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STATEMENT BY HON LILILAN GOR ON EMERGENCIES IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Speaker, I would like to request the following statement from the chairperson of the Committee on Administration and Stakeholders Management concerning emergencies in the county in accordance with s.o no. 41(2)(c).

Hon. Speaker, last week a mother and her three children were burnt to death by a fire that razed their house at night in Bonyando village, Bomorenda Ward, Bonchari constituency on Wednesday night.

The distress calls from the neighbours to the county government, especially the department concerned went unanswered, as such the victims were not rescued yet fire fighting equipment are available in the county including the fire fighting vehicle.

Hon. Speaker, the Core functions of the section are to promote fire safety in the county, and in doing so, make arrangements to provide information and publicity in respect of the steps to be taken to prevent— a fire; death by fire; floods; injury by fire; or collapse of a building. Further, it offers advice on how to prevent fires and restrict their spread in buildings and other property; secure the provision of the personnel, services and equipment necessary efficiently to meet all normal requirements; secure the provision of training for personnel; extinguish

fires when they arise; protect life and property in the event of a fire in its area; identify and facilitate a means of escape from buildings and other property in case of fire; and in the event of a road traffic accident, protect people from harm to the extent it considers it reasonable to do so;

Moreover, the section should also make arrangements to deal with calls for help and for summoning personnel; obtain information needed for the discharge of functions; and ensure that reasonable steps are taken to prevent or limit damage to property resulting from action taken for the discharge of their role.

Hon. Speaker, the dpt to provide a comprehensive report to this house detailing how prepared are to attend to emergencies in the county.

Thank you.