VIHIGA COUNTY
GOVERNOR
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MANIFESTO
2022 - 2027
ABOUT VIHIGA COUNTY

Vihiga County is located in the Lake Victoria Basin of Western region of Kenya between longitude 34° 30’ and 35° 0’ East and latitude 0° and 0° 15’ North. The county covers an area of 531 Km² with a population of 590,013 (2019 census).

The County has five sub-counties, namely Hamisi, Emuhaya, Luanda, Sabatia and Vihiga. Hamisi is the most expansive with an area of 156.4 Km², Sabatia 110.9 Km², Vihiga 90.2 Km², Emuhaya 89.5 Km² and Luanda 84 Km². There are twenty-five electoral wards within the five sub-counties.

The main economic stay of Vihiga County is subsistence agriculture which include crop and livestock farming. The main food crops are maize, bananas, beans and horticultural crops. Other economic activities include trade and commerce.

OUR VISION, MISSION, MOTTO & VALUES

VISION
Vihiga to Become a Prosperous and Model County in Kenya

MISSION
To Transform Vihiga into a Prosperous County through Implementation of Good Governance Practices, Impactful Development Projects and Programs

MOTTO
Maendeleo Bila Mapendeleo Wala Ufisadi

CLARION CALL
Accelerating Socio-Economic Transformation for a More Competitive, Inclusive and Resilient Economy in Vihiga County

VALUES

- Integrity
- Inclusivity
- Quality Service
- Creativity & Innovation
- Teamwork

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INTRODUCTION

I present my candidature for a second term as Vihiga County Governor from August 2022 to 2027. It has been a rare and fulfilling opportunity to serve as your Governor for the period from August 2017 to 2022.

My second bid and plan as Governor of Vihiga County is anchored on my ambition and vision to institutionalize and strengthen good governance systems of the County Government of Vihiga. I am also committed to implement impactful development projects and programs that will transform and better the lives of the people of Vihiga County.

The 2022-2027 County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), which will be developed in a public participatory process, will be finalized and officially commissioned for implementation latest October 2022. The plan will focus on implementing projects at ward level as well as identification and implementation of flagship projects and programs at sub-County and County levels. To ensure quality implementation of projects and value for money, monitoring and evaluation will be strengthened both at ward and County levels.

This manifesto is organized as follows:

i) Section one - Brief Introduction.

ii) Section two - Brief review of the key achievements and implementation challenges of my previous Manifesto (2017-2022).

iii) Section three - Main Highlights of this Manifesto.

iv) Section four - Overview of how this Manifesto will be implemented and monitored.

Review of my Previous Manifesto

My 2017-2022 Manifesto was premised to address the unique challenges that hindered progress and socio-economic development in the County. These included:

- Poor governance systems
- Increasing poverty and youth unemployment
- Poor healthcare delivery systems
- Limited access to clean and safe water and poor sanitation services
- Poor road infrastructure
- Poor ECDE infrastructure and management
- Poor Management of TVET institutions
- Increasing environmental deterioration
### Key Achievements in the Implementation of My 2017-2022 Manifesto

#### Cohesion & Integration

- Conducted Annual Cultural Festivals (Maragoli, Turki, Bunyore, Tenik)
- Established County Religious Leaders Forum
- Established & Convened Vihiga Leaders Forum
- Convened County Professional Meetings
- Convened CSO Engagement Forums
- Established mutual engagement with Chamber of Commerce in Trade
- Reorganised and improved Vihiga FM Radio

#### Education, Science, and Technology

- Constructed 210 ECDE classes
- Recruited 824 ECDE teachers
- Introduced Governor’s Scholarship Program (450 students beneficiaries)
- Registered 32 VTCs with TVETA
- Registered 193 TVET instructors and introduced capitation (KES 15,000) for every student
- Fully equipped VTCs
- Established 5 model VTCs (Keveyes, Maseno, Kaimosi, Solongo, Emmukunzi)
- Renovated 30 existing VTCs, and constructed 4 new VTCs

#### Youth and Sports

- Organized the 1st Vihiga County Youth Conference (over 1000 Youth participated)
- Organized 2 talent Extravaganzas (over 1000 Youth participated)
- Enacted the Vihiga County Sports Act (4 teams at the National Premier League, support to local teams in various disciplines)
- Established Maragoli Hills Forestry Offices
- Established Solongo, Emmukunzi
- Provided water tanks to ECDE centers
- Provided furniture, teaching & learning materials to ECDE
- Established VICEF (Bursary) benefitting over 25,000 students annually
- Recruited and trained 38 new bodaboda sheds
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- Registered 24 Market Management Committees
- Constructed Market Amenities (Roads, Toilets, Cabros, Fencing)
- Completed Maragoli Hills Forestry Offices and Tree Nursery
- Completed Luanda Omena Market
- Established new bodaboda stands
- Established 150 new bodaboda stands

#### Trade

- Established Trade and Enterprise Fund
- Constructed 7 new market sheds
- Constructed 38 new bodaboda sheds
- Sheds
- Toilets, Cabros, Fencing

#### Disaster Preparedness

- Enacted Disaster Management Act
- Acquired a 10,000-litre Fire Engine
- Acquired a 2,000-litre Rapid Response Vehicle
- Recruited and trained 17 Fire Marshals
- Completed Mwitoko Fish Farm and Training Centre with Hatchery & 31 Fishponds – benefiting 1200 farmers
- Completed 180 Cooperatives formed and registered & Established the Cooperative Fund

#### Agriculture

- Increased maize production from 8 bags/acre to 15 bags/acre - by issuing subsidized seed and fertilizer and improved extension services
- Distributed 435 incalf heifers, 80 inkid dairy goats, distributed 8 centrifuges and 10 incubators to farmers
- Increased agricultural value addition in Poultry, Banana, Dairy and Indigenous Vegetables (748 farmer groups benefited)
- Insenimated 22,586 cattle
- Distributed 13,175 chicks to farmers
- Supplied 100,000 avocado, 50,000 tea and 150,000 coffee seedlings to farmers
- Distributed over 50,000 fruit and indigenous trees to farmers and schools
- 8,328 cattle vaccinated against foot & mouth disease, 150 cattle against anthrax, 16,005 birds against New Castle Disease, 200 birds against Gumboro, 63 dogs against rabies

#### Environment and Natural Resources

- Attained over 35.9% tree coverage against the nationally required 10%
- Purchased 2ha for construction of Waste Management Plant
- Reafforestation of 12.4ha of Maragoli Hills, 4ha of Kibi Forest & 2ha of Ebisiekwe Hills
- Acquired 1 Skip Loader, 1 Garbage Compactor & Installed Garbage Bins in Major Markets
- Established Maragoli Hills Forestry Offices and Tree Nursery
- Observed International Environment Days by planting trees
- Rehabilitated & Fenced 5 Traditional Forests

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**ECDE:** Early Childhood Development Education | **VTCs:** Vocational Training Centers | **TVETA:** Technical and Vocational Education & Training Authority | **CHRAC:** County Human Resource Advisory Committee | **CHVs:** Community Health Volunteers | **OVCs:** Orphans & Vulnerable Children | **PLWDs:** People Living With Disabilities | **NGEC:** National Gender Equality Commission | **VCRH:** Vihiga County Referral Hospital
**Governance**

- **Policies and Legislation**
  - 43 bills assented into Acts,
  - 12 Regulations and 23 Policies approved

- **New Organization Structure**
  - Implemented new organization structure of Government

- **Initiated Performance Contracting**
  - Reduced Pending Bills from Kshs 2.8B to under Kshs 400M

- **Operationalized**
  - CHRAC, Established CBEF and County Audit Committee

- **Established GIS unit and Public Participation and Civic Education Directorate**

- **Established Grievance and Complaints Redress Mechanism & Liquor Control Committee**

**Health Services**

- **Installed and Operationalized**
  - 32 & 64 Slice CT-Scans, Established Sub-County Hospital Laboratories

- **100% Health Access Coverage**
  - Operationalized 24 new health facilities

- **Established Cardiac, ICU, Oncology, Dental, Renal, Blood Transfusion Units**

- **Recruited over 400 Healthcare Staff, 1,460 CHVs, 140 CHUs**

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**Infrastructure and ICT**

- **Roads; 1253 KM Opened, Graded, Graveled & Maintained**

- **Constructing 46 River Structures**

- **Established**
  - the County Mechanical Unit

- **Installed**
  - Solar street Lights in 19 Markets

- **Established**
  - the County Mechanical Unit

- **Improved Health Infrastructure by Upgrading all Sub-County Hospitals**

- **Revised County Website for Ease of Access to Information & Operationalised HMIS**

**Renewable Energy**

- **Solarised Vihiga Cluster Water Project and 10 Boreholes**

- **Solarised Maragoli Hills Forestry Station Office**

- **Installed Solar Water Heating Systems in 12 Dispensaries and at VCRH**

- **Installed 22 High Mast Flood Lights**

**Social Protection**

- **649 OVCs issued bursaries**

- **100 PLWDs issued with wheelchairs**

- **11,000 indigents registered with NHIF under UHC**

- **Recognized and feted by NGEC for promoting equality & inclusion of special interest groups**

- **KES 406 Million of Uwezo, Youth, Trade & Women Enterprise Fund were issued to 2,439 groups from 2018 - 2022**

**Water and Sanitation**

- **Completed construction of Vihiga Cluster Water Project increasing capacity from 6.3 million to 12.5 million litres/day, able to serve over 270,000 households (Maseno, Lurure, Kaimosi)**

- **Upgraded over 10 Water Schemes**

- **Completed and Operationalized Nang’oli Water Project**

- **Sunk 36 Community Water Boreholes**

- **Protected 87 Community Water Springs, commenced construction of BioDigestor sewerage works at Mbale and sewage purification plant at Hedwe**

**Climate Change Governance**

- **Policy and Legislation**
  - Enacted Climate Change Fund Act, Policy and Management Strategy

- **Planning and Management**
  - Established Climate Change Directorate, County Climate Change Planning Committee and Ward Climate Change Planning Committees. Also fulfilled FLLOCA requirements for funding

- **Implemented 5 Climate Change Investment Projects on water provision to communities. Undertook Climate Change risk assessment in the County**

**Abbreviations**

- **FLLOCA:** Financing Locally Led Climate Action
- **NCCD:** National Climate Change Directorate
- **NEMA:** National Environment Management Authority
- **WRMA:** Water Resources Management Authority
- **KFS:** Kenya Forest Service
- **SDU:** Service Delivery Unit
- **CBEF:** County Budget and Economic Forum
- **CFSP:** County Fiscal Strategy Paper
- **Solarized:** The use of solar energy to run the operations of office
PERFORMANCE SCORECARD OF MY 2017-2022 MANIFESTO

My 2017-2022 Manifesto had a total of 58 projects/programmes that were planned for implementation. An analysis of the delivery of the respective programmes/projects per sector rates my administration at a success rate of 71%. These are detailed by sector as follows:-

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Challenges Encountered from 2017-2022

- Inherited huge pending bills.
- Transitional human resource teething problems.
- High cost of land coupled with unwillingness to sell impacted the implementation of some flagship projects, expansion of Lunyerere water project, construction of Hamisi & Kidundu Stadiums.
- Delays in the extensive procurement process, funding and disbursement from Treasury.
- Limited PPP arrangements and delays in release of development partners fund by Treasury.
- Numerous litigation against the County Government.
- Inadequate civic engagement leading to poor public participation.
- Blotted Wage Bill.
- Inadequate skilled human resource across all sectors.
- Emerging issues – Climate Change and Impact of COVID-19 pandemic.
As I present my vision in this Manifesto which comes into effect from August 2022, I feel more re-energized and eager to further transform our County into a prosperous entity with particular focus on creating unity of purpose among our leaders and directly involving the people on matters of socio-economic development on our County.

While we have recorded notable progress in delivery of our 2017-2022 Manifesto, it is important to note that we have also encountered some challenges during the implementation period which we have to address in order to optimize the benefits of devolution.

Like the previous Manifesto, this one will also focus on the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a special emphasis on Climate Change as a cross-cutting agenda and overall economic transformation of our County.

This Manifesto therefore offers residents of Vihiga County a snapshot of my strategy that I have conceived for further transforming Vihiga into a prosperous County. It is indeed one more building block added onto what we have already achieved with active participation of all the Vihiga residents and other stakeholders.

My passionate call, therefore, is to beseech all residents of Vihiga County together with like minded partners to come on board and contribute to this noble road map so that we can champion Vihiga County to higher level of development together.

I subscribe to the tenet of social Democracy, hence the need for us all to come together and build a successful Government through teamwork. This shall promote social, economic, cultural and political development opportunities for all of us.

I acknowledge the fact that we have a delicate segment of our society notably the physically and mentally challenged, the poor, the uneducated or semi-literate, orphans and widows/widowers etc. These groups must be supported through deliberate Government programmes; that avail them a chance to be educated, to earn income, to start a business, to make land productive and equally live a decent life. I promise to continue positively engaging political and development partners locally and internationally, who subscribe to the philosophy of Social Democracy with a view of solidifying my support to this segment in our society.

I have the conviction that all County Departments within the County Government of Vihiga, stakeholders, development partners and all the residents of Vihiga County find this MANIFESTO useful and as a preparatory for generating the next 2022 – 2027 County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP).
The following are the 10-point priority areas:-

1. Continued establishment and scale up of a good County Governance Systems
2. Promotion of Trade and Commerce, SMEs and Service Industry
3. Continued improvement and maintenance of water distribution and sanitation up to the household level, as well as water conservation and harvesting
4. Continued promotion of SMART Agriculture with a focus on Agribusiness, Irrigation and Food Security
5. Enhanced promotion of County Unity and Public Participation in development planning and decision-making processes
6. Continued promotion of Conservation of our Environment and Adaptation to Climate Change and use of Renewable Energy
7. Promotion of Trade and Commerce, SMEs and Service Industry
8. Continued improvement and maintenance of a reliable transport and communication infrastructure network, with a focus on tarmacking our main roads and opening new access roads, as well as developing solid ICT platform for good governance
9. Continued promotion of an educated, skilled and well-informed society
10. Continued promotion of primary and clinical healthcare towards the achievement of UHC (Universal Health Coverage)

My commitments to the people of Vihiga County are therefore broken down as follows:

1. Governance
   I will:
   - Put in place measures to uphold and enhance Accountability and Transparency using ICT platform
   - Promote effective Public Participation programmes and critical reforms for efficient Public Sector Management
   - Promote the continuous prudent use of Geospatial technological Services for effective resource planning and decision making
   - Enhance a comprehensive spatial database system that will be continuously updated and used in rational development planning processes and as a decision-making support system
   - Enhance unity of purpose of ALL leaders of the County for them to chart the County’s development course together and be involved in the implementation of the same
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2. Uttar Pradesh
   - Promote effective and sustainable Public-Private Partnerships in order to promote entrepreneurship and investment in the County
   - Uphold an effective County Audit Committee, County Environment Committee and the County Budget and Economic Forum (CBEF) in coordination of various programmes
   - Promote the continuous prudent use of Geospatial technological Services for effective resource planning and decision making
   - Enhance capacity for corruption prevention & control strategies in collaboration with EACC and fight the culture of handouts
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   - Establish the County Social and Economic Council that will focus on the socio-economic development of the County
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3. Uttar Pradesh
   - Establish County Entities Bill - focus is to strengthen Vihiga Radio Station to include Tv among other county government agencies
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Human Resources Development and Management

I will:
- Streamline staff promotions, redesignation and appraisal systems
- Review and update the current human resource establishment and roles portfolio
- Develop the CPSB Bill and County Pension Bill
- Ensure continuous Capacity Building and Training of County staff

Flagship Projects

- Operationalise a new governance structure.
- Strengthen Service Delivery unit to enhance projects monitoring and evaluation.
- Strengthen civic education, complaints redress and feedback frameworks.
- Operationalize performance contracting and appraisal structures in the County Government.
- Construct a modern Administrative Block at the County Headquarters.
- Strengthen Civic Education and Public Participation.
- Establish a fully-fledged Disaster Management Unit.
- Establish an ICT platform to be the backbone of all government activities - to culminate into a fully fledged ICT Directorate.
- Work in collaboration with Kenya School of Government to complete the South Maragoli Campus.
- Establish the Enforcement and Security Directorate.
- Update the County Land Valuation Roll to enhance Revenue collection, Specifically Land Rates.
- Establish a County Library.
- Automation of County Revenue Collection System.
- Establish County Research and Development Unit.
- Actualize the performance management framework.
- Operationalise the County Human Resource Management System.
- Establish staff welfare office and SACCO.
- Introduce staff biometric system for efficient staff management.

2. Health and Medical Services

I will:

Carry out a household audit to identify senior citizens (65 years old and above) and other vulnerable citizens who cannot afford to pay for any medical insurance and institute a scheme for them to access NHIF cover.

- Complete the renovation and facelift of the existing VCRH
- Complete and operationalise the incinerator facilities for medical waste disposal
- Complete and operationalise the County Blood Transfusion Centre
- Acquire 5 more ambulances to enhance emergency medical services
- Recruit more CHVs and implement the Vihiga Community Health Act to safeguard & protect their interests and welfare
- Maintain prioritization of Public Healthcare as the foundation of our County’s healthcare systems
- Recruit more health personnel to offer services in the newly opened facilities
- Invest in Solar power systems for all our health facilities and ensure that all health services continue uninterrupted
- Improve healthcare, and supporting infrastructure, as well as consistent supply of health commodities and equipment
- Ensure all health facilities have reliable supply of water
Flagship Projects
- Complete the 160-bed hospital plaza with specialized clinics, modern theaters, dialysis unit, HDU and ICU.
- Develop sub-County hospitals to Level 4 and upgrade our Referral hospital to a level 5 teaching hospital.
- Complete the County Commodities Stores at VCRH and operationalize the Health Commodities Information Management System.
- Establish modern medical laboratories in every health facility.
- Complete and Commission the County Funeral Home with a hearse.
- Refurbish and Renovate VCRH.
- Complete Givigo Health Center.

3. Water and Sanitation

I will:
- Moot rural water reticulation systems where feasible in order to enhance access to potable water by rural communities.
- Ensure supply of clean and reliable water to households from the Vihiga Water Cluster program and from other County water schemes.
- Promote roof catchment and water harvesting.
- Expand and rehabilitate existing piped water supply schemes and protection of various water springs.
- Promote the use of bio digester technology in sanitation and water recycling.
- Continue investment in and promote ground and rainwater harvesting and conservation of our water sources, basins and towers.
- Invest in a study and mapping of our urban centers and markets for purposes of initiating development of a modern sewerage disposal system.
- Enhance the conservation of our water catchment areas and sources as well as the protection of natural water springs, riparian areas and wetlands.

Flagship Projects
- Restructure Amatsi Water Services Board to allow for efficient and effective service delivery.
- Complete water distribution and sanitation systems in the entire County.
- Construct water dams and water pans for irrigation.
- Operationalise all sunk and capped boreholes.
4. Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives

I will:

- Seek to make smallholder agriculture a paying business by promoting agribusiness and encouraging and supporting the youth to effectively participate in agriculture.
- Vigorously promote Agro-forestry in order to ensure every homestead has indigenous trees, bamboo and non-indigenous fruit trees on at least 10% of its land.
- Promote fish farming for income generation and nutrition.
- Promote Apiculture, Poultry and Dairy Farming.
- Promote Horticulture and Agricultural Value Chain through Cooperatives.
- Establish water dams and pans to promote small scale irrigation.
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- Promote Horticulture and Agricultural Value Chain through Cooperatives.
- Continue to enhance soil testing to improve land productivity, and long-term soil conservation programmes.
- Employ SMART Agriculture practices to increase production.
- Promote growing of orphan crops - sweet potato, cassava, simsim, sorghum, millet.
- Substantively increase investment in agricultural extension services.
- Seek to make smallholder agriculture a paying business by promoting agribusiness and encouraging and supporting the youth to effectively participate in agriculture.

Flagship Projects

- Build one Agricultural Training Center in North East Bunyore ward.
- Establish dairy animal multiplication center in Wodonga ward.
- Establish a soil testing laboratory.
- Establish veterinary lab.
- Establish agricultural machinery unit.
- Promote establishment of milk processing plant.

5. Education, Science and Technology

I will:

- Continue to enhance access to ECDE through construction of more classrooms, Hiring of more teachers and introduction of school feeding programme as well as construction of toilets to improve on hygiene within schools.
- Expand the scope of the County Bursary Scheme and the Governor’s Scholarship Programme.
TVET

Put more investment in building the capacity of technical and vocational colleges in all our sub counties, prioritize completion of the two that are under construction in Emuhaya and Luanda, and renovate and equip all the existing ones with modern equipment and ensure they have qualified managers and staff.

Engage with external partners on development and equipping of facilities as well as skills transfer for our technical and vocational institutions to be of the highest standards possible.

Continue to provide significant sponsorship (bursaries) to students in our County as an incentive to promote technical and vocational training towards creation of an educated and skilled labor force.

Partner with various entities to offer internship to our TVET students.

Partner with tertiary and institutions of higher learning on research and innovation in all the priority areas of development that we have identified.

Flagship Projects

- Strengthen and equip 5 specialized model TVET institutions.
- Establish a TVET at Essunza.
- Establish innovation and business hubs within our TVET institutions.
- Establish ECDE model centers for each sub-County.
- Establish Vihiga County Youth Business Startup-Fund for the youths.
- Increase the scope and funding for the Governor’s scholarship programme.
- Pilot ECDE feeding program.

6. Transport and Infrastructure

I will:

- Seek partnership with the private sector to ensure that we lay down the infrastructure for high-speed internet connectivity in our County.
- Identify key roads for development to bitumen standards through a consultative and consensus process.
- Enact and Implement Transport Policy and Regulations.
- Ensure close partnerships with the National Government on development of KERRA and KURA roads to bitumen standards.
- Complete all the stalled bridges and river crossings that had been started between 2014-2017.
- Continue to improve and maintain our entire rural road infrastructure to at least all-weather motorable standards.
Flagship Projects
- Develop a zoned and well-regulated transport system for buses, matatu and bodaboda services, and ensure availability of well serviced transport parks.
- Enhance the Installation and Maintenance High Mast Lighting Programme across the County.
- Upgrade of 5 kms of roads per sub County to Bitumen Standards.
- Complete all Stalls Bridges and River Crossings
- Introduce Performance Based Road Maintenance Programme for all County roads.
- Construct and equip a fully functioning Fire Service Unit.
- Construct to Bitumen Standards the Lusiola to Chavakaili Road.
- Construct to Bitumen Standards Boyani/Jebro market road in Hamisi Sub County.
- Construct to bitumen the Obuyaya - Ebukanga - Busia Road in Emuhaya Sub County.
- Construct to Bitumen Standards the Luanda Market Ring Road Luanda Sub County.
- Construct to Bitumen Standards Vihiga Police Station - Kidundu - Majengo in Vihiga Sub County.
- Develop regulations to ensure efficient functioning of County Road Equipment and Machinery.
- Fully equip and operationalize the County Mechanical Unit.

7. Trade, Commerce and Industry

I will:
- Expand market infrastructure including market stalls and sanitary facilities
- Enhance the Trade and Enterprise Fund
- Establish Market Development Committees in all markets
- Renovate market facilities across the County
- Promote development of the SMEs and Cottage industry in the County
- Install solar lighting in all markets
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- Establish modern eco-toilet facilities in Mbale Town and other markets.
- Promote Micro-Industries, Training and Sensitization Schemes for young people to participate in business e.g. in fruit processing, milk processing and other Farm-Based Value Addition

Flagship Projects
- Put up a model market in the two new municipalities - Luanda and Cheptulu.
- Establish the granite factory at Ebuyangu in Emuhaya Sub-County in collaboration with the National Government.
- Establish a County curio market for traditional products.
- Promote establishment of water bottling ventures.
- Establish modern eco-toilet facilities in Mbale Town and other markets.
8. Environment, Natural Resources, Energy and Climate Change

I will:

- Strengthen Ward Climate Change committees adaptation and mitigation efforts through the FLLOCA and Climate Change Fund
- Collaborate with the NCCD, to expand a County Climate Change Unit to promote climate change mitigation and adaptation measures, with a strong component on public education and awareness
- Formulate policies on sand harvesting and growing of Eucalyptus in riverine areas
- Collaborate with National Agencies like the WaRMA, Kenya Wildlife Services, KFS, and Regional Water Services Boards to conserve the County water resources, forests and wildlife
- Initiate and implement a land and soil conservation programme
- Implement environmental awareness and education programme focusing on primary and secondary schools

Energy

- Promote investment in renewable energy, particularly solar and wind energy. Through partnerships, I will seek development of small hydropower stations where feasible
- Promote use of clean cooking stoves and discourage long-term use of firewood
- Promote and support the uptake of solar power systems in our public primary and secondary schools, technical and vocational training institutes and in our dispensaries, health centers and hospitals as well as at households levels
- Promote use of LPG in cooking in our institutions in collaboration with partners
- Collaborate with the NEMA in building capacity for environmental and social impact assessments of development projects and programmes and in waste management, and pollution control in order to keep our County environment clean and healthy
- Develop County regulations for prospecting and mining in Vihiga County.
- Establish Climate Change Center at KAFUCO.
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9. Gender, Sports, Youth, Culture and Social Services

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- Operationalize the Youth Service Act
- Operationalize the PWD Act
Flagship Projects

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- Enhance the Sports Fund allocation.
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- Establish a Rescue/Rehabilitation Center.
- Build a County Talent center, cultural center and museum.
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10. Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Planning

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- Promote sustainable land management practices
- Promote smart urban infrastructure and affordable quality housing in the County in partnership with developers
- Enhance town beautification programmes
- Operationalise the County land valuation roll
- Develop Spatial Plans for our towns and markets
- Automate all public land in the County into a Land Management Information System.
- Develop a County land masterplan to ensure updated and proper land titling in Vihiga County.
- Complete Governor’s and Deputy Governor’s Residences.
- Develop affordable low cost housing in Mbale in partnership with developers.
- Update Spatial Plans for Vihiga Municipality.
- Finalize Spatial Plans for Luanda and Cheptulu and have the towns declared municipalities.

IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

I have established Ward Development Committees which will champion public participation and inclusivity of these projects and programmes into the 2022-27 CIDP after the August 2022 General Elections. Thereafter, they will be captured in the Annual Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) which will allocate resources (ceilings) to these programmes through public participation and then submit to the County Budget and Economic Forum (CBEF) whose role is to analyze and ensure that the projects/programs are in conformity with those selected during the public participation. After CBEF scrutiny and approval the document will be forwarded to County Assembly for approval. Finally, the approved CFSP will be used to prepare a budget for each respective fiscal year.

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The project/programs in the 2022-2027 CIDP will be funded through County shareable revenue from Treasury, funds from development partners and from own-source revenue collection among other sources.
I believe that the people of Vihiga County will give me a second term to implement this Manifesto as we steer this great County to higher levels of Socio-Economic Development.

May God the Almighty give us peace and guide us through this crucial Election season.

GOD BLESS THE PEOPLE OF VIHIGA COUNTY AND KENYA

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