.

1. Today is a day of great joy for the people of Elburgon, Molo Sub County, and indeed the entire County of Nakuru. We have come together not simply to open a building, but to open new possibilities for thousands of mothers, newborns and families who depend on this hospital.
2. Every child deserves a safe beginning. Every mother deserves to experience pregnancy and childbirth with dignity, confidence and the assurance that quality healthcare is within reach. That is what this Mother and Baby Wing represents.
3. Behind every delivery is a family waiting with hope. Behind every newborn's first cry is a mother whose courage deserves our respect and whose safety must always be our priority. Today, we celebrate them.
4. This project began in 2021 but unfortunately stalled after the first phase. Many people wondered whether it would ever be completed. As a government, we made a deliberate decision that it could not remain another unfinished promise. During the 2024/2025 financial year, we allocated Sh10 million to complete this facility because the health of our mothers and babies could not wait.
5. With that investment, we have been able to complete the internal wards, install doors, paint and finish the building, construct the septic system and placenta pit, improve electrical works and build the covered walkway connecting the Outpatient Department to the maternity unit. Today, I am proud to officially declare this Mother and Baby Wing complete, operational and ready to serve our people.

6. This facility has significantly expanded our capacity. It now provides 30 maternity beds, 10 baby cots, four incubators, three resuscitaires and two modern delivery beds. These are not just numbers or pieces of equipment. They represent lives that will be saved.
7. They mean that a premature baby born too early will have a better chance of surviving because an incubator is available. They mean that a newborn who needs urgent resuscitation can receive immediate care. They mean that mothers recovering after delivery will have more space, greater privacy and the dignity they deserve during one of the most important moments of their lives.

Our healthcare workers will also benefit from improved working conditions, allowing them to serve patients more efficiently and with even greater dedication.

8. This hospital is a lifeline for the people of Elburgon and the wider Molo region. Every month, our dedicated healthcare teams safely deliver about 120 babies through normal delivery and perform between 15 and 20 Caesarean sections. Every one of those births carries a story of hope.
9. Each year, this facility serves hundreds of newborns, thousands of young children and women who require specialised maternal care, including emergency obstetric services. With this new wing, mothers will receive timely care, emergency interventions will be faster, and referrals across the region will become more effective.
10. To our doctors, nurses, clinical officers, laboratory staff, pharmacists, records officers, support staff and everyone who keeps this hospital running, I want to express my deepest gratitude. You are the heartbeat of our health system. Buildings alone do not save lives. It is your compassion, your professionalism and your commitment that transform these walls into a place of healing.

We also recognise that our work is not yet complete.

11. We remain committed to addressing staffing gaps by strengthening specialised services, including obstetrics and paediatrics, while recruiting additional healthcare workers where resources allow. We are equally focused on completing other priority projects at this hospital, including the construction of a perimeter fence and gate, installation of a larger standby generator and the establishment of a dedicated maternity theatre. These investments will further strengthen healthcare services for our people.
12. As we celebrate today, I want to speak directly to every expectant mother in Elburgon and across Molo. When the time comes to bring your child into the

world, know that your county government has invested in a safer place for you. Know that you will be welcomed into a facility designed to protect both your life and the life of your baby. Know that you matter.

13. And to every child who will be born in this new wing, we may never know your name today, but we know that your future matters to us. You are the reason we invest in healthcare. You are the reason we continue building stronger health systems across Nakuru County.
14. Healthcare remains one of the pillars of our development agenda because a healthy population is the foundation of a prosperous county. When mothers are safe, families thrive. When children survive and grow healthy, communities become stronger. When hospitals are equipped and healthcare workers are supported, hope replaces fear.
15. This Mother and Baby Wing is therefore more than a completed project. It is a symbol of our commitment to protecting life, restoring dignity and ensuring that no mother is left behind simply because quality healthcare is unavailable.
16. I thank everyone who contributed to making this project a reality—from our healthcare teams and contractors to county officers, leaders and the people of Elburgon who remained patient and steadfast throughout this journey. Together, we are building a healthier, stronger and more caring Nakuru.

Thank you.

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GOVERNOR, NAKURU COUNTY