

VIHIGA COUNTY GOVERNMENT



VIHIGA MUNICIPAL BOARD

**REPORT OF THE CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT FORUM ON THE
PRESENTATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VIHIGA
MUNICIPAL BOARD IN MBALE MARKET, MUDETE MARKET,
CHAVAKALI MARKET AND MAJENGO MARKET.**

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REPORT OF THE CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT FORUM ON THE PRESENTATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE VIHIGA MUNICIPAL BOARD IN MBALE MARKET, LUGAGA WAMULUMA WARD, VIHIGA SUB-COUNTY AT MBALE FRIENDS CHURCH ON 24TH JANUARY 2020.

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 Mbale market was convened by Vihiga Municipal Board at Mbale Friends Church, Mbale on 24th January 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Clement Aderi who requested for an opening prayer from Pastor Anne Adisa of Chavakali friends Yearly Meeting. He led through a general introduction of the members according to the various categories that were present in the meeting;

1. Youth
2. Maendeleo ya wanawake.
3. People living with disability.
4. Clergy men and women.
5. Chamber of commerce members
6. Bodaboda

The Vihiga Sub-county Administrator Mr. Hudson Mwashu then introduced ward administrators from the wards within the two sub-counties and county officials present.

1. Damaris Isigi – South Maragoli
 2. Japheth Alengo – North Maragoli
 3. Yatte Alongo – Lugaga/Wamuluma
 4. Caroline Anyianda – Izava/Lyaduywa
 5. Aderi Adero – Busali
 6. Joy Aluvisia – Sabatia Sub-county Liaison officer.
 7. Catherine Boge – Women Liaison officer Vihiga County.
 8. Director Public service, Administration and coordination of county affairs.
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2.0 SPEECHES

2.1 Remarks from the Market Committee Chairperson, Mbale; Mr. Humphrey Mutambi

He welcomed all stakeholders for turning up in large numbers and appreciated them for having entrusted him with the mandate to lead them. He further encouraged the people to be free to share their views that are important in improving the status and face of the Market.

He raised several concerns regarding the welfare of the people of Mbale market;

1. Requested the board to make the office of the municipal board known to the public so that they can know the right channel for expressing their concerns.
2. Mbale being the headquarters of Vihiga County, the conditions of the market should be improved to those of a modern town.
3. More land should be purchased to expand the market so that the traders can get enough space to carry their businesses. Currently people are selling their items on the pavements of the roads.

2.2 Remarks from the MCA Lugaga/Wamuluma, Hon. Francis Ukiru

He applauded the good work done by the Board for the one year they had been in office, appreciating them for having taken into consideration most of the projects that had been proposed by during the previous year Public Participation.

He made the following recommendations;

1. Requested the board members to try and increase the number of high mast monopole lights in the markets and markets to ensure security so that people can carry their activities without fear.
 2. He reported that there is land behind Asake building which had been purchased by the local governments but the owners are still occupying the land. He therefore urged the board to follow upon the transfer of the land.
 3. The board should hasten the implementation of the tarmacking projects in the areas where they had been proposed earlier e.g. Tsimbalo – Endeli Road.
 4. He asked the board to follow up and reclaim the land that had been bought by the county near St. Claires High School but locals have encroached into the land and claimed its ownership.
 5. Encouraged those living near the town to willingly relocate and provide space for the expansion and upgrading of the Market to a modern town.
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2.3 Remarks from the MCA Izava/Lyaduywa, Hon. Victor Ijaika.

Begun by thanking the Governor for reshuffling his cabinet terming it as a good move to ensure the departments run in a smooth way and reduce interruption with the activities of the independent entities like the municipal board.

He made several recommendations;

1. Urged the board to put up the recreational park near the headquarters since many will be attracted to it more.
2. Recommended that a public oversight team selected by the market committee from the two wards should be established to do regular assessment of the projects being done by the municipal board and make reports to the board with recommendations on areas that needs to be improved on.
3. Urged the board to strictly focus on projects within the municipality without compromising. He noted that some of the lights meant for municipality had been put in areas that are outside the municipality e.g. Gisambai
4. He requested the board to make efforts of increasing the number of public toilets within the markets.
5. He proposed that the current stalls within mbale market be demolished and modern storey structures put up to provide adequate space for the stalls for the traders.
6. He asked the board to allow market committees to proceed with the discussions on the activities of the municipality later and submit the memoranda to the board in case of limited time in the day's program.

2.4 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 recorded 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.

She noted that it was important for the people to give their views but urged them do it with some decorum so that their views are taken note of.

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.

2.7 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.
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- He noted that garbage bins had been placed in various locations within the market but the people should not hesitate to propose the areas where the bins can be relocated to ensure they have been put to proper use.
- He asked people should be ready to embrace and allow for the expansion of the market and the roads within the markets as this is the only way we can improve and open up our markets.
- He finally urged the people to remain united and support the current government and the board in their programs that focus at improving the welfare of the people.

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

- 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
- Caroline Inyangala Andahi – Board Member
- 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 informed the stakeholders that the board focuses largely on the implementation of the projects that have been captured in the CIDP which can't be done in a single phase 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 |

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|--------------------------|---|-------------|------------|------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 who reported that projects Proposed were majorly in the following categories;-

- Upgrading selected murram roads to low volume seal tarmac.
- Urban Beautification
- Solar Street Lights

- High Mast Lights
- Street Naming
- Recreation parks/Green spaces

4.1 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.

4.2 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 Runyerere Bridge Matsigulu Chavakali Junction |
| Recreational parks/areas | Municipal Park Kikuyu |
| Storm Water Drainage | Mudete Loop around Market Chavakali Loop around Market |

The secretary to the Municipal Board clarified that the municipal boundary went through the following areas; Lusui – Madegwa – Igunga – Mukingi – Kidundu – Vihiga Police Station – Boyani – Gisambai – Matsigulu – Kivagala – wamutambi – Kiritu – wakikuyu – Mang’aria junction – Kaimosi – Wangulu Holy Spirit.

5.0 PLENARY SESSION

The session was facilitated by the Mr. Clement Aderi.

5.1 Questions, Requests and Recommendations From the members.

1. Nathan Jumba – Izava

1. He complained that during the meeting they had with the board, it had been suggested that the Road from Equity to Mukuli and Enderi –Tsimbalo road be tarmacked but up to this time it had not been done. What was the way forward about the said roads?
-

Response- Municipal Manager

The Work is on schedule but the major challenge has been late disbursement of finance and the bad weather patterns that could not allow the works to commence.

2. Hussein Kiharagwa

1. He wished to know how the high mast light that had been taken to Gisambai which was outside the municipality was going to be replaced.

Response- Municipal Board Chair

The board has made plans to increase the number of lights in major markets within the municipality.

2. The dust bins were not placed in the right locations and therefore the board should liaise with the market committee for relocation so that they can be put to good use.

Response- Municipal Board Chair

The Municipal Board Chairman informed the members that the board has plans to have frequent engagements with the market committees and through these meetings such concerns will be easily be noted and acted upon.

3. Mwavali Charles – Izava Lyaduywa

1. Urged the Board to ensure at that all markets within the Municipality are well it with Monopole High mast Lights to enhance security and help the traders to have their businesses run in a smooth way.

Response- Municipal Board Chair

The municipal board shall ensure all markets have lights although this will be done in different phases due to limited resources

2. Requested for the improvement of the condition of Nadanya market.

Response- Municipal Board Chair

The municipality has a long term plan that will ensure that the status of the markets within the municipality have been improved.

4. Mazalo – Izava Lyaduywa

1. Making reference to the budget, Money had been located to Mbale-Tsimbalo – Mukuli road from July2019 – June 2020, how far are the works now that there is limited time remaining.
-

Response- Municipal board Chair

The Work is on schedule but the major challenge has been late disbursement of finances which came in October and the bad weather patterns that could not allow the works to commence.

2. He wished to know how many High Mast Lights had been put up within the Municipality.

5. Sophia Amadi - Izava Lyaduywa

1. She complained about the land made for the market that was sold to KCB and Barclays. Urged the board to make follow up and inquire about how far the process of finding the traders alternative space had gone.

Response – Municipal Board Chair

He noted that he did not have history over the same but promised to make a follow up with the respective departments over the issue.

2. She requested the board to increase the number of high mast lights within mbale market and transform the market into a 24 hour economy town.

6. Nicholas Onyango -Resident

1. Requested the Municipal board to at all times involve the market Committee in all the activities and plans they have for mbale market.

Response- Municipal Board Chair

All market committees are key stakeholders and therefore the board will ensure they are involved in all decisions that concern their areas.

2. He said that the traders are ready to pave way for the opening up of the market but urges the Board to find alternative place within the market where they can be relocated.
3. Most of the stalls within the market have debts and therefore the board should seek a solution for this as it poses a great challenge to the traders.

7. Edward Kisia

1. Requested the board to make arrangements to ensure the drainages on the highway within mbale town have been covered since the open trenches pose a major risk for accidents.

Response- Municipal Board Chair

He reaffirmed that all the storm water drainages done by the municipal board will be closed

2. There is land at Madanya which the board can buy and use for the projects.
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8. Caroline Adisa – Business lady.

1. Asked the municipal board to help in completing the public toilet hic had stalled for a number of years.

Response- Municipal Board Chair

The municipal board will organize a visit to the site and make plans on how the toilet shall be completed.

2. The board should make efforts of providing treated water and also start company that will start packaging water that can be sold to earn more revenue to the municipality.

Response – Mr. Isaac Nyamweno

The board shall make plans to provide treated water to the residents and traders in the near future, however he encouraged the stakeholders to welcome investors who may be willing to venture into the business as well.

In nutshell The Municipal Board chair highlighted the following areas that were going to be considered for the High mast program;

1. Mbihi Junction.
2. Isitsi
3. Wanadanya
4. Mukingi
5. Mukijutu.
6. Munugi
7. Itando.
8. Lunyerere.

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

Mr. Isaac Nyamweno 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.

- The adverse weather conditions that have been a hindrance to the commencement of some projects, e.g. Road construction.
 - 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.
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- Delayed disbursement of funds by the donors hence hindering the immediate implementation of the projects.
- Vandalism – most of the solar lights are being vandalized hence posing a big challenge to the progress of similar programs.

7.0 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

- i. The board should clarify the timelines for their implementation of the various projects they have proposed.
- ii. The board should have a clear plan while putting up the projects so that third parties are not affected, especially on the direction of the drainages.
- iii. Board members should make efforts of visiting the areas within the municipality to understand the needs of the people and also do monitoring and valuation on the projects.
- iv. There should be people within the community that will help the board in regularly overseeing the projects.
- v. The charges for the exhauster services should be made affordable for the residents.
- vi. The recreational park be set up near the headquarters to attract more people.
- vii. He requested the board to ensure local youths are actively involved in the projects so that they can be able to earn themselves a living through these works.
- viii. The board to make good use of the World Bank Money so that we can qualify for increased allocation by the World Bank.
- ix. The board should make arrangements for the Public Toilet to be opened on Sundays since the business activities within the market are usually on.

REPORT PREPARED BY,

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(MUNICIPAL MANAGER)

8.0 Pictorial evidence for the mbale meeting



Izava/Iyaduywa MCA addressing at Mbale friends church



Deputy Governor and board members at mbale friends





Deputy Governor addressing stakeholders at Mbale friends Church



Mbale Market Stakeholders at mbale Friends Church



Deputy Governor addressing stakeholders at Mbale friends Church



Deputy Governor addressing stakeholders at Mbale friends Church.



Stakeholders at Mbale Friends Church



Stakeholders at Mbale Friends Church



A stakeholder expressing his concerns during the plenary session at Mbale.



Stakeholders at Mbale Friends Church



Lugaga/Wamuluma Ward MCA; Hon Francis Ukiru addressing at mbale friends Church



Izava/Lyaduywa MCA; Hon Victor Ijaika addressing stakeholders at mbale friends Church.



Deputy Governor and board members listening to the concerns of the stakeholders at Mbale friends



Stakeholders outside the mbale friends' church

REPORT OF THE CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT FORUM ON THE PRESENTATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VIHIGA MUNICIPAL BOARD IN MUDETE MARKET, NORTH MARAGOLI WARD, SABATIA SUB-COUNTY AT LUSAMBWA FRIENDS CHURCH ON 23RD JANUARY, 2020

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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.
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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
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- 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 | |

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|----|--|------------------------|------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| 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 I | 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. |

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|----|--|-------------|------------|------|---------------|
| 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 |

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|--------------------------|---|-------------|------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| 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 | <i>Other-1</i> | <i>Other-2</i> | TOTAL |
| 1. | Upgrading of roads t 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 |
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| 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

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- 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

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

Response – Municipal Manager.

The bridge shall be considered for construction since 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 site, 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

REPORT PREPARED BY,

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(MUNICIPAL MANAGER)

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.

REPORTS OF THE CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT FORUM ON THE PRESENTATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VIHIGA MUNICIPAL BOARD IN MAJENGO MARKET, CENTRAL MARAGOLI WARD, VIHIGA SUB-COUNTY AT COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRE ON 20TH NOVEMBER, 2019

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3. Citizen engagement for Mbale market was convened by Vihiga Municipal Board at Community Justice Center, Chango on 24th November 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hudson Mwashu, the Sub-County Administrator Vihiga and requested for a word of prayer which was said by Jimmy Maginga. He further did a general introduction of the members according to their sub-locations. And the following sub locations were present;-

- i.) Emanda
- ii.) Ikumba
- iii.) Kidundu
- iv.) Chango

He thereafter handed over the program to the Director, Civic Education and Public Participation; Mr. Bongo Ngoseywi.

2.0 SPEECHES

2.1 Remarks from the Director, Civic Education and Public Participation

He thanked the Sub County Administrator for proper mobilization for the function.

He asked the stakeholders to actively participate in the meeting proceedings by contributing and giving their views in regards to the proposed Municipality Projects.

He further established ground rules for the meeting to run smoothly i.e. Phones on silent mode, settle down and avoid unnecessary movements, have respect of each other's opinion, minimize questions per person to allow everyone to contribute.

2.2 Remarks from the Market Committee Chairperson, Majengo

She welcomed all stakeholders to the meeting and urged the residents and traders of Majengo Market to actively participate and raise issues directly affecting them and areas they felt the board would initiate improvements.

2.3 Remarks from the Municipal Manager

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

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He further informed the stakeholders that there are restrictions placed by the donor organization on the nature of projects to be implemented within the Municipality thus, projects to receive funding through the Urban Development Grant must sum up to a minimum cost of Fifty Million shillings (50 Million).

He further observed that the major challenge facing the implementation of the project is that there is no land to put up new projects. This has an adverse effect to the expansion of the existing projects e.g Markets, Roads etc.

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2.4 Remarks from the CECM Physical Planning, Land and Housing Eng. Kenneth Elvuna Keseko

He echoed the sentiments of the earlier speakers citing the importance of the Kenya Urban Support Program (KUSP) that is meant to improve and better the status of the major Towns within the County.

He further reiterated that planning at Majengo Market has been a great challenge since there has been a linear planning and development at the Market hence many buildings have been put up along the roads and closer to the roads.

He requested the people to assess the proposals they make and look at both the advantages and the consequences that might arise during the implementation of the proposals as this will directly affect them.

He informed the members that despite the board being autonomous body it executes its mandate within the Annual Development Plan (ADP) and the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) but is confined to the Municipality (78sqkm).

He reported that The World Bank who is the main donor of the municipal activities had done an assessment of the municipality projects for the Financial Year 2018/2019 and the County was ranked among the best; This would therefore see the county through the Municipal Board receive more funds for the Financial Year 2019/2020 that would help in the implementation of the proposed projects.

He invited the Deputy Governor and informed him that the board was currently working behind schedule and therefore there was a need for the Board to work hard in ensuring the targets had been met.

2.5 Remarks from the Deputy Governor (Chief Guest)

In his remarks, he made various recommendations;

- i.) They should ensure an equal distribution of projects in all areas within the Municipality.
- ii.) To liaise with the contractors for various projects to ensure the youth from the locality are engaged in the works as casuals.
- iii.) He requested the stakeholders to play a key role in oversight and make follow up with the Board in the projects.
- iv.) Asked the public to be good custodians by ensuring that they safeguard the projects.

He recognized the presence of the Area M.C.A Hon. Evans Chunguli and led through the introduction of the Municipal Board Members who were present in the meeting;-

1. Dorcas Wodera – Vice Chairperson and Chairperson HR committee
2. Mr. Nicholas Simani – Board Member
3. Mr. Isaac Nyamweno – Chair, Technical Committee
4. Prof. David Kikaya – Chair, Finance Committee
5. Mr. Seth Ambale – Chair, Audit Committee
6. Caroline Inyangala Andahi – Board Member
7. Mmboga Mwanaidi – ICT
8. Mr. Andrew Ahuga – Board member and Secretary to the Board

Secretariat

1. Wilberforce Lumumba - Administrator
 2. Lee Jumba - Economist
 3. Phares Adamba - Municipal Engineer
 4. Richard Omukuya - Accountant
 5. Sylvia Tekei - Municipal Auditor
 6. Alice Musuluve - Environmentalist
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He declared the meeting officially open.

3.0 PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018/2019

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| 7. | Beautification | April 2019 to June 2019 | On Schedule | | Ongoing |
| 8. | Construction Of Fire Hydrant Water drawn off points and related | April 2019 to June 2019 | Delayed | | |
| 9. | Consultancy Services For Environmental and Social impact study, preliminary and detailed engineering design of Vihiga Municipality Access Roads, footpaths and flood water drains | April 2019 to June 2019 | Report done and presented | | In Progress |
| 10. | Request for proposals for provision of consultancy services for preparation of the urban development plan | April 2019 to June 2019 | Report Done and Presented | 100 | Complete |

4.0 PROJECTS PROPOSAL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/2020

This section was facilitated by Chair to the Technical Committee. The Municipal Board reported to have ear-marked projects in this various categories;-

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- ✓ Solar Street Lights
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| Recreational parks/areas | Municipal Grounds Kikuyu |
| Storm Water Drainage | Mudete Loop around Market Chavakali Loop around Market |

5.0 PLENARY SESSION

The session was facilitated by the Director Civic Education and Public Participation.

Questions and concerns were raised by the Members and response given by the respective Board members.

5.1 Questions, Requests and Recommendations From the members.

1. Vincent Mahasi – Civil Society

He suggested to the board members to put up a water fall at Majengo town for beautification of the town. This he noted that will create a good impression to the visitors coming to the county from other counties like Kisumu.

Response – Municipal Manager

He confirmed that this was one of the projects that had been captured in the beautification exercises to be done within our markets and that they were waiting for the Highway construction works to be complete before they commence on the implementation of the beautification exercise in Majengo town .

He also proposed lights to be installed along Chango –Kidinye road.

Response – Lee Jumba

He noted that all areas within the Municipality will be considered in the lighting project but priority will be given to the urban areas and later to the rural areas.

Requested for the Upgrading of St. Joseph-Kidinye-Gisambai road

Response – Municipal Manager

He informed the stakeholders that in this financial year, one road had been selected for upgrading (Tsimbalo-Enderi-Luanda road) and therefore the other roads can be done in the preceding financial years because there is an insufficiency of finances to fund all projects in a single face.

2. Samuel - a resident of Kidundu

He requested for parking of vehicles /bodaboda riders in Majengo town.

Response – Isaac Nyamweno

He noted that this was in their plan and the Board is in the process of looking for space within the market where the parking can be established.

They therefore requested the market committee in coordination with the Sub County Administrator to identify a plot and later report back to the board soon the plot has been identified.

He complained of the poor condition of the drainage system in Majengo town that has made the accessibility to the shops difficult.

Response - Isaac Nyamweno

He requested the residents to exercise patience on this matter since the board is waiting for the Chinese Company constructing the high way to complete its works so that they could cover the open trenches and establish pedestrian walkways to ensure easy accessibility to the shops and traders.

3. George Winslaus – Boda boda Rider

He pointed out that there was not enough space in Majengo town for a market and requested the board members to find a way in which they can expand it.

Response – Isaac Nyamweno

He pointed out that the board had future projects one of them being putting up a modern open air market at Majengo Town. However the major challenge is inadequate space for the expansion of the market

He proposed the increase of street lights in Majengo town.

Response – Municipal Manager

The Municipal Manager said that this concern had already been considered since Majengo Market is one of the areas market for second phase of the installation of High Mast lights in the financial year 2019/2020. He asked the residents to exercise patience.

He requested to know if the exhaustor vehicle services were free for stakeholders.

Response – Lee Jumba

He informed the stakeholders that the exhaustor is currently available but working only on government premises e.g. Hospitals, offices and the public will later be informed on when they can be able to access this service and at what cost.

4. Rehema Aganya

She pointed out there were no lights from Majengo to Vihiga and asked the board members to consider installing them there.

Response – Municipal Manager

He informed the stakeholders that the same will be considered in the near future.

She also suggested to the board members that beautification to be done at Lotego so as to change the face of the area considering that the area hosts the Law Court and the Police Headquarters

which in general attracts quite a good number of people from within the County and outside the county.

Response – Stakeholders were informed that the board will consider urban areas first.

5. Elisha – Village Elder Chavugami

He suggested to the board members to find a way to put up a sewage management system for the people of Majengo area.

Response – Lee Jumba

He noted that despite this being one of the most expensive projects to implement, the board has captured it in the future plan and although still faced with the challenge of insufficient space within the market for setting up such a project.

He also noted that there was no zebra crossing along Majengo –Mbale road especially at the market yet there are many school children along that road.

Response – Isaac Nyamweno

He admitted that this is an issue that should be urgently addressed although noting that it was not within their jurisdiction and therefore advised the market committee to consult with KeNHA so that they can help address this issue.

He finally proposed that a public toilet to be built at Majengo town.

Response – Isaac Nyamweno

He noted that this was a necessity. However, there is limited space for setting up of the public toilet he requested the committee to advice on availability of land/space for setting up.

6. Allan – Representative Nyota Estate

He suggested to the board that instead of upgrading the Governor’s resident road they should consider at least two markets within the Municipality and upgrade the roads that are leading to those markets.

Response - Isaac Nyamweno

He informed the stakeholders that although the road is leading to the Governor’s residence, it is not only the Governor who will benefit from it but all residents of that area since it will open up the area to many opportunities.

7. Pamela Ogando – Grocery

She pointed out that the market at Majengo town is in poor condition and suggested to the board members to put up a modern market with modern and upgraded market shades for the traders.

Response – CECM Physical Planning, Land and Housing

He admitted that the market was not safe for traders but informed them that the market would soon be done. He informed them that the tender for the completion of the market had already been advertised.

8. Nicholas – Education Civil Society

He proposed to the Board members to put up a Recreational Centre at Majengo Town.

Response – Municipal Manager

Setting up of a recreational park needs enough space and therefore the board will have to acquire more land to facilitate the same.

9. Ronald Muhando – Kidundu

He suggested to the board to appoint local people who will be reporting on the progress when implementing the projects.

Response – David Kikaya

He informed them that the board will consider the issue when implementing the projects.

10. Duncan - Resident

He requested the board to help in establishing a dumpsite at Majengo town to help in the management of the litter within the market.

Response – Lee Jumba

He informed them that the project is too expensive and it will be considered in the future plans.

11. Aggrey Ogoma – Person Living with Disability

He raised a concern that PLWDs were not represented in the Municipal Board.

Response – Municipal Manger

He informed members representing the PLWDs that they were classified under marginalized groups and they were represented by youth.

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

The Chair to the Municipal Board Technical Committee 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 made planning a challenge. He urged the residents to be ready to cooperate with the board to ensure the roads are expanded to accommodate the bigger plan of the municipality.
- 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 board does not have enough staff in its secretariat who can help in the overseeing of the projects at the grassroots.
- Lack of qualified local contractors who can take up the contracts and deliver quality work on the advertised projects. This has led to some projects stalling.

The meeting ended at 3:30pm and a prayer made by Mr. Jimmy Maginga.

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7.0 PICTORIAL EVIDENCE FOR THE MEETING



Municipal board Members at Community Justice During the citizen engagement forum



The director Civic Education leads through the plenary session.



The deputy Governor dressing majengo market stakeholders at community justice center.



Chair to the technical committee presenting urban investment plan for financial year 2019/2020



A stakeholders express concerns during the plenary session at Community Justice Center.



Stakeholders at Community Justice Center



The municipal planner makes a presentation of the projects implementation for the financial year 2018/2019





Stakeholders giving their views on the municipal board activities.



A bodaboda operator at Majengo market giving views at Community Justice Centre

REPORT FOR THE CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT FORUM ON THE PRESENTATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VIHIGA MUNICIPAL BOARD IN CHAVAKALI MARKET, CHAVAKALI WARD, SABATIA SUB-COUNTY AT CHAVAKALI FRIENDS CHURCH ON 22ND NOVEMBER, 2019

JUSTIFICATION

As a requirement by law, 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 Mbale market was convened by Vihiga Municipal Board at Chavakali Friends church, on 22nd November 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Ombuya; the Sub-County Administrator Sabatia and requested for a prayer which was said by Bishop Joel Angaluki. She further did a general introduction of the members according to their sub-locations. And there was a representation from the following sub-locations;-

- i.) Chandumba
- ii.) Keveye
- iii.) Chavakali
- iv.) Sabatia West

She also recognized the presence of the following Ward Administrators;-

- i.) Mr. Derrick Anusu of West Sabatia
- ii.) Carolyne Anyienda of Isava/Lyaduywa
- iii.) Jessica Angila of Chavakali Ward

The Sub County Administrator further recognized the presence of the following categories of people who had attended the meeting and observed that these were major stakeholders whom the activities of the municipality affect directly and therefore it was important having them share their views on how best the municipal board would work with them in ensuring effective service delivery;-

- ✓ Chambers of Commerce
 - ✓ People Living with Disabilities (PLWD)
 - ✓ Clergy
 - ✓ Bodaboda
 - ✓ Traders
 - ✓ Youths
 - ✓ Market Officials
 - ✓ Elders
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- ✓ Community Health Volunteers (CHV's)
- ✓ Administration (Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs)

She concluded by thanking the members for responding to the call and invited the Director, Civil Education and Public Participation Bongo Ngoseywi (Mr.).

2.0 SPEECHES

2.1 Remarks from the Director, Civic Education and Public Participation

He thanked the Sub County Administrator and Ward Administrators for proper mobilization for the function.

He recognized people living with disabilities and informed that a sign language interpreter would be coming in order to help those with hearing impairment.

He asked the stakeholders to actively participate in the meeting proceedings by contributing and giving their views in regards to the proposed Municipality Projects.

He further established ground rules for the meeting to run smoothly i.e. Phones on silent modes, settle down and avoid unnecessary movements, have respect of each other's opinion, minimize questions per person to allow everyone to contribute.

2.2 Remarks of the Market Committee Chairperson Mr. Amugune

He welcomed all stakeholders to the meeting and brought to the attention of the Board members that there are some projects that should be done at the Chavakali Market but the implementation has been challenging. He made an observation that the open trenches along the High way are posing a high risk to the lives of the residents, traders and travelers at the market. He reported that this has resulted to the loss of at least five people in the recent past. He requested the Board to consider helping in the construction of modern kiosks for the traders at Chavakali Market and make follow up on renovation of the old ones.

Finally, he urged the Board to provide adequate avenues for empowerment of the traders by making loans easily accessible for the people in order for them to improve their businesses.

He concluded by thanking the Municipal Board for the High Mast light they installed at Chavakali Market and urged them to ensure the proposals made are acted upon.

2.3 Remarks from the Municipal Board Manager

In his remarks, he highlighted the relationship the Board has with the Secretariat and the Stakeholders within the Municipality.

He pointed out 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 further informed the stakeholders that there are restrictions placed by donor organization on the nature of projects to be implemented within the Municipality i.e. projects to be funded must be of a minimum cost of Kenya Shillings Fifty Million (50 Million).

He further observed that the major challenge facing the implementation of the project is that there is no land to put up new projects. This greatly affects the expansion of the existing projects e.g. Markets, Roads etc.

He therefore urged the stakeholders to be supportive to the Board 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.

2.4 Remarks from the Vice Chair Municipal Board M/s Dorcas Wodera

Thanked members of the public for attendance and the organizers for proper mobilization and ensuring that all categories of people are well represented.

She conveyed the apologies of the Board Chair Eng. Josephat Amadi and Madam Lucy Ijai; the Chief Officer who was held up in other official duties. She later led the introduction of the Municipal Board Members as follows;-

1. Mr. Nicholas Simani – Board Member
 2. Mr. Isaac Nyamweno – Chair, Technical Committee
 3. Prof. David Kikaya – Chair, Finance Committee
 4. Mr. Seth Ambale – Chair, Audit Committee
 5. Caroline Inyangala Andahi – Board Member
 6. Mmboga Mwanaidi – ICT
 7. Mr. Andrew Ahuga – Board member and Secretary to the Board
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Secretariat

1. Wilberforce Lumumba - Administrator
2. Phares Adamba - Municipal Engineer
3. Richard Omukuya - Accountant
4. Sylvia Tekei - Municipal Auditor
5. Alice Musuluve - Environmentalist

2.5 Remarks from the CECM Physical Planning, Land and Housing Eng. Kenneth Elvuna Keseko

He echoed the sentiments of the earlier speakers citing the importance of the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP) that is meant to improve and better the status of the major Towns within the County.

He informed the members that despite the board being autonomous body it executes its mandate within the ADP and (CIDP) but is confined to the Municipality (78sqkm).

He then declared the meeting officially open.

3.0 PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018/2019

This section was facilitated by the Chairperson to the Municipal Board Technical Committee. 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 | April 2019 to June 2019 | Ahead of schedule | 100 | To be delivered before the end of this month |
| 2. | Supply and Delivery of exhauster 10 tones | April 2019 to June 2019 | Delivered | 100 | Complete |
| 3. | Supply and Delivery of Skip loader 10 tones Complete with litter bin | April 2019 to June 2019 | Delivered | 100 | Complete |

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|----|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| 4. | Construction Of Waste water wetland and Bio Digester. | April 2019 to June 2019 | Tender awarded | | |
| 5. | Fabrication, transportation and Installation of garbage bins | April 2019 to June 2019 | 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 | April 2019 to June 2019 | Supplied and Installed | 100 | Complete and Launched |
| 7. | Beautification | April 2019 to June 2019 | On Schedule | | Ongoing |
| 8. | Construction Of Fire Hydrant Water drawn off points and related | April 2019 to June 2019 | Delayed | | |
| 9. | Consultancy Services For Environmental and Social impact study, preliminary and detailed engineering design of Vihiga Municipality Access Roads, footpaths and flood water drains | April 2019 to June 2019 | Report done and presented | | In Progress |

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| 10 | Request for proposals for provision of consultancy services for preparation of the urban development plan | April 2019 to June 2019 | Report Done and Presented | 100 | Complete |
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4.0 PROJECTS PROPOSAL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/2020

This section was facilitated by the Chair, Technical Committee. The Municipal Board reported to have ear-marked projects in this various 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 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 |
| High Mast Lights | Munoywa Majengo Market Mbale Market Runyerere Bridge Matsigulu Chavakali Junction |
| Recreational parks/areas | Municipal Grounds |

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|----------------------|---|
| | Kikuyu |
| Storm Water Drainage | Mudete Loop around Market Chavakali Loop around Market |

5.0 CHALLENGES FACED BY THE MUNICIPAL BOARD IN IDENTIFYING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY.

Some of the major challenges to the smooth implementation of the projects and the activities of the board as highlighted by the Chair to the technical committee included the following;

1. Delayed disbursement of money for the projects.
2. Inadequate space for expansion and lack of land for setting up new projects e.g Recreational parks
3. Limited space for Municipal Board Members and the Secretariat for effective service delivery.
4. Roads are too narrow hence making planning on such roads becomes a big challenge.
5. The Board is under-staffed and this largely affects the smooth running of the board's activities.

6.0 PLENARY SESSION

The Director, Civic Education and Public Participation facilitated the Plenary Session.

1. Angelina Miroyo – Maendeleo ya Wanawake

She made two observations.

The Solar Lights at Solongo-Madegwa roads had been vandalized and currently not working.

She further recommended for installation of High Mast Lights to substitute the solar lights.

2. Alfred Keverenge – Boda Boda Sabatia Chairman

He observed that the solar lights installed along Hams – Keveye road are too dim to light up the area

He questioned the criteria used to determine the height of the High Mast lights installed in different areas some were reported to be 20Metres contrary to the previous proposal of 30 Metres High Mast Light.

3. Hannington Andai – Zigwiri Lodede Disable Association

He raised a concern on why there was no a representation on People Living with Disability on the Municipal Board.

4. Solomon Yalwala – Business man

He requested for the construction of public toilets at Chavakali junction.

Requested for a High Mast light at Chavakali Junction

5. Harrison Esabwa – Business man at Bendera Market

He observed that despite Bendera being one of the fast growing markets, they had been left out in the lighting project and this posed a high risk to traders. He in this regard, requested the Board to consider installing one High Mast light at the market in the near future.

6. Eunice Kegoli – Health and Children Representative

She requested for the construction of public toilets at Stendikisa.

7. Kenneth Anusu – Civil Society

He made two recommendations to the Municipal Board

- i.) That mapping and surveying of public lands within the municipality to be done and the land fenced.
- ii.) Upgrading of the Chavakali Market-Chavakali High School-Bendera road.

8. Mary Muliro – Maendeleo ya Wanawake

She raised a concern on why the Board would allocate money for supervision when the county has employed engineers who are capable of doing the same work.

9. Doreen Kadenyi- Person with Disability

She requested the Board to consider establishing favourable conditions for People Living with Disability trading at Chavakali market.

Beautification to be enhanced at Chavakali Market since the market is reported to be in bad shape.

10. Patricia – Community Health Volunteers Representative

She made two observations that the trenches at Chavakali market are too dirty which may lead to illness
She suggested that when the implementation of beautification at Chavakali commences the work should be given mainly to youth.

11. Bishop Joel Angaluki – Chavakali Ward

He questioned how the owners of the lands affected during upgrading of roads will be compensated.

He raised a concern on why the clergy were not represented on the Municipal Board.

12. Oliver Kevogo – Trader

He questioned on the Garbage collection time.

13. Alfayo Mudaki – Stakeholder Chavakali Market

Requested for upgrading of road behind Chavakali Market

14. Austine Angoye –

Raised a concerned on how difficult it is for the youth to be awarded tenders in the county. He suggested that the requirements be made favourable for the youth to get an equal chance to compete and get the tenders.

15. Ebby wa Asena

Requested for street light at Chavakali-Bukulunya-Wanzaye road

16. Ben

He observed that there was no stage at Chavakali and the service line was being used as parking.

17. Adema – Business Lady

She requested the board to consider substituting the solar lighting project with electrical street lighting. She recommended that contracts for various projects to be awarded to qualified contractors for quality work to be done.

18. Maurice Golderness

She made a recommendation that during beautification the Municipal Board should consider putting up Bill Boards at Entry points of Vihiga County.

19. Harun Mwaka Bodaboda/Sports

As a sportsman, he raised a concern about the land at Kegodi having been utilized for a different purpose contrary to the construction of a stadium as it was meant for.

He also recommended for lighting up of Kegondi market.

20. Haggai Asena – NGO

He made a request to the Board to provide information on the cost of the projects implemented.

21. Japhet Muhali – people living with disability.

He requested the Board to pay attention and be considerate of the PLWDs in the planning to ensure that walking ways are made in such a way that they are accommodative to the accessibility by people from the above mentioned category. He added that approval on storey buildings should be done after ensuring that they have provided for walking ways for the PLWDs

22. Sylvanus Mbane

He raised two major concerns;

He wished to know what step/measures the board was taking/ putting in place regarding the old buildings in the municipality that posed high risks to the tenants.

He asked the board to follow up with the department of environment on the proposed project of planting the bamboo along the highway as part of the beautification exercise.

23. Emmanuel Mwavali – Bodaboda Stendikisa.

He asked the Municipality Board to consider constructing Sheds for the Bodaboda Riders at the Stendikisa stage as this will help in ensuring order at the market.

24. Joseph Odali – Resident Chavakali

He requested the Board to make the map showing the Municipality boundaries available to the stakeholders so that they can be know where the activities of the Board are confined.

He further recommended that the Board should consider upgrading of roads in a single phase other than as this will reduce inconveniences to those to be affected in the process.

25. Bonface Asena – Citizen

He wished to know whether there were any consultations made by the board in coming up with the proposed projects which they had put forward for debating.

26. Jumba Wilson – Secretary Chavakali Market Committee.

He wished to know whether the Board makes routine follow up on garbage collection from the waste collection bins in the various markets.

RESPONSES

The questions and concerns from the plenary session were clustered in various categories and responded to by the members of the Board;

EXPANSION OF ROADS.

He clarified that there is need for participation of the citizens and collaboration with the board in the areas where there is need for the expansion of roads. This will be enhanced through Public participation forums that will ensure the stakeholders in the affected areas have been involved in the entire process to ensure a consensus is reached for ease of execution on the various projects. He clarified that the Board does not compensate the affected persons in the cases of expansion.

He informed the stakeholders that the major focus of the Municipal Board is upgrading of the Murram Roads within the municipality to bitumen roads and this would only be possible if the stakeholders cooperate with the Board.

HIGH MAST LIGHTS.

On the height of the lights, C.E.C.M Eng. Kiseko clarified that there was a variance in the sizes of the lights in the different areas depending on the topography of the area and this was determined by the Specialists during site visits to the sight marked.

He responded to the concern of more lights in the markets within the municipality and assured the stakeholders that lights will be made available but this could not be done in a single phase due to limited funds. Lights will be installed in the order of priority of the areas.

URBAN AREAS.

He noted that population density is high in the urban areas of the municipality and that these areas will be given first priority in the implementation of the municipal board projects as they move down to the Rural areas.

HIRING OF CASUALS AND COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

The C.E.C.M informed the members that the due hiring process is followed during the hiring of casuals who are then deployed to the various areas within the municipality and therefore the locals should be encouraged to apply and compete for the jobs as they stand an equal chance.

He further noted that the members of the board were hired through the legal hiring process and that those on the board had merited through the whole exercise.

BEAUTIFICATION

MR. Isaac Nyamweno informed the members that the Beautification Exercise had not yet began at Chavakali market but a plan had been made and soon it has is rolled out beautification will be extended to Chavakali Junction.

PUBLIC TOILETS.

The C.E.C.M noted this as an important suggestion and that it had been captured in the future plans of the board. He requested for suggestion and four suggestions were made as follows; Chavakali Junction, Chavakali Market, Stendikisa and Bendera.

PARKING AT CHAVAKALI.

There is a need for a parking at the town. The responsibility was delegated to the market committee that has to do a feasibility study and find space where the parking can be set up and advice the board.

UNIFORM COLOURS FOR THE MARKETS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY.

Mr. Isaac Nyamweno affirmed this as a brilliant suggestion and assured the members that it will be considered in the future plans of the board. The suggested colours were; Green and White.

BUILDINGS WITHIN THE MARKETS.

Mr. Isaac Nyamweno noted that there is a need to invest in modern buildings within our towns and that through the Government investors should be encouraged to invest in modern storey buildings and the existing buildings Upgraded to meet the standards of the modern buildings.

He further noted that the Board through the planners will try to ensure the buildings being approved factor in the need for accessibility by the People Living with Disability.

BODABODA SHADES

Mr. Isaac Nyamweno assured stakeholders that the board will consider the construction of the sheds in the major markets within the municipality but this was pegged on the availability of space within the markets and towns since the limited space has limited implementation of such projects.

BILL BOARDS AT ENTRY POINTS OF VIHIGA COUNTY.

The Municipal Manager noted that this was such a brilliant suggestion and reported that the Board intends to factor it in the upcoming projects.

ADOPTION OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS INSTEAD OF SOLAR LIGHTS.

The Municipal manager advised that this will have to be given time for the Board to rethink about it and later advice on whether an alternative can be found.

LANDS FOR EXPANSION

The manager advised the market committee and the citizens to help in identifying land near the markets which the board through the county government can Purchase and use it for expansion of our markets.

MUNICIPALITY BOUNDARIES.

Mr. Andrew Ahuga advised that the Board to make available the Municipality Maps to the people in future functions.

CONTRACTS FOR THE YOUTHS.

Ms. Mwanaidi Abdi advised youths to register for the AGPO certificate that can help them through the tendering process.

She further advised youth who are unable to fund contracts awarded to make good use of the Youth Enterprise fund that can be of great help for them in financing the Projects.

LAND FOR THE FOOTBALL STADIUM

Mr. Phares informed the terrain of the land purchased was not favorable for the setting up of the stadium and therefore the land was converted to serve a different Purpose.

The meeting ended at 3:00 pm and a closing prayer made by Bishop Joel Angaluki.

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