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### SCORE CARD

### GOVERNOR'S 100 DAYS IN OFFICE

H.E. Hon. Dr. Wilber K. Ottichilo, Governor Vihiga County set expectations and timelines within which he was to be judged against in terms of service delivery and development. Dr. Ottichilo was sworn in on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017 and assumed office on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017 with a vision to make Vihiga County a prosperous and model County in Kenya.

In his first 100 days, H.E. The Governor has been on a mission to formulate and implement good governance and development systems that will guide his delivery on the promises he made to the people of Vihiga County.

However, in the governor's mission to expedite service delivery and development to the people of Vihiga County, his efforts have not failed short of challenges. The key challenges encountered by the Governor are:

1. On assumption of office, the new county government found out that there was no clearly established governance system in the county and neither were there any on-going development projects. Further, there was no money at all in any of the County Government bank accounts and the attitude of the staff towards the new government was generally negative and uncooperative. Any effort made by the new county government to stamp sanity in the county was met with resistance and court cases.
2. Generally, the current county government of Vihiga is still the old government and it lacks the basic capability and capacity to function effectively and efficiently.
3. The bloated workforce cannot be fixed immediately because of the legal constraints in the Constitution, the Employment Act and other laws. The Law requires clear procedure to be followed and if this is not done the County Government risks losing a lot of money in compensating the staff that may be laid off. As much as the contracts were given by the former Government they are still binding to the new Government and as such, the new administration can only get out of them through the laid down procedures.

4. The numerous court cases against the County Government since the Governor's assumption to office have had a major impact on his performance. The aim of the cases is to delay the Governor's vision and stability. However, it is important to note that the County Government has been able to maneuver through and is in the process of forming a fully-fledged government in the very near future. All vices impeding development and smooth running of the County Government will be taken head-on, guided by laws of this land.
5. There is need for a comprehensive legal audit in the County Government of Vihiga. This will look into the legality or lack thereof of the various activities by the former Government. It will examine the legal status of institutions associated with the County Government including the football clubs, the Radio Station, Service providers and how to regularize the relationship as per the existing laws. It will further inform the necessary steps to be taken against any malpractices that may have occurred.
6. For the last 3 months, the County has not received any money for development from Treasury, only money for salaries has been remitted irregularly but not enough meet the current wage bill. Equally very little money has been remitted for recurrent expenditure and consequently there has been very little going on at the county for the last three months.
7. The new government has faced major challenges in the recruitment of its county executive committee members and chief officers mainly due to the prolonged recruitment process by the County Public Service Board (CPSB) and litigation regarding the nominations of different candidates to different positions. To date, the new government has only recruited and installed the CECMs.

Despite the above challenges, the current government has made significant progress in the implementation of the pledges made by the Governor in his manifesto to the people of Vihiga County.

This report card highlights the achievements so far made and further envisages expected accomplishments in the next 100 days from today.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **22<sup>nd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2017**

1. H.E. The Governor met CEC, COs AND H.O.Ds to familiarize himself with the functioning and the challenges of the County Government of Vihiga.
2. Under the invitation of the County Assembly, Kenya National Audit Office (KENAO) commenced on the auditing of the pending bills of the County. The report has been finalized and presented to the County Government for action. **(within 45 days)**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> September, 2017**

1. H.E. released the Governor's Executive Order No. 1 on **Structure and Functions of Vihiga County Government.** In this structure he created the following new Directorates: **(within 14 days)**
  - a. Efficiency Monitoring Unit (EMU), Research and Innovation Unit, Disaster Management Unit, ICT and Internal Audit in the office of the Governor

- b. Public Health Directorate in the Department of Health Services
  - c. Technical and Vocational Training Directorate in the Department of Education, Science and Technology
  - d. ECDE Directorate in the Department of Education, Science and Technology
  - e. Cooperative Directorate in the Department of Agriculture
  - f. Directorate of Water in the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources
2. Instituted staff head-count of all Vihiga County Government staff to ascertain the staff numbers and functions of County Government employees.
  3. Invited the Directorate of Personnel Management (DPM) from the office of the president to undertake a comprehensive staff audit and job evaluation of Vihiga County Government employees. The final report is expected to be submitted to the Governor before 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. **(within 60 days)**
  4. The County Government instituted audit of all stalled projects by respective departments and the information has been used in the preparation of the 2017/18 supplementary budget to ensure that this projects are completed and operationalized. **(within 90 days)**
  5. The Governor met all elected MCAs and discussed the roles of the County Executive and the County Legislature and agreed on how the two arms of Government should operate to FastTrack development in the County. **(within 30 days)**
  6. Under the chairmanship of ANC Party leader, H.E. Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, the Governor met all elected leaders from Vihiga County in Nairobi. In that meeting, he briefed them on the status of the County as he found it since assuming office and informed them how he was going to deal with the challenges. They pledged their total support to his leadership at the County. **(Within 30 days)**
  7. H.E. The Governor met with the Speaker of the County Assembly, Ms. Hasna Mudezi Mbone, and agreed on the mode of cooperation and support between the two arms of Vihiga County Government.
  8. The Governor officially opened the second Vihiga County Assembly on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 and in his speech, he highlighted his vision and development agenda for the County.
  9. The Governor met the Chamber of Commerce, Vihiga Chapter, and discussed issues regarding creating enabling environment for business promotion, investment and growth in the County.
  10. Commenced the preparation of the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) through public participation. The Governor launched the first of its kind in the whole country, a web based CIDP Public participation portal ([www.countyprojects.or.ke](http://www.countyprojects.or.ke)). The Economic planning division of the County held meetings in the 25 wards of Vihiga County and collected development proposals for input into the CIDP. **(within 30 days)**
  11. The Governor visited all the five sub-counties to familiarize with their staff, functions and challenges.
  12. The Governor met the Telkom Kenya team and agreed on how to re-establish the internet and communication systems that had been withdrawn due to non-payment of services. He further agreed with the team to establish a comprehensive communication network system for the entire county that will enable the County Government to transact most of its communication functions and activities online.

13. The Governor met the western region Safaricom team and discussed modalities of the county government offices in Mbale being connected to the optic fiber.
14. The Governor met the Living Water International and had a discussion on how to collaborate in the provision of water to the people of Vihiga County. Specifically, Living Water International was keen to support water projects that had stalled. A working team was established to come up with projects that will be implemented during 2017/2018 fiscal year.
15. The County website was moribund and lacked content. As a key communications tool for the County Government, the website was revamped and up-to date content posted on it. To increase its capacity, Social Media communication platforms (Facebook, twitter and Instagram platforms) were linked to it to establish daily up to date information from the County Government. **(within 75 days)**
16. The County Government constituted a committee to take an inventory of assets owned by previous municipal councils and the National Government before the implementation of the County Government as required by the Ministry of Devolution and the Planning and County Inter-Relations office. This committee is in the process of finalizing its report which should be submitted to the ministry before 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017**

1. The Governor commenced on the preparation of the supplementary budget 2017/18 to conform to his manifesto.
2. The Governor met with the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) team and discussed on the modalities of their resuming to supply drugs to all the Vihiga County medical facilities. They had stopped the supply in 2014 due to non-payment of previous bills amounting to Kshs. 47 million. The Governor agreed to settle the bill in installments and KEMSA agreed to resume the supply of drugs to the County under an agreed MoU. The MoU was drafted and signed at the end of October 2017.
3. The Governor met the Chinese Overseas Construction company (COVEC) and discussed the progress of the Kisumu-Kakamega Road and their Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) as regards to the provision of services to Gambogi, Majengo, Mbale and Chavakali towns. In the meeting it was agreed that COVEC will provide feeder roads, street lighting and drainage systems in these towns.
4. The Governor met with EPZ to discuss establishing their processing plant at Kaimosi. The County Government has already engaged the Friends Church and negotiations are at advanced stage towards the Church leasing 30 acres of land to the County Government. The EPZ plant will have the capacity creating employment for 10,000 people engaging in Agro processing, skins and hides processing, value addition and promotion of cottage industries.
5. The Governor met the officials of KERRA and KURA. They discussed and agreed on how to cooperate in the construction and maintenance of roads in the County.
6. The Governor met with the Belgium Water Project Management Team and discussed modalities of the implementation of the Kshs. 1.7 Billion water project in Vihiga county.

The project will expand and rehabilitate the Kaimosi, Mbale and Maseno water supplies. The project will have the capacity of helping over 300,000 people.

After this meeting, he also met the Belgium Ambassador in Nairobi.

7. The Governor met the Chief Mechanical engineer in Nairobi and discussed the status of the acquisition of the fire engine and the rapid response vehicle valuation that had been submitted to him for evaluation. The engineer provided the evaluation and it has been used to place an order for the purchase of the same.
8. H.E. met the GIZ team in Nairobi and the team agreed to fund the CIDP Validation process meetings at the sub-county level. They further agreed to support the preparation of the County Public Participation policy and the County Ethics and Values policy.
9. The Governor met the controller of budget in Nairobi and discussed the challenges that the County was facing in terms of money requisition approvals and how this process could be enhanced.
10. The Governor met the director of IFMIS and discussed on how the capacity of the staff at the County could be enhanced in order to effectively use IFMIS in e-governance, specifically e-procurement. The director agreed to send his staff to train the relevant County Government staff.
11. H.E. met the commissioner for revenue allocation in Nairobi and discussed how the County could improve in its revenue collection. The commission agreed to visit the County and acquaint itself with the challenges the County was facing in revenue collection.
12. Working with the MCAs, the Governor finalized work programs for the rehabilitation of the County Roads. The County Government of Vihiga has already received Kshs 76 Million of kshs 164 Million from the Kenya Roads board (KRB) as the first and second quarter disbursement for road maintenance. Tendering for these works will be soon advertised and works to begin as soon as the rains subside.

### **1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

1. The Governor met with the Iranian Ambassador to Kenya in Nairobi and discussed modalities of how Iran could fund development projects in the county particularly on water and infrastructure.
2. After the vetting of the nominees for CECM by the County Assembly, the Governor appointed the 10 new CEC Members to their respective positions and they assumed office.
3. To enhance revenue collection in the county, the Governor in collaboration with the CECM for Finance and Planning appointed acting revenue receiver to be responsible for the coordination and management of revenue collection in the County. The County Government is also in the process of establishing a fully-fledged unit within treasury to be responsible for revenue collection through an automated system. The revenue collection staff have been given requisite identification and uniform.
4. To enhance garbage collection in our urban areas and markets, the County Government has allocated one lorry and tractor each for Luanda and Mbale areas. Further, the garbage collection system has been streamlined and the staff involved have been given requisite equipment. **(within 120 days) achieved ahead of schedule**

5. The Governor brought on board KBC experts to advice on the restructuring of the Vihiga FM Radio so that it can function as an independent entity with its own budget and management. Further, they are expected to advice on how to establish a Vihiga TV station particularly to undertake needs assessment.
6. The Governor met with USAID-AHADI team in Nairobi, discussed and agreed how to collaborate and support capacity building in governance to the County. USAID agreed to fund the induction course for the newly appointed CECM members at the Kenya School of Government (KSG). They also agreed to support the CIDP validation workshop at the County level and the editing and printing of the final CIDP document.
7. The Governor met with MEDS team in Nairobi and discussed the possibility of resumption of supply of drugs to the County. It was noted that the County owed MEDS Kshs 17 million and MEDS insisted that the debt must be settled before resumption of supply. However, it was finally agreed that the County will pay the debt in phases and MEDS will resume supplies of drugs under a new agreement.
8. The Governor met with the Director of Planning in Nairobi and was briefed on the World Bank urban management funding program that aims to establish management boards for County urban areas. It was agreed during the meeting, that the Vihiga urban municipality will be funded under this five-year program to the tune of Kshs 1.25 billion. Certain conditions had to be met before this program officially commences in July 2018. The County is currently working towards the fulfilment of these conditions.
9. CIDP validation at the Sub-county level was undertaken under the sponsorship of GIZ and the draft CIDP has been finalized.
10. The Governor attended the Africa GIS 2017 conference in Addis Ababa Ethiopia as a keynote speaker on the use of Geospatial data and statistics in sustainable development in Africa. During the conference, he met the Airbus team who donated the latest satellite imagery for Vihiga County (Imagery taken on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2017). The imagery will be used to develop Land Information Management System for Vihiga County and Airbus will support this initiative. The imagery is valued at \$100,000.
11. The draft CIDP was presented to the Directors, Chief Officers and CECMs on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 and their input was solicited. Once they provide their input, the CIDP will be updated in readiness to presentation at the County Validation workshop on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. The final CIDP is planned to be presented to the County Assembly on or before 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.
12. The 2017/18 supplementary budget was presented to the directors, COs and CECMs on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 by the office of the Governor, discussed and approved. It is now awaiting to be presented to the cabinet for approval before being forwarded to the County Assembly not later than 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.
13. The Governor officially flagged off the first consignment of the KEMSA medical supplies and non-pharmaceuticals worth Kshs 30 million on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. This was the first supply after the operationalization of the MoU signed between the County Government of Vihiga and KEMSA. The supply re-established uninterrupted medical service delivery to the people of Vihiga County. **(within 90 days)**
14. The County Government wishes to inform the people on its development activities on a quarterly basis through the Vihiga News quarterly newsletter, apart from the regular

news provided on the website and official social media platforms. The first publication of Vihiga News quarterly newsletter is almost ready for publication and it is expected to be officially released to the public before 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. **(Within 75 Days)**

It is worth noting that the above highlighted achievement has been made possible mostly due to the Governor's efforts to solicit funding and partnership from external sources and willing development partners. In this regard, I wish to acknowledge the following:

- **USAID-AHADI Program, GIZ, KEMSA, Belgium Government, COVEC, Director of IFMIS, Directorate of Personnel Management from office of the President, KBC, Airbus**

### **SCORE CARD**

The Governor's manifesto indicates that within 100 days of his assumption of office, he was supposed to accomplish 14 tasks. These tasks were as follows:

	<b>TASK</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
1	Establish structure and function of the Government	100%	✓
2	Meet all elected leaders of Vihiga County	100%	✓
3	Institute and audit of Vihiga County Public debt and liabilities	100%	✓
4	Convene County Cohesion conference	0%	Due to prolonged political instability
5	Commission staff audit and job evaluation of the Vihiga County Government staff	100%	✓
6	Convene healthcare and medical services consultative forum	0%	There was need to restructure the Government first
7	Launch the preparation of the CIDP	100%	✓
8	Revamp county website and initiate publication of county quarterly news	100%	✓
9	Launch detailed inventory publication of all key public facilities and amenities in the county	0%	Delay in acquisition of satellite imagery. It was acquired 19 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017 by Airbus.
10	Ensure all health facilities have medical supplies	100%	✓
11	Audit all stalled projects	100%	✓
12	Develop a master plan for technical and vocational training	0%	There was need to restructure the Government first and have CECMs in place first
13	Convene public private partnership summit on investment in the county	0%	Due to prolonged political instability

**The Governor has accomplished 8 tasks out of the 13 pledges he made in his manifesto. This is 61.5% achievement in the first 100 days.**

Further, he has accomplished tasks that were supposed to be achieved beyond the first 100 days. These include:

1. Implementation of cleaning and waste collection in our main markets
2. Restructured revenue collection and appointed a county revenue receiver
3. Instituted a zero-tolerance policy to corruption in the county
4. Instituted a transparent and budget-based financial management system
5. We are in the process of restructuring Vihiga FM and Vihiga United FC

### **THE NEXT 100 DAYS**

1. Establish a fully-fledged functioning government with a lean, efficient and effective workforce.
2. Disburse education bursaries to the wards through established education committees.
3. Finalize Ward Development Fund and disburse first tranche of development funds to the wards.
4. Enact a number of sectoral policies and laws that will guide the development process in the county.
5. Rehabilitate major roads that have been destroyed by the current heavy rains.
6. We will embark on the completion of stalled projects particularly: bridges, health centers, classrooms
7. Embark on installation of high mast lighting in our major County Markets.
8. Develop and launch an Integrated business licensing, rating and revenue collection system that will reduce harassment of traders and business people, stealing and diverting of revenue for personal benefit and corruption.
9. Develop and launch County communication, public participation and anti-corruption strategies.
10. In consultation with the transport operators (buses, matatu and bodaboda), formulate and operationalize a Transport Policy that will ensure a safe operation of the County Transport System.
11. Establish a County Empowerment Fund for access of soft loans by young entrepreneurs, local business people and SACCOs.
12. Implement staff and pending bills audit reports.
13. Conduct a legal audit of the county government.

The County Government of Vihiga is fully committed to delivering services and development to the people of Vihiga County. As we look forward to this, we pray for guidance and patience as we endeavor to deliver on the hopes of the proud people of this county. As soon as possible, the County Government, through the stewardship of the Governor, will focus on the next 5 years; implementation of the CIDP through annual budgeting and preparation of work plans.



The Governor and the entire County Government of Vihiga is committed to working for the people of Vihiga County. Our work and service delivery will judge us, as good students of history, we are not intent on repeating the mistakes of the previous administration.

We ask for the support of the people of Vihiga County and the entire County leadership as we seek, together, to transform Vihiga into a prosperous and model county in the country.

Last and not least, I wish to thank the people of Vihiga county for electing me as their second Governor and those who have supported and worked with me since assumption of office as the Governor of Vihiga County.

**Thank you, God bless us all, God bless Vihiga County and God bless Kenya.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Ottichilo', written over a horizontal dotted line.

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