

VIHIGA COUNTY GOVERNMENT



VIHIGA MUNICIPAL BOARD

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JUSTIFICATION

As a legal requirement, activities of the Municipal Board have to be subjected to Public Participation where Stakeholders have to debate on the activities and proposals and give approvals where necessary before the publicizing and implementation of the activities.

Through the Urban Development Grant (UDG) an Urban Infrastructure Capital Development Grant by the World Bank, the Municipal Board made project proposals for implementation in the financial year 2019/2020 which had been put forth for stakeholders validation and debating where possible.

Various groups and institutions were consulted on the above mentioned matters. These includes Religious Organizations, Community Based Organizations, Youth Groups, Women groups, Non-governmental Organizations (NGO's), Government Officials, Education Institutions, Opinion Leaders, People Living with Disabilities

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1. Citizen engagement in matters to do with municipal development is not only a constitutional right but a critical process through which citizens' felt needs are collected, analyzed and also prioritized. It is also consistent with the bottom-up approach to development planning.
2. Citizen engagement is also a minimum requirement under the Kenya Urban Support Program (KUSP) that is funded by the World Bank.
3. Citizen engagement for Mudete market was convened by Vihiga Municipal Board at Lusambwa Friends Church, Mudete on 23rd January 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Japheth Alengo the Ward Administrator North Maragoli Ward who requested for an opening prayer from Benard Mulavi. He further did a general introduction of the members according to the various categories that had been invited to the meeting.

7. Youth
8. Maendeleo ya wanawake.
9. People living with disability.
10. Clergy men and women.
11. Chamber of commerce members
12. Bodaboda

He handed over the program to Mr. Clement Aderi who introduced the other administrators and county officials present.

9. Sub-county Administrator- Sabatia sub-county.
10. Sub-county Administrator – Vihiga sub-county
11. Director Public service, Administration and coordination of county affairs.

2.0 SPEECHES

2.1 Remarks from the Market Committee Chairperson, Mudete

He welcomed all stakeholders to the meeting and requested them to actively participate and highlight the critical areas of concern which they felt the board would initiate improvements.

2.2 Remarks from the MCA representative

He begun by thanking the municipal board members for having done a good job in North Maragoli highlighting that they had benefited with 3 high mast lights in the various markets within the ward in the activities of the municipal board in the previous year.

He urged the board to consider tarmacking the roads within the market since this will help in ensuring proper hygiene and accessibility in the markets at a given time.

2.3 Remarks from the Municipal Manager

In his remarks, he highlighted that as established under the department of Physical Planning, Land and Housing, the Board has the following key duties and responsibilities;

- Makes follow up on the development activities and issues within the municipality
- Listens to people's views and through the Secretariat they are able to execute on the proposed projects
- The Board is an autonomous body that has control over the activities within its mandate

He informed the board members that the board gets funding for its activities from various donors with the World Bank being a major donor for their Programs.

He further observed that from the evaluation done by the World Bank on the activities of the previous financial year the board had been rated positively and had been put on record to be considered for increased funding in the preceding years.

He further informed the members that the major challenge they face in the implementation of the project is that there is no land to put up new projects and this has an adverse effect to the expansion of the existing projects e.g Markets, Roads etc.

He finally urged the stakeholders to be supportive to the Board in all the activities they do to ensure ease in the implementation of the proposed projects.

However, he noted that the Board will in future opt to use force on those who will be adamant to comply and stand as barriers to the implementation of the projects.

2.5 Remarks from the Vice chair of the Municipal Board

She appreciated the stakeholders for having found time to come and share their views on the development projects within their municipality and asked them to feel free to approach the board through the office in case they needed any assistance.

She further urged the stakeholders to be custodians of the projects that have been initiated by the municipal board.

2.6 Remarks of the Municipal Board Chairman

He began by thanking the members for having turned up in good numbers to be part of his important activity siting the importance of citizen participation in the process of developing as it is their right to demand for development.

He notified that there are plans for the establishment of an ICT Centre where the youth can get engaged and be able to gain more skills on matters of technology.

Informed stakeholders that the board shall be soon opening its offices at Down Towers where they will freely go for consultations on the issues of concern within the municipality.

He requested the members to be free to express themselves in the forum and urged the people to actively engage in business activities in the market since this will help improve their livelihoods.

2.6 Remarks from the Deputy Governor (Chief Guest)

He thanked the board for the good work they had done in the municipality and informed members that they were making efforts to expand the municipality boundaries so that other growing markets could be included and benefit from the municipality activities.

In his remarks, he made various recommendations;

- He requested the stakeholders to play a key role in oversight and make follow up with the Board in the projects.
- Asked the public to be good custodians by ensuring that they safeguard the projects.

He did the official introduction of the Municipal Board Members who were present in the meeting:-

- M/s Dorcas Wodera – Vice Chairperson and Chairperson HR committee

- Mr. Nicholas Simani – Board Member
- Mr. Isaac Nyamweno – Chair, Technical Committee
- Prof. David Kikaya – Chair, Finance Committee
- Mr. Seth Ambale – Chair, Audit Committee
- M/s Caroline Inyangala Andahi – Board Member
- M/s Mmboga Mwanaidi – ICT
- Mr. Andrew Ahuga – Board member and Secretary to the Board

He declared the meeting officially open for further proceedings and deliberations.

3.0 PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018/2019 (Annex 1)

This section was facilitated by the Municipal Planner. He presented a report on the status of the projects implemented in the Financial Year 2018/2019 as shown in the table below;-

S/n	Activity (as per plan/budget)	Planned Timings from – to /months	Assessment of progress (Delayed, on schedule or ahead of schedule)	Estimated % completion rate	Comments
1.	Supply of one garbage compacting truck 10 tones	June 2019 to July 2020	Ahead of schedule	100	To be delivered before the end of this month
2.	Supply and Delivery of exhauster 10 tones	June 2019 to July 2020	Delivered	100	Complete
3.	Supply and Delivery of Skip loader 10 tones Complete with litter bin	June 2019 to July 2020	Delivered	100	Complete
4.	Construction Of Waste water wetland and Bio Digester.	June 2019 to July 2020	Works ongoing	45	

5.	Fabrication, transportation and Installation of garbage bins	June 2019 to July 2020	Supplied and Installed	100	Complete and Launched
6.	Supply, Installation, testing and Commissioning of the 20 m & 30m monopole high mast lighting 7 and 8 Respectively	June 2019 to July 2020	Supplied and Installed	100	Complete and Launched
7.	Beautification Phase 1	June 2019 to July 2020	On Schedule		Ongoing
8.	Beatification Phase II				

He further made an elaboration of the budget expenditure for the year 2019/2020 as follows:-

Annex 2: UDG budget expenditures overview as per 1st July 2019 to 30th July 2020.

s/no	Activity	Budget execution			Comments
		Budget (in ksh)	Expenditure by end of financial Year	% budget execution	
1.	Supply of one garbage compacting truck 10 tones	12,916,000			Payment to be processed upon delivery of the truck.

2.	Supply and Delivery of exhauster 10 tones	9,500,000				Paid
3.	Supply and Delivery of Skip loader 10 tones Complete with litter bin	9,975,000				Paid
4.	Construction of Waste water wetland and Bio Digester.	14, 504,293				
5.	Fabrication transportation and installation of garbage bins.	9,372,800	9,372,800	100		Paid
6.	Supply, Installation, testing and Commissioning of the 20 m & 30m monopole high mast lighting 7 and 8 Respectively	61,481,872	61,481,872	100		Paid
7.	Beautification Phase 1	25, 831,093	10,500,000	40.6		Works ongoing

8.	Beautification Phase II	83,000,000			To be commenced
9.	Consultancy Services For Environmental and Social impact study, preliminary and detailed engineering design of Vihiga Municipality Access Roads, footpaths and flood water drains	26,418,942	10,567,576	40	Paid, pending balance of 15,581,366
Total for the F/Y		250,000,000	91,922,248		

4.0 PROJECTS PROPOSAL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/2020

This section was facilitated by the Municipal Engineer reported that the board had Proposed the following projects in the below categories;-

- Upgrading selected murram roads to low volume seal tarmac.
- Urban Beautification
- Solar Street Lights
- High Mast Lights
- Street Naming
- Recreation parks/Green spaces

THE URBAN INVESTMENT PLAN AND BUDGET FOR FY 2019/2020

No.	PROJECT	TIME FRAME		BUDGET			
		START	END	UDG	Other-1	Other-2	TOTAL
1.	Upgrading of roads to low volume seal tarmac Design, costing and supervision of investment projects	July 2019	June 2020	90,000,000			138,000,000
							12,500,000
2.	Urban beatification	July 2019	June 2020	45,000,000			33,500,000
3.	High mast monopole	July 2019	June 2020	24,000,000			6,000,000
4.	Solar street lights	July 2019	June 2020	58,500,00			10,000,000
5.	Storm water drainage	July 2019	June 2020	50,000,000			50,000,000
TOTAL							250,000,000

The secretary to the municipal board, clarified that due to challenges of vandalizing of the solar street lights, a proposal was made to increase the number of high mast mono pole lights instead in the areas instead of using the solar street lights.

The projects and their allocations are as identified in the table below;-

PROJECT NAME	LOCATION
Upgrading of Murram road to bitumen standard	Tsimbalo – Enderi – Luanda Road Mukuli – Mbihi Road
High Mast Lights	Munoywa Majengo Market Mbale Market Lunyerere Bridge Matsigulu Chavakali Junction
Recreational parks/areas	Municipal Park Kikuyu
Storm Water Drainage	Mudete Loop around Market Chavakali Loop around Market

5.0 PLENARY SESSION

The session was facilitated by the Mr. Clement Aderi.

5.1 Questions, Requests and Recommendations From the members.

1. Lung'aho Peter – Mudete Market

- Requested for the relocation of electricity lines from the individual plots to allow the people to develop in these areas that are bordering the roads.

Response – Board Chairman

The people need to be aware of the distances the electric posts need to be from the road which is usually determined by the respective roads Authorities depending on the classification of the roads.

- What are the investment program that the board has that will help in providing job opportunities to the youth?

Response – Board Chairman

The board has plans of putting up a modern ICT Center that will provide opportunities for the youth to work in and some to do online work.

2. Sammy Mugita – Civil Societies

- Requested the chair to clarify which high mast lights had been done by the Board under World Bank funding and those done by the county under the department of trade.

Response – Board Chairman

The board shall enhance coordination with other departments to ensure there is a distinction between the projects done by the individual departments.

- Suggested that the board should try and label the projects done under the municipality to easily identify them from the other projects done by other department.
- Suggested that the board should hire competent contractors so that to avoid delivery of substandard work.

3. Jackson Kidemi – Resident.

- Requested the municipal board members to consider installation of high mast lights at the following areas to enhance security; Chanderema, Kikuyu and Lusambwa areas.

Response – Board Chairman

The board has considered putting one High mast light at kikuyu and the other areas shall be considered in the future plans of the municipality.

4. Wycliffe Mageso – Chairperson Mudete Market

- He noted that they had proposed while at broadpark that 2 high mast lights be erected one in Mudete market and the other at Kikuyu. What was the way forward about the one that was to be at kikuyu area?

Response – Board Chairman

Implementation of the projects is largely dependent on the disbursement of funds by World Bank and therefore projects can't be done in a single face since the budgetary allocations are limited.

- He reported that most roads within the market had been closed and therefore the board should make efforts in their plans to help open up the roads so as to improve on accessibility of the roads linking up to the market.

Response – Board Chairman

The board has put plans in place to help ensure roads have been opened and this might largely affect some people living near the roads. This will require cooperation of the members living close to these roads.

- He stressed that the board should put identity on their projects.

5. Karua – Maendeleo ya wanawake.

- Requested the board to help in mapping of the market lands and the boundaries made known to the stakeholders.

Response – Board Chairman

It has been captured in the plan and surveyors will soon be coming to the ground to help in the mapping of the market lands and this will be made public through the market committees.

- Requested the board to consider tarmacking the roads within the markets, this will help n opening up of the market and also changing the face of the Market.

Response – Mr. Andrew Ahuga

The loop at Mudete market has been marked for tarmacking in the urban beautification program which is in the immediate plans of the municipality.

- She noted that the solar lights are of great importance in the market in case of power outage and therefore if they are to be relocated then a backup for the high mast should be sought.

Response – Board Chairman

The board shall ensure they have provided an alternative in case the solar lights are removed.

- Advised that as the board does the storm water drainages they should ensure the drainages have been closed to reduce on the risks that may come with open trenches.

Response – Board Chairman

All drainages done by the board within the markets will be closed drainages to reduce accident risks.

- Requested the board to consider constructing a public toilet at Mudete to help the large population of traders in this market.

Response – Board Chairman

There is a challenge in putting up such structures within the markets but this has been captured in the future plans for every market within the municipality.

6. Anne Aligula – Resident

- The board should consider one high mast at Shem stage as the area is very insecure.

Response – Board chairman

The area is not within the municipality, however if the boundary is expanded then the area shall be considered

7. Kenneth Kamariki – Trader

- The roads within the market should be opened up to help easy accessibility in case of emergencies such as fire outbreaks.

Response – Mr. Andrew Ahuga

The loop at Mudete market has been marked for tarmacking in the urban beautification program which is in the immediate plans of the municipality.

- Most kiosks have not been installed with electricity and some are sharing which is expensive to some of the traders. Each kiosk should be allocated a meter so that they can pay for electricity individually.

Response – Board Chairman

The Board will make plans and efforts to ensure electricity supply within the markets has been enhanced in order to help the people to efficiently run their businesses.

8. Mr. Onyango – Resident

- There is a high need for a public toilet and this should be given priority.

Response – Board Chairman

There is a challenge in putting up such structures within the markets but this has been captured in the future plans for every market within the municipality.

- Construction of the Alwasi Bridge which is currently in bad shape.

Response – Municipal Manager.

The bridge shall be considered for construction sine it lies within the municipality boundaries.

Mr. Mboku further encouraged the residents who had land which they were ready to sell to the county to step up and provide documentation for the to allow the ministry of lands to purchase the lands after they have made agreements with the owners of the pieces of land. These pieces of land are important for the government to use for the expansion of the markets.

6.0 SUMMARY OF THE CHALLENGES FACING THE IDENTIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS

Ms. Mwanaidi Abdi the Municipal Board member highlighted a number of challenges the board had experienced in the implementation of the projects in the previous financial year and the foreseen challenges in the implementation of the projects for the financial year 2019/2020.

- Narrow roads within the municipality that has posed a big challenge to planning.
- Lack of land that can be used for setting up of new projects e.g. the Dumping sight, Recreational parks, Market expansion and public cemetery.
- The adverse weather conditions that have been a hindrance to the commencement of some projects, e.g. Road construction.
- Delayed disbursement of funds by the donors hence hindering the immediate implementation of the projects.

The meeting ended at 2:30pm and a prayer made by Mr. Benard Muhavi

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7.0 PICTORIAL EVIDENCE FOR THE MUDETE MEETING



Vihiga sub-county Administrator addressing



Sabatia subcounty Administrator addressing



Municipal manager Addressing stakeholders at Lusambwa Friends Church



Municipal Board Members recording concerns from Members



A board member responding to concerns from stakeholders





The municipal board secretary responds to some of the issues raised by the stakeholders at Mudete market.



Board Chair responds to stakeholders' concerns at Mudete



A stakeholder raising concerns at Lusambwa friends



Municipal board Vice-chair responds to concerns from stakeholders



Board Members visit kikuyu Dam; the proposed recreation Area



Deputy Governor Shares moments with the manager and board Chair at Lusambwa friends Church on arrival.



Board Members visit kikuyu Dam; the proposed recreation Area



Chief Guest; Deputy Governor Addressing stakeholders and opening the forum officially.



The Deputy Governor and board members listen to stakeholders at Lusambwa Friends Church.



A view of the proposed recreational area



A civil society Representative makes his submissions at Lusambwa.