

# THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **UPDATE ON THE REPORTED PARTIAL COLLAPSE OF THE ROOF OF WARD EIGHT UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT JOOTRH**

The ongoing extension of ward 7/8 is one of the ongoing projects at JOOTRH to increase capacity and improve service delivery. The construction of this ward will increase the ward capacity at the facility by 100 beds.

Yesterday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021, there was a reported partial collapse of the roof of the ongoing construction wherefore H.E the Governor instructed the County Engineering Department to commence immediate investigations around that mishap and report to him within 48 hours.

The engineers have been on site and have come up with a preliminary report as follows;

1. That no roof collapsed as reported;
2. That on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 2021, the contractor was issued with instructions to demolish and redo the concrete gutter at the back of the building which he had not been done according to specifications
3. That on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2021, the contractor was doing the demolition of the concrete gutter as earlier instructed. In the process of doing so, about half the length of the concrete gutter collapsed on to the floor because the contractor removed all the supporting wooden props over a larger span instead of doing the demolition systematically.



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It is important to note that the project the project is being supervised closely and the incident is a result of thorough supervision by the project management team. Instructions to construct or demolish is a normal standard practice during project implementation. The contractor can be instructed to rectify work not properly done at any time and stage of the project.

The supervising engineers confirms that that materials used are approved by KEBS and samples of the materials on site are usually taken to the laboratory for testing and none has failed.

They have also confirmed that the whole building in sound structural health and there should be no cause for alarm.

Once again we wish to reiterate that no one was injured in the incident including those working on site.

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