

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF VIHIGA



DEPARTMENT OF GENDER, CULTURE, YOUTH, SPORTS AND SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE OF THE CECM

The County Government of Vihiga, through the Vihiga County Symbols Selection Panel, a standing Committee domiciled in the Department of Gender, Culture, Youth, Sports & Social Services in line with the Vihiga County Flags and other Symbols Act, 2014; invites members of the public to submit their Vihiga County Anthem Compositions. Composers are invited to submit their anthem entries in both **hard and soft copies** by latest **8th August, 2025**.

The compositions should adhere to the following guidelines:

1. **Melody:** Should be original-independent in rhythm and pitch arrangements.
Should be memorable, catchy and simple to sing.
2. **Structure:** Strophic form with three verses to the same tune and a refrain.
3. **Length:** NOT more than three (3) minutes.
4. **Text:** Should be well packaged, concise, and impactful with powerful message to the people of Vihiga County. Generally, the thematic areas highlighted in 4a, b, c, d & e below will constitute the text of the anthem. Verse one should acknowledge God as the enabler of the achievements in some of the thematic areas highlighted below:
 - a) **Values** -The Anthem should clearly articulate values and virtues that the residents of Vihiga County are expected to portray: respect, patience, honesty, hard work and commitment to service delivery.
 - b) Our **cultural heritage**- the anthem should make reference to the County's traditions, languages, and historical landmarks.
 - c) **Natural beauty** - highlight on lush landscapes, forests, and rivers that characterize Vihiga county, hence promoting environmental stewardship.
 - d) **Unity and diversity** reflecting the harmony among different communities within the county and their shared goals towards a better future.
 - e) **Progress and Development:** the Anthem should highlight the County's aspirations in education, infrastructure, health care, agriculture and economic growth.
5. **Talent:** Acknowledge talent development within Vihiga County.
6. **Language:** Kiswahili will be the language of the Anthem.

7. **Emotional Impact:** The composition text, rhythm, groove and harmony should evoke strong emotions to the people of Vihiga county in the spirit of patriotism thus, encourage the people of Vihiga to come and work together towards developing the county for better future aspirations.
8. **Score:** Submitted music scores, ONLY limited to the residents of Vihiga County should be complete, clear and accurately transcribed hard copy in SATB voice parts including a page with a clearly outlined song text. The music score should also be in soft copy accompanied with media versions (mp3 format) of the same proposed composition stored in a flash disc and/or sent to the email address provided below.

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You can also drop your Anthem composition at the Governor's Office, 2nd Floor, Rm.207.