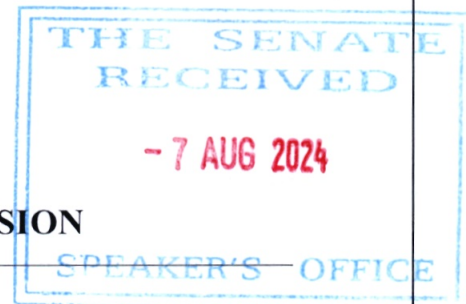


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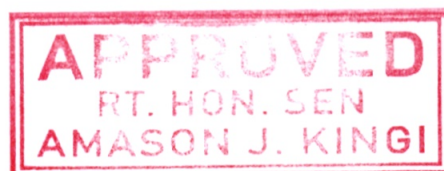
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REGARDING THE STATE OF MARKETS IN VIHIGA COUNTY

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

KUSP	– Kenya Urban Support Program
NARIGP	– National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project
OSR	– Own Source Revenue

PRELIMINARIES

Mandate of the Committee

The Senate Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations is established under the Standing Order 228 (3) and the Fourth Schedule of the Senate Standing Orders. The Committee is mandated to “*consider all matters relating to devolution, intergovernmental and inter-county relations, governance and management of county governments, cities, towns and urban areas.*”

Membership of the Committee

1. Sen. Sheikh Mohamed Abbas, MP	-	Chairperson
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3. Sen. (Dr) Oburu Oginga, MGH, MP.	-	Member
4. Sen. Richard Momoima Onyonka, EBS, MP	-	Member
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7. Sen. George Mungai Mbugua, MP	-	Member
8. Sen. Hezena M. Lemaletian, MP	-	Member
9. Sen. David Wafula Wakoli, MP	-	Member

CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

Mr. Speaker,

On Tuesday 12th March, 2024, the Senator for Vihiga County, Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP, rose pursuant to standing order 53(1) to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations regarding the state of markets in Vihiga County.

Mr. Speaker,

In the statement, the Senator for Vihiga County sought a report on the state of key markets in Vihiga County, including but not limited to Mbale, Majengo, Luanda, Serem, Chavakali, Cheptulu, Shamakhokho, Esibuye, and Mudete markets, specifically addressing the availability and functionality of essential services such as water supply, street lighting, waste management and sanitation.

Additionally, he requested to be furnished with a status update of all market improvement and/or expansion projects initiated by the County Government of Vihiga from the Financial Year 2013/2014 to date. Further, the Senator requested for a breakdown of the Own Source Revenue (OSR) generated by the County Government from each market from FY 2018/2019 to FY 2023/2024, giving a comparison of the revenue to the total costs incurred for services, construction and market improvements, as well as the amount retained from the revenue.

Aware that there was a tax boycott by the traders at Luanda market, the Senator sought for information on the impact of the February 2024 tax boycott on revenue collection, stating measures if any, that the County had taken to resolve the grievances by traders. Lastly, he sought to know the reasons for the delay in appointing Municipal Managers for markets designated as municipalities under the Urban Areas and Cities Act and be informed on the expected timelines for these appointments.

Mr. Speaker;

In considering the statement, the Committee wrote to the County Government of Vihiga asking them to submit a response regarding the issues raised in the statement. Further, the Committee resolved to undertake a County visit to Vihiga County to inspect the various markets as requested in the statement. The Committee visited Vihiga County on Saturday, 22nd June, 2024 where they held a meeting with the Governor and members of the County Executive Committee and later

proceeded for an inspection of the markets. The Committee inspected Mbale, Serem, Majengo, Esibuye and Luanda markets where they held meetings with the Market Management Development Committees and had engagements with the market traders.

Mr. Speaker;

The Committee did an in-depth analysis of the stakeholders' submissions and made various observations which are set out in Chapter Four of this report. The Committee observed that the markets had the necessary essential services i.e water supply, streetlights, sanitation and waste management although they faced challenges of inadequacy, vandalism and poor maintenance. Additionally, the markets faced a number of challenges which include; congestion due to limited space, poor drainage and sewerage systems and insecurity, that hinder the business of the traders.

Based on its findings and observations the Committee made various recommendations which are set out in Chapter Five of this report. The Committee recommended that the county government should ensure provision of adequate services to the markets; provide a safe and comfortable working environment for the traders and address the specific challenges facing traders in each market.

Mr. Speaker;

May I take this opportunity to commend the Members of the Committee for their devotion and commitment to duty, which made the consideration of the Statement successful.

I also wish to thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Senate for the support extended to the Committee in undertaking this important assignment. Lastly, I wish to thank the stakeholders who presented their submissions on the Statement to the Committee.

Mr. Speaker;

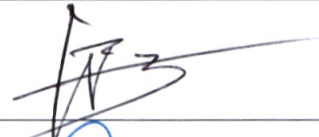
It is now my pleasant duty, pursuant to Standing Orders 56(1)(aa) and 228(i) of the Senate Standing Orders, to present the report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on its consideration of the Statement sought by Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP regarding the state of Markets in Vihiga County.

Signed  Date 6.08.24

SEN. SHEIKH MOHAMED ABASS, MP
CHAIRPERSON,
STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS

**ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON A STATEMENT SOUGHT BY SEN.
GODFREY OSOTSI, MP REGARDING THE STATE OF MARKETS IN VIHIGA
COUNTY**

We, the undersigned Members of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations, do hereby append our signatures to adopt this Report-

Sen. Sheikh Mohamed Abass, MP	- Chairperson	
Sen. Catherine Muyeka Mumma, MP	-Vice-Chairperson	
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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

1. On Tuesday 12th March, 2024, the Senator for Vihiga County, Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP, rose pursuant to standing order 53(1) to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations regarding the state of markets in Vihiga County.

(Annex 2)

2. In the statement, the Senator sought the following information;
 - i. Report on the state of key markets in Vihiga County, including but not limited to Mbale, Majengo, Luanda, Serem, Chavakali, Cheptulu, Shamakhokho, Esibuye, and Mudete markets, specifically addressing the availability and functionality of essential services such as water supply, street lighting, waste management and sanitation;
 - ii. Provision of a status update of all market improvement and/or expansion projects initiated by the County Government of Vihiga from the Financial Year 2013/2014 to date;
 - iii. Provision of a breakdown of the Own Source Revenue (OSR) generated by the County Government from each market from FY 2018/2019 to date, giving a comparison of the revenue to the total costs incurred for services, construction and market improvements, as well as the amount retained from the revenue;
 - iv. State the impact of the February 2024 tax boycott by traders at the Luanda market on revenue collection, stating measures if any, that the County has taken to resolve the grievances by traders; and
 - v. State reasons for the delay in appointing Municipal Managers for markets designated as municipalities under the Urban Areas and Cities Act and provide the expected timelines for these appointments.

CHAPTER TWO: ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS

3. At its sitting held on 15th April, 2024, the Committee deliberated on the statement and resolved to write to the County Government of Vihiga to submit a response regarding the issues raised in the statement. The Committee further resolved to undertake a county visit to Vihiga County to inspect the various markets as requested in the statement. The Committee visited Vihiga County on Saturday, 22nd June, 2024 where they held a meeting with the Governor and later proceeded for an inspection of the markets.

2.1 Meeting with the Governor of Vihiga County

4. The Committee met with Hon. Dr. Wilber K. Ottichilo, the Governor of Vihiga County, accompanied by the County Executive Committee member for Commerce, Tourism and Cooperatives, and other County officials.
5. The County Government of Vihiga made their submissions in response to the issues raised in the statement. The response is annexed as **Annex 3** of this report.
6. Responding to the state of key markets in Vihiga County, specifically addressing the availability and functionality of essential services such as water supply, street lighting, waste management, and sanitation; the county government submitted that they have continuously invested in improving market infrastructure and have put in place strategic interventions to enhance service delivery to both traders and the general public. These include; water supply installation and reticulation, installation, repair, and maintenance of high mast and street lights, garbage collection, and enhancement of sanitation. They added that these processes have faced various challenges, including; limited resources and late exchequer releases.
7. They further highlighted the status of the services in each market and the action points being taken to ensure they are fully functional. The details are under Appendix A of the response Annexed below this report. (**Annex 3**)
8. Providing a status update of all market improvement and/or expansion projects initiated by the County Government of Vihiga from the Financial Year 2013/2014 to date, the County government stated that markets are unique economic and social development drivers which are increasingly embraced as tools for achieving wider development goals nationally and in counties, as well as in cities and urban area. In this regard the county continues to make budgetary allocation towards market development and management.

9. They highlighted various market improvement projects which are;

- i) Fabrication of 206 Metal stalls.
- ii) Fencing of the ESP Market
- iii) Construction of Omena Market
- iv) Pavement of Luanda Mama Mboga Market (Sokomoko)
- v) Pavement of omena Market.
- vi) Rehabilitation of Mwibona stock market Toilet
- vii) Installation of High mast lighting – omena market
- viii) Face-lifting of Luanda Market – Phase 1
- ix) Refurbishment of Modern Toilet, at Mwibona Livestock market.
- x) Renovation and making the pavements at Luanda Market
- xi) Construction of County Aggregation and Industrial Park is in progress
- xii) Murraming of Luanda market
- xiii) Renovation of Toilet
- xiv) Construction of Eco Toilet at Chavakali Junction.
- xv) Construction of Boda Boda Sheds
- xvi) Construction of Eco Toilet at Cheptulu Market.
- xvii) Construction of 4 Door Water closet Toilet and Fencing at Esibuye Stock Market

10. The County government gave details of the cost of each project and the period it started as shown in Appendix B of the response annexed in this report. (*Annex 3*)

11. Additionally, the County Government provided a breakdown of the Own Source Revenue (OSR) generated by the county government from each market from FY2018/2019 to 2023/2024. The details are highlighted in Appendix C of the county government's response. A summary of the revenue collected from the markets is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1; Market fees/Barter collection for the period 2018/19 - April 2023/24

S.NO	FINANCIAL YEAR	TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED FROM ALL MARKETS
1.	2018/2019	13,232,159.00
2.	2019/2020	13,140,178.80

3.	2020/2021	14,129,998.00
4.	2021/2022	14,269,526.00
5.	2022/2023	13,447,750.80
6.	2023/2024	13,953,833.00
	TOTAL	82,173,445.60

12. The County government was also requested to state the impact of the February 2024 tax boycott by the traders at the Luanda market on revenue collection, stating the measures if any, that the county has taken to resolve the grievances by traders. In response, they highlighted the following measures the county took to resolve the grievances by the Luanda market traders;

- i. Improving market sanitation – cleaning, garbage collection & building toilets
- ii. Building additional market shades – Soko-moko
- iii. Installation of high mast & street lighting
- iv. Capacity building of revenue officers.
- v. Supporting market management committees.
- vi. Construction of county strategic markets in Luanda has commenced.

13. In addition, the County government provided the amount of revenue collected from Luanda market from July 2023 to May 2024 as shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2; Luanda Performance from July 2023 to May 2024

S.NO	MONTH	SINGLE BUSINESSS PERMIT	OTHERS	TOTAL COLLECTION
1.	JULY	341,600.00	2,865,536.00	3,207,136.00
2.	AUGUST	219,210.00	2,844,908.00	3,064,118.00
3.	SEPTEMBER	65,300.00	2,787,800.00	2,853,100.00
4.	OCTOBER	133,400.00	2,407,091.00	2,540,491.00
5.	NOVEMBER	69,500.00	2,216,170.00	2,285,670.00
6.	DECEMBER		2,682,204.00	2,682,204.00
7.	JANUARY	1,123,000.00	2,648,302.00	3,771,302.00
8.	FEBRUARY	1,143,200.00	1,619,027.00	2,762,227.00
9.	MARCH	2,965,900.00	4,748,334.00	7,714,234.00
10.	APRIL	2,186,052.00	4,228,592.00	6,414,644.00

11.	MAY	1,152,050.00	2,754,244.00	3,906,294.00
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14. The Committee also inquired about the delay in the appointment of municipal managers for markets designated as municipalities in Vihiga County. The county government responded that Vihiga County had only one municipality which is Vihiga Municipality. Additionally, the County submitted that they concluded the process of hiring and the officer duly appointed to the role. The letter of deployment of Mr. Paul Ayodi Bahati to the Vihiga Municipality Board as Municipal Manager was attached to the response and is annexed (*Annex 3*).

2.2 Submissions on the Kenya Urban Support Program (KUSP)

15. Aware that Vihiga Municipality received funds from the Kenya Urban Support Program (KUSP) under Phase I, the Committee inquired about the projects initiated by the County government. The County Government of Vihiga responded and mentioned various projects that benefited from the funds, including;

- i. Construction of a biodigester within Vihiga Municipality to improve waste management;
- ii. Beautification of Mbale Market; laying of Cabros along pavements in the market;
- iii. Laying of Cabros in Mudete, Majengo and Chavakali Markets for non-motorized transport;
- iv. Construction of a 4.6km tarmacked road along Ikulu road;
- v. Installation of high mast flood lights to increase the working hours for traders;
- vi. Purchased a skip loader, compactor and exhauster to improve waste management.

16. The county government also submitted that they qualified for Phase II of the Kenya Urban Support Program.

2.3 Visit to Markets in Vihiga County

17. After the meeting with the County Executive, the Committee commenced the inspection of various markets in Vihiga. The Committee visited Mbale, Serem, Majengo, Esibuye, and Luanda markets where they held meetings with the Market Management Development

Committees and had engagements with the market traders. The Committee received submissions and memoranda from the traders stating the challenges they face and their proposals for market improvements. (*Annex 4*)

18. Some of the common challenges affecting the markets were: congestion due to limited space; inadequate water supply; poor street lighting; lack of proper and adequate garbage collection and dumping sites; poor drainage and sewerage systems; and insecurity at the market.
19. The market traders expressed the need for a modern market with enough space for all traders, adequate water supply, enough streetlights, modern toilets with water connections, proper waste management systems, and improvement of roads and pavements.

CHAPTER THREE: ANALYSIS OF STAKEHOLDER SUBMISSIONS

3.1 State of Key Markets in Vihiga

20. The County Government of Vihiga gave a comprehensive report on the state of key markets in Vihiga County, addressing the availability and functionality of essential services such as water supply, street lighting, waste management and sanitation.

3.1.1 Serem Market

21. The county government stated that Serem market is found on the border of Nandi and Vihiga Counties. Serem is a cosmopolitan market and most of the goods traded come from the neighbouring Nandi County. Additionally, they stated that market days are Wednesdays and Saturdays with traders ranging from 1,500-2,000 per market day, and stock sale was the most dominant business at the market.
22. Regarding water supply, the county government submitted that a borehole had been dug at the Slaughterhouse. They added that the Department of Agriculture under the National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP) sunk the borehole at the slaughterhouse and was working on the connection of water to the toilet and the Market.
23. Under sanitation, the county government reported that there was a small size toilet at the market though it did not adequately serve the traders and boda boda (motorcycle) operators. Consequently, the Department of Commerce had secured a contractor to renovate the big toilet, which would be complete and ready for use once the payment is done.
24. Regarding street lighting, the county government stated that the default metallic pillar board for energy meters and cut-out fuse was vandalized. They further admitted that some street lights at the market are faulty however; the high mast light was working despite having some faulty electrical accessories. In addition, they promised that plans were underway to repair the metallic pillar board and replace the faulty electrical accessories. The Department of Commerce would liaise with Kenya Power to repair the streetlights.
25. About waste management, the county government admitted that there were cases of overflow of garbage on the skips. They however informed that they plan to provide an extra skip for garbage collection which would be emptied twice per week, with the Department of Environment being in charge.

Submissions from Traders

26. During the market inspection at Serem, the traders led by the Market Management Committee gave their submissions to the Committee. They provided a list of development projects and improvements initiated by the county government since the year 2018. These included;
- i) Building of a modern slaughterhouse;
 - ii) Opening of the backstreet road accessing slaughterhouse;
 - iii) Erection of a high mast light;
 - iv) Renovation of toilets;
 - v) Improved sanitation and waste collection; and
 - vi) Installation of security lights.
27. They further stated their needs in line with the challenges they face which included;
- i) The need for a modern market with modern toilets;
 - ii) Need for land for the livestock market due to inadequate space;
 - iii) Need for land for expansion of Serem Health Center;
 - iv) Need for a bigger dumpsite for Serem Market; and
 - v) Need for one more Bodaboda Shade.

3.1.2 Shamakhokho Market

28. Vihiga county government submitted that the market is found in Shamakhokho Ward, Hamisi sub-county, and is largely identified with banana selling. They mentioned that it has no formally gazetted market day but traders are usually engaged daily with an estimated population of 500 - 1,000 traders and just like the other markets in the county, the common mode of transport in Shamakhokho is 'boda boda'.
29. Regarding water supply, the county government stated that water was close to the market and supplied by Kaimosi Water supply, however, the toilet was not connected. They informed the Committee that the Department of Environment would check on the issues leading to water disconnection to the toilet and ensure they are resolved.

30. Concerning sanitation, the county government responded that the eco toilet built at the market was not in operation due to vandalism of items including the electricity meter, lack of water, filled up septic tank, and wrangles on the management of the toilet. To resolve the issue, they stated that the Department of Transport had been contacted to provide a Bill of Quantities, and the Department of Commerce was tasked to do the renovation and pay for water connection to make the toilet operational. Additionally, they tasked the Department of Environment to clear (empty) the septic tank and that reliable persons would be identified to manage the toilet. They also planned to connect the electricity supply to improve the security of the area and extend the operations to late hours.
31. As for the street lights, the county government stated that electricity for the lights was drawn from the eco-toilets but was vandalized. To resolve this, they contacted Kenya Power for reconnection of electricity and were planning to install a high mast light.
32. On the issue of waste management, the county government submitted that garbage at Shamakhokho was collected on a bare land surface. They stated their plan to supply a skip to the market for ease of garbage collection which would be done twice a week.

3.1.3 Cheptulu Market

33. The county government stated that Cheptulu is found in Shiru Ward, Hamisi sub-county, on the border from Nandi County, and is located along Kapsabet – Chavakali road. Market days are on Tuesdays and Fridays and the common trading products are agricultural and stock products. They further stated that the market attracts traders from the neighbouring counties of Nandi and Kakamega and the estimated number of traders ranges between 800-1500 traders per market day.
34. On water supply, the county government submitted that the market was supplied with water and the Department of Environment was planning to improve the water connection and build water points. Regarding sanitation, they submitted that two pit latrines were available in the market but were almost full. Consequently, they mentioned the ongoing construction of modern toilets within the market and the Department of Commerce was tasked to handle the construction of more toilets.

35. Concerning the streetlighting at the market, the county government reported that most streetlights were functional with a few being faulty. Only one high mast light was functional and they intended to erect an additional high mast light.
36. On waste management, the county government stated that cleaning of the market was done daily. They informed the Committee that the market had only one collection skip where garbage was collected twice a week. To improve on this, the Department of Environment planned to procure and place two collection skips at the market strategically along the main road.

3.1.4 Mudete market

37. The county government stated that the Mudete market is located in North Maragoli Ward, Sabatia Sub-County where Stock sale is the most dominant business in the market. They stated that market days were Mondays and Thursdays with an average of 1,500-2,000 traders per market day.
38. On the issue of water supply, the county government submitted that the borehole that was dug at the market to supply water was not working due to power disconnection. They mentioned their plan to separate the electricity meter so that the Department of Environment can have its own electricity meter for pumping water to the community.
39. Regarding sanitation, the county government stated that the in-built men's and women's toilets were not adequately utilized due to minor breakages. For that reason, they intended to renovate the 6-door toilets for both males and females that is painting and fixing items like the doors, cisterns, and water basins that were broken.
40. Concerning street lighting, the county government highlighted that the electricity supply at the market had been interrupted by multiple users (Traders, Department of Water) who were not paying the bills leading to power disconnection. Additionally, the high mast light was working with minimal faulty electrical accessories. To resolve this, they planned to repair the standby generator and put it to use, procure and replace faulty electrical accessories, and separate the electricity meter which would be done by the Department of Commerce and the Department of Transport & Infrastructure with the help of Kenya Power and Lighting Company.

41. As for waste management, the county government stated that there was gradual garbage piling at the collection areas, therefore they charged the Department of Environment to ensure that the skip was emptied twice per week.

3.1.5 Chavakali Market

42. The county government submitted that the market is found in Chavakali ward, Sabatia sub-county, Located along the Kisumu-Kakamega highway. The market days were Wednesdays, with an estimated number of 1200 traders per market day and the most commonly traded products were agricultural products.
43. Regarding water supply, the county government stated that the main market was supplied with limited water but was not connected. To resolve this, they tasked the Department of Environment to ensure water was connected to the market for traders' use. On sanitation, they submitted that two toilets at the market and one at the Walodeya wholesale market were in good condition but needed small repairs on the floor. They also highlighted the need for the construction of a new toilet at the Stendikisa stock sale market.
44. Concerning street lighting, the county government stated that there were four high mast lights, three (3) were functional and one (1), which was near Eregi junction, was not in operation. They mentioned their plan to operationalize the street lights from Stendikisa to Keveye girls. Further, about waste management, they stated that cleaning of the market was done daily and that there were three (3) waste collection skips, one placed at the main market and two (2) at Walodeya market and Stendikisa market. The Department of Environment would procure more cleaning tools and strategically place one collection skip at the Chavakali fly-over stage.

3.1.6 Esibuye Market

45. The County government stated that this market is found in North-East Bunyore ward in Emuhaya sub-county. They added that the designated market days were Wednesdays and Saturdays where it received between 1,000 - 1,500 traders on average.
46. Regarding water supply, the county government highlighted that water supply was available at Elukhongo, although not constant because it relied on solar power. They also mentioned that

a water kiosk was available within the market but had no reservoir tank and water connectivity hence it was not in use completely. In finding a solution for this, the Department of Water had initiated water connection within the market and planned to procure a reservoir tank for reliable water supply in the market.

47. On the issue of sanitation, the county government highlighted that there was a tiled four-door pit latrine within the market, although it was almost full and poorly managed by the market committee. They added that no revenue was collected from the toilet and that cleaning the facility was challenging due to the water problem. The county government stated the need to re-empty the facility manually. They intended to have regular cleaning after the water was connected and to repossess the facility for proper management and revenue collection.
48. Concerning street lighting, the county government stated that the high mast light within the market was working but experienced faulty electrical accessories and that other street lights at the market were faulty. To resolve this, the county government planned to procure and replace faulty electrical accessories and the Department of Commerce had informed Kenya Power to repair the streetlights.
49. On waste management, the county government stated that there was a waste skip available which was in good condition and it was adequate for the market's needs. Garbage collection was not frequent but cleaning services were done daily. They acknowledged that collection needed to be done twice a week and that the Department of Environment should ensure grass and bush trimming was done frequently.

Submissions from Traders

50. During the visit, the traders at Esibuye Market made their submissions to the committee regarding the state of the market. They stated various challenges affecting their working at the market which included; inadequate water supply, poor drainage systems and waste management, lack of a high mast light for proper lighting at the market, insecurity and the need for an expansion of the market.

3.1.7 Mwichio Market

51. The county government highlighted that the market is found in the central Bunyore ward Emuhaya sub-county. They stated that Mwichio did not have a designated market day; instead, it functioned as a daily market with an average of 150-200 traders per day.
52. The county government submitted that water was available within the market through a water kiosk. However, the kiosk had been disconnected due to unpaid bills. For that reason, they made plans to repossess the kiosk, settle the bill then place it under proper management.
53. Regarding sanitation, the county government stated that a pit latrine was available although it was not properly managed, not cleaned frequently, its doors were unlockable and the floor was uneven. They highlighted that the Department of Commerce would engage the contractor who built the toilet to do the repairs before payment was done, and afterwards repossess the facility and place it under proper management to generate revenue.
54. On street lighting, the county submitted that the streetlights in the market were in good condition although there was no high mast lighting. They highlighted their plans to install additional high masts to increase lighting.
55. Concerning waste management, the county government averred that cleaning services were done daily. However, there were no waste skips at the garbage point hence waste was disposed on an open ground. They acknowledged the need for procurement of more cleaning materials, a waste skip, and the need for frequent waste collection.

3.1.8 Majengo Market

56. Vihiga County Government submitted that Majengo was one of the busiest markets in Vihiga County, found in Central Maragoli ward in Vihiga Sub County and was cosmopolitan with traders engaging in different waves, and its visibility on Kakamega –Kisumu highway made it attractive to traders. They stated that generation of revenue was encouraging as the number of traders was above 3,000 per day.
57. Regarding water supply, the county government noted the availability of a water kiosk at the market with a reservoir tank although water was disconnected due to pending bills and poor management by the market committee. They stated that the Department of Water would

address the issue by repossessing the water kiosk, putting it under proper management, and ensuring the water connection was done.

58. On the issue of sanitation, the county government responded that there was a pit latrine with a reservoir tank connected to the gutters but was not in use. The toilet was poorly managed by the market committee and its walls were worn out. To address this, they tasked the Department of Commerce to renovate it, reclaim it, and put it under proper management.
59. Further, the county government highlighted that the available street lights and high-mast were working and in good condition and they planned to install more lights from Roundabout and Keveye Polytechnic, Maragoli Plaza to Navuhi. On waste management, they stated that cleaning services were done daily, and a waste skip was available and in good condition but was not sufficient for the market's needs. There was need for one more waste skip to be placed in a strategic location within the market.

Submissions from Traders

60. During the inspection of Majengo market, the traders led by the Market Management committee reported that they submitted a memorandum to the county government of Vihiga on various development projects they proposed to address the challenges faced at the market.
61. They provided a list of the proposed market improvements as follows;
- i) Upgrading of roads to low-volume seal tarmac;
 - ii) Urban beautification;
 - iii) Piped Water Systems;
 - iv) High mast lights mono polo;
 - v) Storm water drainage systems;
 - vi) Street lights and main systems of power;
 - vii) Completion of road trenches within town;
 - viii) Construction of toilets, mainly washrooms;
 - ix) Open air market and market day launch;
 - x) Need for a bus park;
 - xi) Purchase of containers for small business people;
 - xii) Land to give space for artisans and mechanics;

- xiii) Footpath pavements (along Majengo–Gisambai and Majengo-Vihiga-Luanda Road)
- xiv) Construction of a slaughterhouse;
- xv) Provision of dumping sites or kits;
- xvi) Construction of Bodaboda shades

3.1.9 Mbale Market

62. The county government submitted that the market is in Vihiga County headquarters and is the second market to Luanda in terms of revenue collection. The market days are Tuesdays and Saturdays where the number of traders is usually above 4,000, making it one of the busiest markets.
63. Regarding water supply in the market, the county government stated that a water kiosk was available with a reservoir tank with proper water connection. However, they stated that water supply was not sufficient for the market's needs hence the need to have more water outlets which would be handled by the Department of Water.
64. On sanitation, the county government stated that a tiled toilet block was built opposite KCB Bank using funds from the World Bank and was managed by the market committee. The toilets were usable even though they experienced blockages from time to time and the walls were slightly soiled. They added that the toilet block had a piped water supply and the two (2) washrooms and toilets for the physically challenged were not in use, instead, they were used as stores.
65. The county government mentioned the availability of another eco-toilet opposite Rafiki Bank which was in good condition and run by youth organisations. They intended to repair and clean the 2 washrooms and toilet for the physically challenged, repossess the toilet, unblock it, put it under proper management and also construct another toilet at the Vegetable section.
66. On the issue of street lights, the county government responded that some street lights within the market were faulty and three (3) out of the four (4) high masts were functional with the last one having minor repair and maintenance issues. The Department of Commerce was tasked to contact the Kenya Power and Lighting Company to repair the streetlights.

67. On waste management, the county government responded that cleaning services were done daily and the market had seven (7) waste skips, five (5) which were in good condition while two were worn out. They acknowledged that these were sufficient for the market's needs but the two waste skips needed to be replaced and a schedule for waste collection be developed.

Submissions from Traders

68. During the Committee inspection of Mbale market, the traders led by the Market Management Committee gave their submissions on the challenges faced at the market. They stated that Mbale lacks enough market space, stage, parking, sewerage system, street lights, drainage systems, and descent passable pavements among other essential services.
69. The traders reported that there had been a lot of funding from the Kenya Urban Support Program which had not yielded any significant and visible development in the town. Further, that the county had rented road reserves to Equity Bank, Co-operative Bank, Easy Coach and Guardian Bus Services as reserved parking along Kakamega-Kisumu Highway. They added that the same road was used as paid parking hindering visibility and exposing the residents and road users to danger.
70. The traders submitted that there were no reliable systems for clean water and therefore posing a health risk to the traders. They highlighted other challenges which included poor street lighting, poor drainage system and lack of a dumpsite. The traders urged the Committee to compel the county government to ensure essential services are provided in the market.

3.1.10 Luanda Market

71. The county government stated that Luanda was the largest market in Vihiga County, located in Luanda sub-county along Kisumu-Busia Road, and acted as a connection between other counties. They stated that the estimated number of traders was over 6,000 each market day which was on Mondays and Thursdays, where the commonly traded products were textiles, agricultural products, and livestock.

72. Concerning water supply, the county government reported that the market was supplied with water although there was no water kiosk. The Department of Water was tasked to build a water kiosk and ensure connection to the market.
73. Regarding sanitation, the county government submitted that the main market had three toilets located at the bus stage, groceries, and omena market. They added that the toilets at Mwibona stock sale market, were in good condition and working but facing a challenge of water supply. To resolve this, they tasked the Department of Commerce to construct one more toilet at the Ebusakami junction market.
74. On the issue of street lighting, the county government stated that Luanda market had five (5) high mast lighting located at Ebusakami junction, Triple T, Main market, Mwibona, Jua Kali shade, and Mulukhoru. They added that street lights were well connected and working with a few disconnected and therefore the Department of Commerce had contacted Kenya Power to do the repairs and fix a few malfunctioning street lights.
75. Concerning waste management, the county government stated that cleaning and garbage collection was done on a daily basis. They also reported that collection skips were strategically placed at seven collection points and that liquid waste was well controlled and drainage was well maintained. The Department of Environment was tasked to allocate more collection skips.

Submissions from Traders

76. The traders in Luanda gave their submissions to the Committee during the market inspection. They acknowledged boycotting payment of taxes for six weeks so that the county government could address their grievances and offer essential services.
77. They reported that repair and maintenance in the main market was ongoing but the process was slow. Garbage collection had improved although there was a challenge of timely collection and adequate dumping areas. They highlighted that sanitation facilities were inadequate and there was lack of water in the market.
78. The traders stated that there was insecurity for them and their property since traders were being robbed, mugged and even killed. Due to the insecurity, traders in Luanda could not work long hours like they used to. They also reported the issue of serious congestion in the town which they requested the county government to construct a modern store market.

79. The traders further submitted that they did not receive proper health services since the dispensary available lacked essential equipment and faced challenges such as; inadequate drugs, qualified health personnel and lack of laboratory reagents forcing the traders to seek medical attention at very high costs. They concluded by requesting the committee to look into the issues that might be inhibiting the town from being granted municipal status since they believe that being a municipality will bring about development in Luanda.

3.2 Market Improvement and expansion projects from FY 2013/2014 to FY 2023/2024

80. The county government of Vihiga highlighted the importance and uniqueness of markets as economic and social development drivers which are increasingly embraced as tools for achieving wider development goals. They added that, for this reason, the county continues to make budgetary allocation towards market development and management.

81. The county government further highlighted various market improvement projects giving details of the cost of each project and the period it started as shown in Table 3 below.

Table 3; Market improvements/ expansion projects from FY 2013/14 to FY 2023/24

S.No	PROJECT	COST in Kshs.	START PERIOD
1.	Fabrication of 206 Metal stalls in (Mbale Market)	34,000,000	2015/2016
2.	Fencing of the ESP Market (Majengo Market)	1,500,000	2015/2016
3.	Construction of Omena Market (Luanda)	22,000,000	2015/2016
4.	Pavement of Luanda Mama Mboga Market (Sokomoko)	2,728,489	2018/2019
5.	Pavement of omena Market (Luanda)	2,372,884	2018/2019
6.	Rehabilitation of Mwibona stock market Toilet (Luanda)	1,484,515.80	2020/2021
7.	Installation of High mast lighting – omena market (Luanda)	1,484,515.80	2021/2022
8.	Face-lifting of Luanda Market – Phase 1 (Luanda)	14,880,048.48	2023/2024
9.	Refurbishment of Modern Toilet, at Mwibona Livestock market.	985,884.00	2022/2023
10	Renovation and paving of Luanda Market	2,728,489.36	2019/2020
11	Construction of County Aggregation and Industrial Park is in progress (Luanda Market)	496,028,151	2023/2024

12	Renovation of Toilet (Serem Market)	423,400	2023/2024
13	Construction of Eco Toilet at Chavakali Junction	3,320,975	2022/2023
14	Construction of Boda Boda Shed (Chavakali)	387,529.90	2023/2024
15	Construction of Eco Toilet at Cheptulu Market	3,156,139.00	2022/2023
16	Construction of Bodaboda Shed (Cheptulu)	15,000,000	2015/2016
17	Construction of 4 Door Water closet Toilet and Fencing at Esibuye Stock Market (Esibuye)	3,060,000	2022/2023
18	New Market with stalls, cabro walkways, utility facilities, lighting, and drainage works under KUSP 1 (Mudete Market)		2022/2023

3.3 Own Source Revenue generated from the Markets from FY 2018/19 to FY2023/24

82. The County Government provided a breakdown of the Own Source Revenue (OSR) generated from each market from FY2018/2019 to FY2023/2024. A summary of the revenue collected from the markets as submitted by the County government is shown in Table 4 below.

Table 4; Market fees/Barter collection for the period 2018/19 - April 2023/24

S.NO	FINANCIAL YEAR	TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED FROM ALL MARKETS
7.	2018/2019	13,232,159.00
8.	2019/2020	13,140,178.80
9.	2020/2021	14,129,998.00
10.	2021/2022	14,269,526.00
11.	2022/2023	13,447,750.80
12.	2023/2024	13,953,833.00
	TOTAL	82,173,445.60

3.4 Impact of the February 2024 tax boycott by Luanda market traders on revenue collection.

83. The County government of Vihiga submitted that they considered the grievances by the traders at Luanda market and took various measures to resolve them including;

- i. Improving market sanitation – cleaning, garbage collection & building toilets;
- ii. Building additional market shades – Soko-moko;
- iii. Installation of high mast & street lighting;
- iv. Capacity building of revenue officers;
- v. Supporting market management committees; and
- vi. Construction of county strategic markets in Luanda has commenced.

84. The County government further provided the amount of revenue collected monthly from Luanda market from July 2023 to May 2024. Figure 1 below shows the trend in revenue collection including the amount collected in February 2024 during the boycott and after the tax boycott.

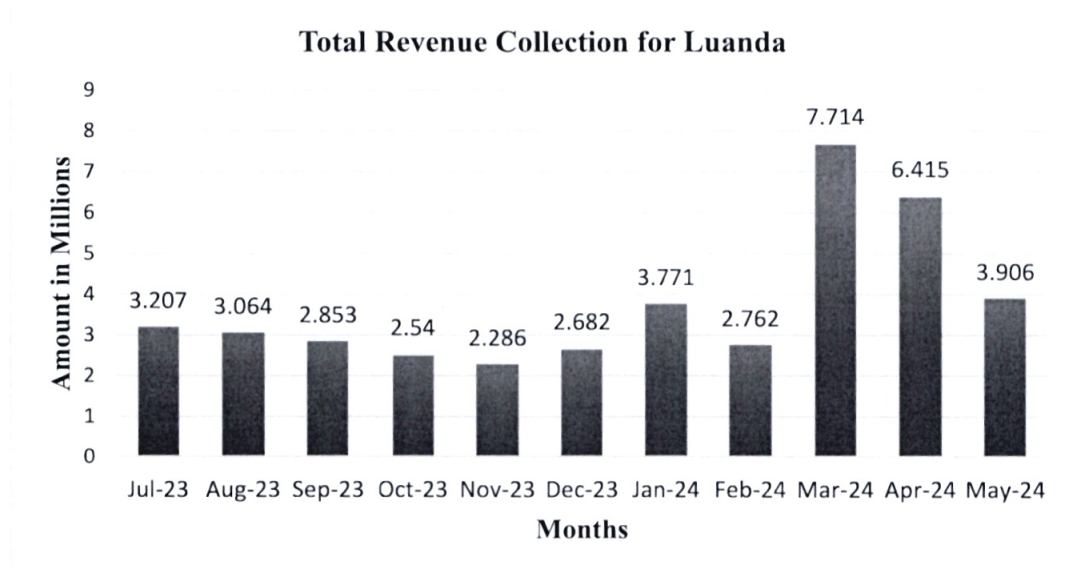


Figure 1; Revenue collection in Luanda from July 2023 to May 2024

CHAPTER FOUR: COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

85. Following stakeholder engagements and an analysis of the submission from the various stakeholders, the Committee made the following observations:

4.1 State of Key Markets in Vihiga County

86. The committee observed that water was available in most markets, either supplied by water companies or boreholes dug at the markets. The water supply to the markets was not sufficient for the traders' needs. The Committee further observed that the major challenge affecting water supply was the connection from the source to different parts of the market including toilets. Other challenges affecting water supply in the markets included unpaid water bills leading to disconnection and unstable power supply for pumping the water.

87. The Committee observed that toilets and washrooms were available in the markets, some markets had pit latrines, and others had standard toilets and eco toilets. The major challenge was that the toilets were not adequate to serve all traders and boda boda operators. Other challenges included blockage and poor conditions of the toilets and lack of water connection, making it difficult to use and clean them. The committee further observed that most markets needed modern toilets with water connection which the county government planned to do to improve the sanitation standards of the markets.

88. The Committee observed that streetlights have been installed in all markets ranging from high mast streetlights, solar-powered streetlights, and electric streetlights. However, the lighting was still not sufficient and some markets still had challenges such as; faulty street lights and vandalism of the lights and other electrical equipment.

89. Further, the Committee observed a major challenge of collection and dumping of waste, poor drainage and sewerage system. The county government through its departments, was working to increase the frequency of cleaning, planning to procure more waste skips to improve garbage collection and generally improve the waste management at the markets.

4.2 Market Improvement Projects Initiated by the County Government

90. The county government had initiated several improvement projects for the markets from FY 2013/2014 to FY 2023/2014. The Committee observed that these projects were still inadequate

and facing challenges hence the traders were not fully benefitting from them. During the visit, the committee observed that some projects were stalled while others were constructed at very low standards leading to damages.

91. Further, the Committee observed that the county government did not provide a comprehensive update report on the status of all the projects, whether completed, ongoing, or stalled. There was need for renovations and enhancement of the available projects and implementation of more expansion and improvement projects as per the needs of the traders.

4.3 Own Source Revenue (OSR) Generated from Markets

92. Taking note of the submissions made on the revenue collected from FY 2018/2019 to FY 2023/2024, the Committee observed that markets in Vihiga were significant contributors to the Own Source Revenue of the county. Additionally, the Committee observed that Luanda and Mbale markets had the highest collection of revenue and hence contributed the most to county's revenue. Addressing the challenges affecting the markets would have a huge impact on the revenue collection.

4.4 Challenges facing markets in Vihiga County

93. The markets in Vihiga County faced various challenges which affect the work environment for the traders. The Committee observed that the common challenges affecting the markets were;
- i. congestion due to limited space;
 - ii. inadequate water supply and poor water connection;
 - iii. poor streetlighting;
 - iv. poor sanitation standards in the markets;
 - v. lack of proper and adequate garbage collection and dumping sites;
 - vi. poor drainage and sewerage systems;
 - vii. inadequate sheds for traders and boda boda operators;
 - viii. vandalism and robbery due to insecurity at the market; and
 - ix. Poor management by the Market Management Development Committee due to lack of capacity building for the members of the committee.

94. Some of these challenges were the reason that led to the decision by traders in Luanda to boycott the payment of taxes to the county government as a way of addressing their grievances. These challenges made it difficult for businesses to thrive therefore affecting the revenue collection from the markets.

CHAPTER FIVE: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

95. Based on the findings and observations above, the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations recommends that –

- i. The County Government of Vihiga should ensure proper connection of water from the sources to all outlets in the market and ensure constant supply.
- ii. The county government should maintain high sanitation standards within the markets by ensuring availability of adequate toilets with constant water supply and frequent cleaning.
- iii. The county government should fast-track the installation of additional and the repair of the faulty streetlights to improve the lighting and security at the market.
- iv. The county government should ensure proper waste management, facilitate efficient garbage collection and dumping, and improve the drainage and sewer systems.
- v. The county government should advance the security at the markets to reduce vandalism of items and enhance the safety of the traders.
- vi. Concerning the recommendations on provision of essential services in the markets in i, ii, iii, iv and v above, the county government should report the status update to the Committee within six (6) months upon the adoption of this report.
- vii. The county government should address the challenges of congestion and inadequate sheds for traders to improve their working conditions leading to an improvement of the Own Source Revenue collected from the markets.
- viii. The county government should facilitate the construction of modern markets in all sub-counties and ensure completion of any stalled project for market improvements. Further, the county government should consider building the market vertically to save space for more infrastructural developments and ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities.
- ix. The county government of Vihiga should facilitate provide trade loans for the market traders and other entrepreneurs to avoid harassment from other lenders.
- x. The county government should consider constructing health facilities, crèches and nurseries at the markets to ensure all the essential needs of the traders are catered for.
- xi. Upon receipt of the funds from the Kenya Urban Support Program (Phase II), the county government should consider investing in fire and disaster management in the Municipality including having fire equipment in every market.

PICTORIALS



Picture 1- Committee members paying a courtesy call to the Governor of Vihiga County



Picture 2- Committee members led by the Senator for Vihiga County inspecting Mbale market



Picture 3; Committee members inspecting Mbale market



Picture 4- Committee members engaging traders at Mbale market

ANNEXURES

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Annex 1:

***Minutes of the Standing
Committee on Devolution and
Intergovernmental Relations***



MINUTES OF THE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH SITTING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS HELD ON SATURDAY, 22ND JUNE, 2024, AT 10.00 AM AT THE BOARDROOM OF THE GOVERNOR OF VIHIGA COUNTY, MBALE TOWN,

PRESENT

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| 1. Sen. Sheikh Mohamed Abass, MP | - Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, MGH, MP | - Member |
| 3. Sen. Richard Momoima Onyonka, EBS, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen. George Mbugua, MP | - Member |
| 5. Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP | - Member |
| 6. Sen. David Wafula Wakoli, MP | - Member |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY.

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| 1. Sen. Catherine Muyeka Mumma, MP | - Vice-Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. Peris Pesi Tobiko, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 3. Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP | - Member |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP | - Senator, Vihiga County |
| 2. Hon. (Dr.) Wilber Ottichilo, EGH, | - Governor, Vihiga County |
| 3. Hon Wilberforce Kitiezo | - Deputy Governor, Vihiga County |
| 4. Mr. Ezekiel Ayiego | - County Secretary, Vihiga County |
| 5. Mr. Joseph Lunani | - CECM, Vihiga County |
| 6. Mr. Onzere Mulongo | - CECM, Vihiga County |
| 7. Prof. MA. Iravo | - CECM, Vihiga County |
| 8. Dr. Nicholas Mwandih | - CECM, Vihiga County |
| 9. Ms. Grace Kadenge | - CECM, Vihiga County |
| 10. Mr. Victor Kivaya | - Chief Officer, Vihiga County |
| 11. Mr. Joseph Keverenge | - Chief Officer, Vihiga County |
| 12. Mr. James Atemba | - Chief Officer, Vihiga County |
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| 14. Mr. Dominic Luvano | - Chief Officer, Vihiga County |

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| 3. Ms. Mwanamisi Mwachasi | - Research Officer III |
| 4. Ms. Lucianne Limo | - Media Relations Officer |
| 5. Mr. Wilson Bosmet | - Serjeant-At-Arms |
| 6. Mr. Charles Oyosi | - Audio officer |

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/591/2024:

PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am by the Chairperson followed by a word of prayer by Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP. Thereafter, there was a round of introductions by all those who were present.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/592/2024

MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR OF VIHIGA COUNTY TO DELIBERATE ON THE STATE OF MARKETS IN VIHIGA COUNTY.

The Chairperson in his opening remarks stated that the Committee had visited the County for a fact-finding mission on the state of various markets in the County following a request the Committee received from Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP. He explained that in the Statement, the Senator requested the Committee to –

- i. Report on the state of key markets in Vihiga County, including but not limited to Mbale, Majengo, Luanda, Serem, Chavakali, Cheptulu, Shamakhokho, Esibuye, and Mudete markets, specifically addressing the availability and functionality of essential services such as water supply, street lighting, waste management and sanitation;
- ii. Provision of a status update of all market improvement and/or expansion projects initiated by the County Government of Vihiga from the Financial Year 2013/2014 to date;
- iii. Provision of a breakdown of the Own Source Revenue (OSR) generated by the County Government from each market from FY 2018/2019 to date, giving a comparison of the revenue to the total costs incurred for services, construction and market improvements, as well as the amount retained from the revenue;
- iv. State the impact of the February 2024 tax boycott by traders at the Luanda market on revenue collection, stating measures if any, that the County has taken to resolve the grievances by traders; and
- v. State reasons for the delay in appointing Municipal Managers for markets designated as municipalities under the Urban Areas and Cities Act and provide the expected timelines for these appointments.

The Chairperson invited the Governor to give an oral response to the requested information. The Governor responded as follows-

1. That, from the onset of devolution, the County Government of Vihiga has continuously invested in improving market infrastructure. Strategic interventions have been put in place to enhance service delivery to both traders and the general public. They include; water supply installation and reticulation, installation, repair and maintenance of high mast and street lights. Garbage collection and enhancement of sanitation;
2. He stated that the above processes have however, been faced with various challenges including; limited resources and late exchequer releases. The status and action points of each of the aforementioned markets was presented;
3. On improvement and expansion of projects in the Markets, the Governor submitted that the County continues to make budgetary allocations towards market development and management. He submitted the allocations for all the markets from the FY 2018/19 to 2023/24;
4. Submitted a breakdown of the revenue generated by the markets as Own Source Revenue;
5. The February, 2024 tax boycott by the Luanda Traders brought together various stakeholders. Measures that the county has taken to resolve the grievances by traders.
 - i. Improving market sanitation – cleaning, garbage collection & building toilets;
 - ii. Building additional market shades – Soko-moko;
 - iii. Installation of high mast & street lighting
 - iv. Capacity building of revenue officers.
 - v. Supporting market management committees.
 - vi. Construction of county strategic markets in Luanda has commenced.
6. The process of hiring municipal managers had been completed and one manager had been duly appointed to the role.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/593/2024

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other Business.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/594/2024

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND
ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am. The next meeting to be held same day at 2.00 pm.

SIGNED.....

DATE.....

SEN. SHEIKH MOHAMED ABASS, M.P
CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.



**MINUTES OF THE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH SITTING OF THE
SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS HELD ON SATURDAY, 22ND JUNE,
2024, AT 2.00 PM AT SEREM MARKET, VIHIGA COUNTY.**

PRESENT

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| 1. Sen. Sheikh Mohamed Abass, MP | - Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, MGH, MP | - Member |
| 3. Sen. Richard Momoima Onyonka, EBS, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen. George Mbugua, MP | - Member |
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| 5. Mr. Wilson Bosmet | - Serjeant-At-Arms |
| 6. Mr. Charles Oyosi | - Audio officer |

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/595/2024:

PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 pm by the Chairperson followed by a word of prayer by Sen. David Wakoli, MP. Thereafter, there was a round of introductions by all those who were present.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/596/2024

MEETING WITH SEREM MARKET TRADERS TO RECEIVE THEIR VIEWS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE MARKET'S MANAGEMENT.

The Chairperson in his opening remarks to the market traders stated that the Committee had visited the County for a factfinding mission on the state of various markets in the County following a request the Committee received from Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP. He stated that the Committee was looking forward to get their views on the true state of the markets, their management and the challenges that they wanted addressed by the County government.

The traders in their submissions noted that the following are some of the projects that Vihiga County Government had done since the year 2018-

- a) Building of a modern slaughterhouse;
- b) Opening of backstreet road accessing the slaughterhouse;
- c) Building of a sewerage;
- d) Erection of high mast lights;
- e) Renovation of toilets;
- f) Improved sanitation (Collection of waste); and
- g) Installation of security lights.

They further submitted the following needs the county government of Vihiga should look into-

- a) A modern market with facilities that cater for special needs like PWD Access, room for lactating mothers;
- b) Provide land for a livestock yard and a health market center
- c) Build modern toilets;
- d) Create a Big dump site for Serem market; and
- e) One more shade for Boda boda operators.

Resolutions

The Committee informed the traders that the Committee had taken all their views to account and shall make necessary recommendations to the County Government of Vihiga to address the concerns raised.

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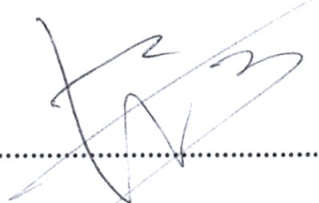
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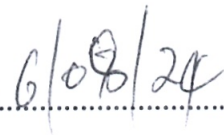
There was no any other Business.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND
ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am. The next meeting to be held on notice.

SIGNED.....

DATE.....

SEN. SHEIKH MOHAMED ABASS, M.P
CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.



MINUTES OF THE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH SITTING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS HELD ON TUESDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 2024, AT 10.00 AM AT COMMITTEE ROOM 6, BUNGE TOWER.

PRESENT

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| 1. Sen. Sheikh Mohamed Abass, MP | - Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. Catherine Muyeka Mumma, MP | - Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Sen. (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, MGH, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen. Richard Momoima Onyonka, EBS, MP | - Member |
| 5. Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP | - Member |
| 6. Sen. George Mbugua, MP | - Member |
| 7. Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP | - Member |
| 8. Sen. David Wafula Wakoli, MP | - Member |

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| 2. Mr. Desmond Rasugu | - Clerk Assistant III (taking minutes) |
| 3. Mr. Walters Omondi | - Legal Counsel I |
| 4. Ms. Lucianne Limo | - Media Relations Officer |
| 5. Ms. Mwanamisi Mwachasi | - Research Officer III |
| 6. Ms. Celestine Jepkosgey | - Public Communications Officer |
| 7. Mr. Alex Mutuku | - Serjeant-At-Arms |
| 8. Mr. Johnstone Simiyu | - Audio officer |

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/627/2024:

PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by the Chairperson followed by a word of prayer by Ms. Sylvia Nasambu.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/628/2024**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The Agenda of the meeting was adopted as presented after being proposed by Sen. David Wakoli, MP, and seconded by Sen Mohamed Chute, MP as follows -

1. Prayer;
2. Adoption of the Agenda;
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meetings; (8 sets)
4. Consideration of Matters Arising from the Minutes;
5. Consideration of a legislative proposal on The County Government Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024;
6. Consideration and adoption of the following reports of the Committee:
 - a) Report on personal security concerns raised by Hon. Philomenah Kapkory, Deputy Governor, Trans Nzoia County;
 - b) Report on the Statement sought by Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP, regarding the state of markets in Vihiga County; and
 - c) Report on the Statement sought by Sen. David Wakoli, MP, regarding the state of markets in Bungoma County.
7. Any other Business; and
8. Date of the Next Meeting and Adjournment.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/629/2024**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1. The minutes of the hundred and fourteenth sitting held on Monday, 20th May, 2024 at 10.00 am were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP and seconded by Sen. George Mbugua, MP;
2. The minutes of the hundred and fifteenth sitting held on Thursday, 23rd May, 2024 at 11.00 am were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP and seconded by Sen. George Mbugua, MP;
3. The minutes of the hundred and sixteenth sitting held on Tuesday, 28th May, 2024 at 10.00 am were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP and seconded by Sen. David Wakoli, MP;
4. The minutes of the hundred and seventeenth sitting held on Friday, 21st June, 2024 at 10.00 am were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP, EBS, and seconded by Sen. David Wakoli, MP;
5. The minutes of the hundred and eighteenth sitting held on Friday, 21st June, 2024 at 1.00 pm were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP, EBS, and seconded by Sen. David Wakoli, MP;

6. The minutes of the hundred and nineteenth sitting held on Saturday, 22nd June, 2024 at 10.00 am were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Sen. George Mbugua, MP and seconded by Sen. David Wakoli, MP;
7. The minutes of the hundred and twentieth sitting held on Saturday, 22nd June, 2024 at 2.00 pm were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Sen. George Mbugua, MP and seconded by Sen. David Wakoli, MP; and
8. The minutes of the hundred and twenty-first sitting held on Monday, 15th July 2024 at 10. 00 am were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Sen. George Mbugua, MP and seconded by Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/630//2024

**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING
FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the confirmed minutes.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/631/2024

**CONSIDERATION OF A LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL
ON THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAWS
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024.**

The Committee considered the legislative proposal that seeks to amend the County Governments Act to set out clear and specific functions of a Deputy Governor, in order to streamline the responsibilities of the said office and also foster harmonious relations with the office of the county governor.

Upon deliberation of the matter, the Committee resolved to have a meeting with the sponsor of the Bill, Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MGH, MP, Deputy Speaker, and the Deputy Governors Forum to have an in-depth discussion on the consequences of the proposal before submitting the comments of the Committee to the Speaker. The meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 20th August, 2024.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/632/2024

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF
REPORTS**

- a) **Consideration of the report on personal security concerns raised by Hon. Philomenah Kapkory, Deputy Governor, Trans Nzoia County.**

The Committee was presented with the report on the personal security concerns that were raised by the Deputy Governor of Transnzoia which covered the background of the matter, analysis of stakeholder submissions, the observations and recommendations made by the committee. The report was unanimously adopted after being proposed by Sen. David Wakoli, MP and seconded by Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP;

b) Consideration of report on the statement sought by Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP, regarding the state of markets in Vihiga County.

The Committee was presented with the report on the Statement sought by Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP regarding the state of markets in Vihiga County which covered the background of the matter, an analysis of the stakeholder submissions and the Committee observations. The report was unanimously adopted after being proposed by Sen. David Wakoli, MP and seconded by Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP.

c) Consideration of report on the statement sought by Sen. David Wakoli, MP, regarding the state of markets in Bungoma County

The Committee was presented with the report on the statement sought by Sen. David Wakoli, MP regarding the state of markets in Bungoma County which covered the background of the matter, an analysis of the stakeholder submissions, and the Committee observations. The report was unanimously adopted after being proposed by Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP and seconded by Sen. David Wakoli, MP.

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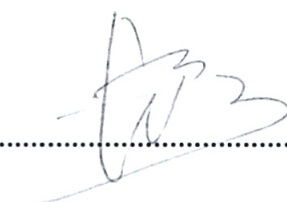
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business.

MIN/SEN/DEVIR/634/2024

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND
ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:52 am. The next meeting to be held on notice.

SIGNED.....

DATE.....06/08/2024

**SEN. SHEIKH MOHAMED ABASS, MP,
CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.**

Annex 2:

Copy of Statement

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④ Hon. Speaker

You may refer
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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION)

THE SENATE

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

ON THE STATE OF MARKETS IN VIHIGA COUNTY

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

I rise, pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1), to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental relations regarding the condition of markets within Vihiga County.

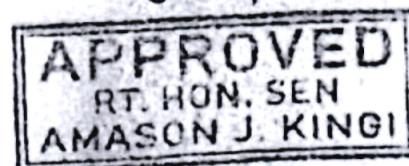
In the Statement, the Committee should-

1. Report on the state of key markets in Vihiga County, including but not limited to Mbale, Majengo, Luanda, Serem, Chavakali, Cheptulu, Shamakhokho, Esibuye, and Mudete markets, specifically addressing the availability and functionality of essential services such as water supply, street lighting, waste management and sanitation;
2. Provide a status update of all market improvement and/or expansion projects initiated by the County Government of Vihiga from the Financial Year 2013/2014 to date;
3. Provide a breakdown of the Own Source Revenue (OSR) generated by the County Government from each market from FY 2018/2019 to date, giving a comparison of the revenue to the total costs incurred for services, construction and market improvements, as well as the amount retained from the revenue;
4. State the impact of the February 2024 tax boycott by traders at the Luanda market on revenue collection, stating measures if any, that the County has taken to resolve the grievances by traders; and
5. State reasons for the delay in appointing Municipal Managers for markets designated as municipalities under the Urban Areas and Cities Act and provide the expected timelines for these appointments.

SEN. GODFREY OSOTSI, M.P.
SENATOR FOR VIHIGA COUNTY

DATE: 6th March, 2024

07/03/24



Annex 3:

**Submissions by the County
Government of Vihiga**

COUNTY OF GOVERNMENT OF VIHIGA



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TOURSIM AND CO-OPERATIVES;

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

AND

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL PLANNING, LANDS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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1. Report on the state of key markets in Vihiga County, including but not limited to Mbale, Majengo, Luanda, Serem, Chavakali, Cheptulu, Shamakhokho, Esibuye and Mudete markets, specifically addressing the availability and functionality of essential services such as water supply, street lighting, waste management and sanitation.

Management Response

From the onset of devolution, County Government of Vihiga has continuously invested in improving market infrastructure. Strategic interventions have been in place to enhance service delivery to both traders and the general public. They include; water supply installation and reticulation, installation, repair and maintenance of high mast and street lights. Garbage collection and enhancement of sanitation. These processes have faced various challenges, including; limited resources and late exchequer releases. The status and action points of each of the aforementioned markets are shown in;

See Appendix 1 - Status and Action points for selected markets.

2. Provide a status update of all market's improvement and/or expansion initiated by the County Government of Vihiga from the Financial Year 2013/2014 to date.

Management Response

Markets are unique economic and social development drivers which are increasingly embraced as tools for achieving wider development goals nationally and in counties, as well as in cities and urban area; in this regard the county continues to make budgetary allocation towards market development and management.

See Appendix 2

FY2013/20214 - No Verifiable information available

FY2014/20215 - No Verifiable information available

3. Provide a breakdown of the Own Source Revenue (OSR) generated by the county Government from each market from FY2018/2019 to date, giving comparison of the revenue.

Management Response

See Appendix 3 - Market fees/ Barter Collection Revenue Stream ONLY.

4. State the impact of the February 2024 tax boycott that the traders at the Luanda market on revenue collection, stating the measures if any, that the county has taken to resolve the grievances by traders.

Management Response

The February 2024 tax boycott by the Luanda Traders brought together various stakeholders.

Measures that the county has taken to resolve the grievances by traders.

- i. Improving market sanitation – cleaning, garbage collection & building toilets
- ii. Building additional market shades – Soko-moko
- iii. Installation of high mast & street lighting
- iv. Capacity building of revenue officers.
- v. Supporting market management committees.
- vi. Construction of county strategic markets in Luanda has commenced.

See Appendix 4 - Revenue Collection for Luanda from July 2023- May 2024

5. State the reasons for the delay in appointing municipal managers for markets designated as municipalities under the Urban Areas and Cities Act and provide the expected timelines for these appointments.

Management Response

The process of hiring is now complete and we now have one that has been duly appointed to the role.

See Appendix 5

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PARLIAMENT
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18th April, 2024

Ref: SEN/DGAC/DEVIR/2024/022

Hon. (Dr.) Wilber Otichilo, EGH,
Governor,
Vihiga County,
P.O. Box 344-50300,
MBALE.

Dear Hon. Governor,

RE: REQUEST FOR RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT ON THE STATE OF
MARKETS IN VIHIGA COUNTY

The Senate Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations is established under standing order 224(3) of the Senate Standing Orders and is mandated to consider all matters relating to devolution, intergovernmental and inter-county relations, governance and management of county governments, cities, towns and urban areas.

Standing order 53(1) of the Senate Standing Orders provides that a Senator may request for a Statement from a Committee relating to any matter under the mandate of the Committee that is of county-wide, inter-county, national, regional or international concern.

Pursuant to this provision, at the Sitting of the Senate held on Tuesday, 12th March, 2024, Sen. Godfrey Osoisi, MP requested for a statement from the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations regarding the state of markets in Vihiga County.

In the Statement, the Senator requested that the Committee to -

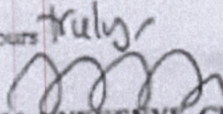
- a) report on the state of key markets in Vihiga County, including but not limited to Mbalu, Majengo, Luanda, Serem, Chavakali, Cheptula, Shamakhokho, Esibuye and Mudeto markets, specifically addressing the availability and functionality of essential services such as water supply, street lighting, waste management and sanitation;

- b) provide a status update of all market improvement and/or expansion projects initiated by the County Government of Vihiga from the Financial Year 2013/2014 to date;
- c) provide a breakdown of the Own Source Revenue (OSR) generated by the County Government from each market from FY 2018/2019 to date, giving a comparison of the revenue to the total costs incurred for services, construction and market improvements, as well as the amount retained from the revenue;
- d) state the impact of the February 2024 tax boycott by traders at the Luanda market on revenue collection, stating measures if any, that the County has taken to resolve the grievances by traders; and
- e) state reasons for the delay in appointing Municipal Managers for markets designated as municipalities under the Urban Areas and Cities Act and provide the expected timelines for these appointments.

The purpose of this letter is to request you to submit a written response to the Statement on or before **Wednesday, 24th April, 2024**. The response may be sent by email on the address: clerk.senate@parliament.go.ke and copied to senate.devolution@parliament.go.ke

Enclosed is a copy of the request for Statement and the extract of the Hansard Report of the plenary session of the Senate held on Tuesday, 12th March, 2024 for your reference.

Ms. Sylvia Nasambu, Clerk Assistant (Cell Number – 0723763703 Email – sylvia.nasambu@parliament.go.ke), is the Clerk to the Committee and is responsible for all arrangements relating to this matter.

Yours truly,

J. M. NYEGENYE, CBS,
CLERK OF THE SENATE

Encls.

Copy to:

Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP,
 Senator,
 Vihiga County,
 Parliament Buildings,
NAIROBI.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF VIHIGA



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TOURSIM AND CO-OPERATIVES

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APPENDIX - A) - STATUS OF MAJOR MARKETS

STATUS OF SELECTED MARKETS IN VIHIGA COUNTY

1.1 Introduction

Following the request for response to a statement on the state of markets in Vihiga County, nine (9) markets spread in the five (5) sub-counties were identified i.e., Vihiga, Sabatia, Hamisi, Luanda and Emuhaya. This section shows the current status that were obtained from the status of the selected market infrastructure i.e Mbale, Majengo, Luanda, Serem, Chavakali, Cheptulu, Shamakhokho, Esibuye and Mudete. The report addresses the availability and functionality of essential services that include; Water Supply, Street lighting, Waste management, and Sanitation.

1.2 Hamis Sub – County

In reference to Senate's response, 3 markets were identified in Hamisi Sub- County i.e., Serem, Shamakhokoho and Cheptulu. The detailed current status is shown below;

1.3 Serem Market

Serem market is found on the border of Nandi and Vihiga Counties. It is a cosmopolitan market, most of goods traded comes from the neighboring county Nandi. Market days are Wednesday and Saturday with 1,500-2,000 traders per market day. Stock sale is the most dominant business at the market.

1.4 Shamakhokho Market

This market is found in Shamakhokho Ward, Hamisi sub-county which is largely identified with banana selling. It has no formally gazetted market day but traders are usually engaged on daily basis with an estimated population of 500- 1,000 traders. Just like the other markets in the county, the common mode of transport boda boda.

1.5 Cheptulu Market

This is a market found in Shiru Ward, Hamisi sub-county. Cheptulu is on the border from Nandi County. It is located on Kapsabet – Chavakali road and the common trading products being agricultural and stock side. Market days are on Tuesday and Friday which

are busy days. It attracts traders from the neighbouring counties of Nandi and Kakamega. The estimated number of traders is of a range between 800-1500 traders per market day.

Table 2.1: Summary of current status and action points of major markets in Hamis Sub – County

S/No	Thematic Area	Market					
		Serem		Shamakhokho		Cheptulu	
		Current Status	Action Points	Current Status	Action Points	Current Status	Action Points
1	Water Supply	❖ Borehole has been dug at Slaughterhouse Water.	❖ DoALF under NARIGP has sunk borehole at the slaughter House Water connection to the toilet and Market will be done.	❖ Water is so close, supplied by Kaimosi Water supply but toilet is not connected.	❖ Dept of Environment to check on issues, leading to water disconnection to the toilet and do connection.	❖ Market is supplied with water.	❖ Dept of Environment to connect water to the market and built water points.
2	Sanitation	❖ There is a small size toilet at the market though it is not adequately serving the traders and Boda Boda operators.	❖ Dept. of Commerce has secured a contractor to renovate the big toilet. ❖ The toilet is complete and ready for use after the payment is done.	❖ The eco toilet build at the market is not in operation, due to vandalism, lack of water, filled up septic tank and wrangles on management of the toilet ❖ Electricity Meter is also vandalized	❖ The Dept. of Transport has been contacted to provide BoQ. ❖ Dept. of Commerce to do the renovation and pay for water connection to make the toilet operational. ❖ Reliable C.B.O/ Persons to be identified to	❖ 2 pit latrines are available but are almost full. ❖ Construction of modern toilets within the market is ongoing on.	❖ Dept. of Commerce need to construct one more toilet.

					❖ manage the toilet. ❖ Dept of Environment to clear (empty) Septic tank. ❖ Electricity Supply to be connected to extend the operations to late hours and security of the area.		
3.	Street Lighting	❖ Default metallic pillar board for energy meter and cut-out fuse has been vandalized. ❖ High mast is working with Faulty electrical accessories. ❖ Some Street lights at the market are faulty.	❖ Repair of the metallic pillar board will be done. ❖ Dept. of Commerce to replace the of faulty electrical accessories. ❖ Dept. of Commerce has informed Kenya Power to repair the Streetlights.	❖ Electricity was tapped in the eco-toilets but was vandalized.	❖ Contacted Kenya Power for reconnection of electrical power by Kenya Power ❖ High mast lighting to be installed.	❖ There is one functional high mast within the market. ❖ Streetlights are functional with a few faulty.	❖ Additional high mast to be erected.
4.	Waste management	❖ There are cases of overflow of garbage on the skips.	❖ An extra skip to be provided for	❖ Garbage is collected at a bare land surface.	❖ A skip to be supplied to the market for ease	❖ Cleaning is done on daily basis.	❖ Dept of Environment to procure and place two

			garbage collection ❖ The Skip to be emptied twice per week. ❖ Dept of Environment to take charge.		collection of the garbage. ❖ Collection of Garbage to be done twice a week.	❖ Has only one collection skip. ❖ Garbage is collected twice a week	collection skips at the market strategically along the main road.
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2.1 Sabatia Sub – County

In line with senate response, 2 markets were identified in Sabatia Sub- County i.e., Mudete and Chavakali. The detailed current status is shown below;

2.1.1 Mudete Market

This market is located in North Maragoli Ward, Sabatia Sub- County. Market days are Monday and Thursday with 1,500-2,000 traders per market day. Stock sale is the most dominant business at the market.

2.1.1 Chavakali Market

It's found in Chavakali ward, Sabatia sub-county, Located along Kisumu –Kakamega highway. Market day is Wednesday, with an estimated number of traders being 1200 per market day. The most commonly traded products are agricultural products.

Table 2.1: Summary of current status and action points of major markets in Sabatia Sub – County

		Market			
		Mudete		Chavakali	
S/No.	Thematic Area	Current Status	Action Points	Current Status	Action Points
1.	Water Supply	The borehole dug at the market to supply water is not working due to power disconnection.	Meter separation to be done and Dept of Environment to have their own electricity meter for pumping water to the community.	The main market is supplied with limited water but not connected.	The Dept of Environment to connect water for traders use.
2.	Sanitation	The in-built men and women toiles are not adequately utilized due to minor breakages.	The 6- door toilets for both male and females to be renovated (doors, cisterns, and water basins are broken) and painting.	2 toilets at the market and one at Walodeya wholesale market are in good condition but needs small repairs on the floor.	There is need for construction of a new toilet at Stendikisa stock sale market.
3.	Lighting	The Electricity supply at the market had been interrupted by the multi users (Traders, Department of Water) whom were not paying the bills	- The standby Generator to be repaired and put to use. - Electricity Meter separation to be done with Dept.	There are 4 high masts, 3 are functional and 1 near Eregi junction is not in operation.	Streetlights to be operationalized from Stendikisa to Keveye girls.

		leading to power disconnection. • High mast is working with minimal faulty electrical accessories.	of Commerce with help of Kenya Power and DoT&I. • Procurement and replacement of faulty electrical accessories to be done.		
4.	Waste management	• Gradual garbage pilling at the collection areas,	• The skip be emptied twice per week. Dept of Environment to take charge.	• Cleaning is done on daily basis. • It has 3 waste collection skips, 1 placed at the main market and the 3 at Walodeya market and Stendikisa market	• Dept of Environment to procure more cleaning tools. • Strategically place one collection skip at Chavakali fly over stage.

2.2 Emuhaya Sub – County

In reference to senate response 1 market were earmarked with 1 additional market identified in Emuhaya Sub- County i.e., Esibuye and Mwichio, the detailed current status are shown below

2.2.1 Esibuye Market

It is a market found in North-East Bunyore ward in Emuhaya sub-county, designated market days are Wednesday and Saturday. On average market days it received between 1,000-1,500 traders.

2.2.2 Mwichio Market

Market found in central Bunyore ward Emuhaya sub-county. It has no market day designated instead it has a daily market function. Number of traders who visit the market is around 150-200 per day.

Table 2.1: Summary of current status and Action Points of major markets in Emuhaya Sub – County

MARKET					
S/NO.	Thematic Area	Esibuye		Mwichio	
		Current status	Action Points	Current status	Action Points
1.	Lighting	- High mast within the market is working but experiences faulty electrical accessories. - Street lights at the market are faulty.	- Procure and replacement of faulty electrical accessories to be done. - Dept. of Commerce has informed Kenya Power to repair the Streetlights.	- There is no high mast lighting. - There is streetlight in the market that are in good conditions.	To install additional high mast in future to increase lighting.
2.	Water Supply	- There is Water supply available at Elukhongo - The supply is not constant because it relies on solar power. - A water kiosk within the market is also available but has no reservoir tank and water connectivity. It is also not in use completely.	- The Dept of Water has initiated water connection within the market. - Dept of Water to procure reservoir tank for reliable water supply in the market.	- Water is available within the market through a water kiosk - However, it has been disconnected due to unpaid bills.	Reposes the kiosk, settle the bill then place it under proper management.
3.	Sanitation	A 4-door pit latrine exists within the market; 2 for men and 2 for ladies. It is tiled though almost full and poorly managed by the market committee.	- Manual re-emptying of the facility should to be done. - Regular cleaning after water connectivity is in place. - Repossessing of the facility for proper	- A pit latrine exists though is not properly managed. It is not cleaned frequently. - The doors are unlockable and	- Dept. of Commerce to engage the contractor who build the Toilet to do the repairs before he is paid. - The facility should be repossessed and placed under proper

		❖ No revenue is collected. Cleaning of the facility is challenging due to the water problem.	management and revenue collection is underway.	the floor uneven. ❖	management to generate revenue and be renovated.
4.	Waste Management	- There is a waste skip available approximately 10 meters from the slaughter house and is in good condition. It is adequate for the market's needs though collection is not frequent. - Cleaning services are done on a daily basis	- Collection should be done twice a week. - Dept of Environment to ensure grass and bush trimming to be done as frequently as possible.	❖ Cleaning services are done on a daily basis ❖ There was no waste skip at the garbage point thus waste disposal is done on an open ground.	- Dept of Environment to procure cleaning materials. - A waste skip to be provided and waste collection be done frequently.

2.3 Vihiga Sub – County

In line with senate response, 2 markets were identified in Vihiga Sub- County i.e., Mbale and Majengo. The detailed current status are shown below

2.3.1 Majengo Market

It is one of the busiest markets in Vihiga County. Found in Central Maragoli ward in Vihiga Sub- County. The town is a cosmopolitan with traders engaging in different waves. It is invisibility on Kakamega –Kisumu highway makes it attractive to traders. Generation of revenue is encouraging as the number of traders is above 3,000 per day

2.3.2 Mbale Market

This is in Vihiga County headquarters. The second market to Luanda in terms of revenue collection. The number of traders at the market is above 4,000. Market days are Tuesday and Saturday. It is among the busiest markets around the clock.

Table 2.1: Summary of current status and Action Points of major markets in Vihiga Sub – County

MARKET					
S/No.	Thematic Area	Majengo		Mbale	
		Current status	Action Points	Current status	Action Points
1.	Lighting	❖ Available Street lights and high-mast are in good condition and working.	❖ To install more lights from Roundabout and Keveye polytechnic, Maragoli Plaza to Navuhi	❖ Some Street lights within the market are faulty. ❖ Out of the 4-high mast, 3 are functional with the last one having minor repair and maintenance.	❖ Dept. of Commerce to inform KPLC to repair the Streetlights
2.	Water Supply	• A water kiosk at the market with a reservoir tank is available but water has been disconnected due to pending bills, • Managed poorly by the market committee.	❖ Dept. of Water to repossess the water kiosk and put under proper management. ❖ Water Connection to be done.	❖ A water kiosk within the market is available with a reservoir tank with water connection. Though it is not sufficient for the market's needs ❖ It's managed by the market committee	❖ Dept. of Water to put more water outlets.
3.	Sanitation	❖ There is a pit latrine, near ESP market but is not in use. ❖ It has a reservoir tank that is connected to the gutters and the walls are worn out.	❖ Dept. of Commerce should renovate ❖ The latrine should be repossessed and put under proper	❖ A tiled toilet block opposite KCB Bank (water closet) built by World Bank. ❖ The 2 washrooms and toilet for physically challenged are not in use (used as store) while	❖ The 2 washrooms and toilet for physically challenged to be repaired while walls should be cleaned. ❖ The toilet should be repossessed and put under proper management. A plan for

		Management is by the market committee but is poorly done.	management and renovated.	the toilets were usable though they experience blockages from time to time. The walls were slightly soiled. It has piped water supply. ❖ Secondly, we have another eco-toilet opposite Rafiki Bank. It is in good condition and run by youth organisations. ❖ The management is under market committee.	❖ unblocking the toilet should be developed. Dept. of Commerce to put a toilet at the Vegetable section.
4.	Waste Management	• Cleaning services are done daily. • A waste skip is available, it is in good condition but is not sufficient for the market's needs.	❖ One (1) more waste skip is required and should be placed in a strategic location within the market.	❖ Cleaning services are done daily. 7 waste skips are available, 5 in good condition while 2 located opposite Kegoye Chemist and Capital estate are worn out. ❖ They are sufficient for the market's needs.	❖ The 2 waste skips to be replaced. ❖ A schedule for waste collection to be developed.

2.4 Luanda Sub – County

In line with senate response, 1 market was identified in Luanda Sub- County i.e., Luanda. The detailed current status is shown below

2.4.1 Launda Market

It is the largest market in Vihiga County, located in Luanda sub-county along Kisumu-Busia Road. Which acts as a connection among other counties. The estimated number of traders is over 6,000 each market day being on Monday and Thursday. The common traded products are textile, agricultural products and livestock.

Table 2.1: Summary of current status and Action Points of major markets in Luanda Sub – County

MARKET			
		Luanda	
S/No.	Thematic Area	Current status	Action Points
5.	Lighting	❖ The larger Luanda market has 5 high mast lighting located at: Ebusakami junction, Triple T, Main market, Mwibona, Jua Kali shade and Mulukhoru. ❖ Street lights are well connected and working with a few disconnected.	❖ Dept. of Commerce has contacted Kenya Power to do the repairs and fix a few malfunctioning streets lights.
6.	Water Supply	❖ Market is supplied with water. ❖ There is no water kiosk at the market.	❖ Dept. of Water to build a water kiosk and connect water to the market
7.	Sanitation	❖ The main market has 3 toilets; bus stage, groceries and omena ❖ Mwibona stock sale-all toilets are in good condition and working but with challenge of water supply	❖ Dept. of Commerce to construct 1 more toilet at Ebusakami junction market.
8.	Waste Management	❖ Cleaning is done on daily basis ❖ Collection skips are strategically placed at 7 collection points ❖ Garbage is collected on daily basis ❖ Liquid waste is well controlled and drainage is well maintained	❖ Dept of Environment to allocate more collection skips.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF VIHIGA



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TOURISM & CO-OPERATIVES STATUS UPDATE OF ALL MARKETS IMPROVEMENTS AND/OR EXPANSION FINANCIAL YEAR 2013/2014 TO DATE

S.NO.	NAME OF MARKETS	SUB-COUNTY	PROJECTS	COST (Kshs)	START PERIOD
1	Mbale	Vihiga	Fabrication of 206 Metal stalls.	34,000,000	2015/2016
2	Majengo	Vihiga	Fencing of the ESP Market	1,500,000	2015/2016
3	Luanda	Luanda	Construction of Omena Market	22,000,000	2015/2016
			Pavement of Luanda Mama Mboga Market(Sokomoko)	2,728,489	2018/2019
			Pavement of omena Market.	2,372,884	2018/2019
			Rehabilitation of Mwibona stock market Toilet	1,484,515.80	2020/2021
			Installation of High mast lighting - Omena Market	1,484,515.80	2021/2022
			Face-lifting of Luanda Market - Phase 1	14,880,048.48	2023/2024
			Refurbishment of Modern Toilet, at Mwibona Livestock market.	985,884.00	2022/2023
			Renovation and paving of Luanda Market	2,728,489.36	2019/2020
			Construction of County Aggregation and Industrial Park is in progress	496,028,151	2023/2024
4	Serem Market	Hamisi	Renovation of Toilet	423,400	2023/2024
5	Chavakali Market	Sabatia	Construction of Eco Toilet at Chavakali Junction.	3,320,975	2022/2023
			Construction of Boda Boda Shed	387,529.90	2023/2024
6	Cheptulu	Hamisi	Construction of Eco Toilet at Cheptulu Market.	3,156,139.00	2022/2023
			Construction of Boda Boda Shed	15,000,000	2015/2016
7	Shamakhokho	Shamakhokho	No Project launched		
8	Esibuye	Esibuye	Construction of 4 Door Water closet Toilet and Fencing at Esibuye Stock Market	3,060,000	2022/2023
9	Mudete	Mudete	No Project launched		

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF VIHIGA



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING
DIRECTORATE OF REVENUE

LUANDA PERFORMANCE FROM JULY 2023-MAY 2024

JULY 2023 - MAY 2024	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
SINGLE BUSINESS PERMIT	341,600.00	219,210.00	65,300.00	133,400.00	69,500.00	241,500.00	1,123,000.00	1,143,200.00	2,965,900.00	2,186,052.00	1,152,050.00
OTHERS	2,865,536.00	2,844,908.00	2,787,800.00	2,407,091.00	2,216,170.00	2,440,704.00	2,648,302.00	1,619,027.00	4,748,334.00	4,228,592.00	2,754,244.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	3,207,136.00	3,064,118.00	2,853,100.00	2,540,491.00	2,285,670.00	2,682,204.00	3,771,302.00	2,762,227.00	7,714,234.00	6,414,644.00	3,906,294.00

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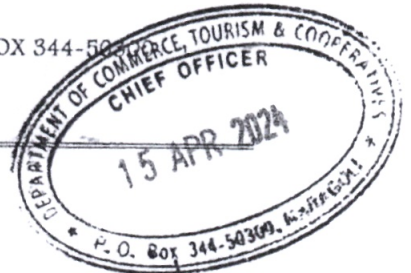
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SECRETARY
AND HEAD OF COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE

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Ref: 20140001243/1/31

Date: 11th April 2024

P.O. BOX 344-50300
MARAGOLI



Mr. Paul Ayodi Bahati
ID NO. 10217593

Thro' Chief Officer, Commerce, Tourism and Cooperatives

Dear Paul,

*Forwarded
15/04/2024*

RE: DEPLOYMENT TO VIHIGA MUNICIPALITY BOARD AS MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Reference is made to communication from the Vihiga County Public Service Board vide letter Ref: CGV/PSB/C.SEC.GEN.003 VOL.II (11) dated 27th February 2024 which in part, acknowledged your successful interview with the Board and your subsequent appointment to the position of Director Administration, pending further deployment to specific areas of service need within the County Public Service.

Pursuant to provision of section 72 read together with section 45(4) of the County Governments Act, the Urban Areas and Cities Act, No. 13 of 2013 and the Kenya Gazette Notice No 2545 dated 31st January 2024, you are hereby deployed to the Vihiga Municipal Board in your current capacity as Director Administration to discharge duties as **Municipal Manager**. You are to take up your new duties and responsibilities with immediate effect but in any case, not later than 15th April 2024. You are therefore further directed to report to the Chief Officer, Physical Planning, Lands, Housing & Urban Development for guidance on issuance of a detailed job description and performance contract commensurate to your position; a copy of which should be availed to the undersigned, for your official file record.

However, you are expected to formally hand over any office property and/or pending assignments to the Chief Officer, Commerce, Tourism and Cooperatives before proceeding to your new station.

By copy of this letter, the Chief Officer for Commerce, Tourism and Cooperatives and Chief Officer, Physical Planning, Lands, Housing & Urban Development are requested to inform this office of the dates of your release and reporting, respectively.

In the meantime, I take this early opportunity to wish you success in your assignment at the new station and a fulfilling career with the County.

Yours faithfully,



EZEKIEL M. AYIEGO

COUNTY SECRETARY AND HEAD OF COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE

Copy to: His Excellency, the Governor
Chairman, Vihiga Municipal Board
Secretary/CEO Vihiga County Public Service Board
Chief Officer, Public Service and Administration
Chief Officer, Physical Planning, Lands, Housing & Urban
Development
Director - Human Resource Management and Development

Annex 4:

**Submissions by traders in
various markets in Vihiga
County**

LUANDA TRADERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 511-50307
LUANDA

22-06-2024

REF: MEMORANDUM TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE.

Distinguished Senators, We the representatives of the traders of Luanda, are delighted to your maiden visit of this town of Luanda, we are happy that through our honourable senator of Vihiga County, in executing his constitutional mandate, it has culminated into you visiting this town. We do wish to extend a warm welcome to you.

1. On the 5th day of April, the year 2023, and as it is the tradition of the traders of this town, we were elected to represent the traders in agitating and presenting their concerns, challenges to the relevant authorities for action.

2. On the 12th of April the year 2023, His Excellency, the Governor Dr Wilbur Khasilwa Ottichillo, invited us for a courtesy call to his office, and on the same date, we presented a memorandum to Him, enumerating the concerns and challenges the traders do have.

3. On the 12th of May 2023, the Governor gave us a written response on what he intends to do for the traders of Luanda.

4. It is on this basis that we had to make reminders to the relevant departments in the county to wake up from slumber and do service delivery. However with no action nor concrete steps towards our concerns, on the 28th of January this year, our employers, who are the traders called upon us issue a seven days' notice of boycott. Indeed the boycott took place for six weeks. It was very unfortunate that the traders had to boycott paying the necessary taxes for the County Government to come in and start offering services. Stat

5. It is during this boycott that we started seeing real action towards what we had agitated for, we can report that repair and maintenance in the main market is on-going, but the process is a bit slow and the traders are suffering. Garbage collection has improved a little bit but we still have challenges in garbage collection and dumping. Sanitation facilities are still inadequate there is lack of water in the town and market as a whole. Inadequate
Sanitation
facilities

6. We do wish to inform the Senate that Luanda Town is the highest revenue collector in the County of Vihiga and it is number two after Karatina Market of Nyeri County. Currently, by our own statistics over 20,000 traders do their businesses in this town. It is therefore upon the county Government to be proactive in matters planning and financial management. We suggest that an allocation is made towards the day today running of activities in this town. Repairing and maintenance of bulbs, burst pipes, buying of protective gears doesn't need a procurement plan we therefore request the Senate and the County Assembly to put in place measures towards empowering market committees.

7. We do wish to also report that, there is an improved engagement between us and the county government on matters that do crop up.

8. Honourable members, despite what. We have enumerated above, this town has got a lot of challenges that need you Senators to also come in strongly:

9. The security of the traders and their property is at a very critical point, traders are being robbed, mugged and killed at a rate never seen before, Luanda Town is an economic hub of this region, we have always embraced a 24 hour economy, however we can report that the spirit of 24 hour economy has been dampened due to insecurity.

10. As you have seen, there is serious congestion in this town, we are also requesting you as a committee to assist the county government in agitating for a modern and storeyed market for this town

11. We are also requesting you distinguished Senators to look into issues that might be inhibiting this town from being a municipality, we do believe in this town being a municipality, we shall experience accelerated development.

12. Distinguished Senators, our traders have to do with very erratic and sometimes no health services at all, the available dispensary is not living up to standard, the reason is always lack of drugs, lack of qualified health personnel and lack of laboratory reagents, this has forced our traders seek medical attention at very exorbitant costs, we do pray that you also escalate this matter to relevant authorities.

13. There are so many challenges that we traders do experience, we will endeavour to always engage our Honourable senator for your input in case of any need arising that needs your input. Thank you Distinguished Senators, May God Almighty bless you.

Signed


.....
Liboywa Walter Raphael
Secretary General


.....
Donald Ekhalie Sayi
Chairman

22 JUN 2024

LUANDA TRADERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION

P.O BOX 511-50307 LUANDA

EMAIL:Luandatraderswelfare@gmail.com

6/5/2024

MEMORANDUM FROM THE TRADERS

His excellency , The Governor

Dr Wilbur Khasilwa Ottichilo

Your excellency once again we pay you a visit with a memorandum articulating the challenges and success of the traders of Luanda Township.

1. First of all we thank you for having come in strongly through your able office in trying to establish what went wrong, when the traders staged a boycott of not remitting their market fees.
2. We do appreciate the repair and maintenance works going on in Luanda , however there is a mismatch in terms of what we requested and what is being done .The defense from the department is that some items were not captured in the bill of quantities which we don't agree with
 - We requested for drainage works to be done around the market ,It is unfortunate that nothing is being done.
 - We requested for shades at the bus park , nothing has been done.
 - We requested for lighting and fighting of the Omena market ,nothing seems to be done. ^{Lighting}
 - We also requested for drainage works to be done around the cattle market, so far nothing.
3. As the traders representatives , we do wish to inform you ,Your excellency that Luanda town is a leader on matters revenue collection ,but there are areas which we believe a lot needs to be done to ensure that there is a seamless collection of revenue minus Pilferage and corruption , we do believe that revenue collection is not fully automated in Luanda and there are employees of this county who greatly benefit from this. We call upon your office to ensure that indeed revenue is collected as per the Finance Act and there are no leakages .We give the following examples:
 - a) We have market stalls in Luanda which were constructed using tax payers money , it is our concern that we have landlords who have been given the stalls and they are really reaping from where they didn't sow .The County Government collects Ksh 208500 every month which translates to ksh 2,502,000 a year , yet the landlords collects 11,676,000.Our suggestion is the stalls should be repossessed by the County Government for maximum revenue collection.

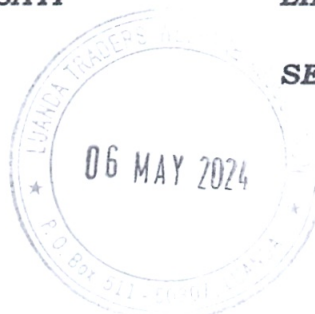
- b) The Directorate of Public health collects from traders every year a minimum of ksh 3,284,800 in fees for permits and inspections ,we believe this money benefits a few individuals , who also earn salaries.
- c) Mukhalakhala slaughter house is also another place where there is serious revenue leakage. The above are examples of where there is smoke on matters revenue collection there. We call upon your office to do a follow up.
4. Your excellency, as your eyes and ears and link between your officers and the traders , we believe that we seem to be working at cross purpose with your officer , some of them hold us in utmost contempt .They see us an impediment to their schemes of enriching themselves , we do call upon your office to intervene on our behalf.
5. Your excellency in your response to our memo dated 12th April 2023, you assured us on having Luanda being a municipality by the end of the year 2023 , so far we are in darkness on this .You also called on your officers to co-opt our items in the memo into a strategic plan ,so far nothing has been done. However , we do thank you for ensuring that at least every Sunday is a tax holiday for the traders, the traders are grateful . We however warn that this tax holiday is not being honoured by the some revenue collectors , the department of finance should look into this.
6. Your excellency in your CIDP which is your bible on matters development , you proposed to construct a storey market in Luanda to ease on congestion in this town .As we speak now , we as traders representatives are apprehensive that this is not being prioritized , yet our traders doing business along the highway are always under threat and intimidation from KENHA on being evicted, we are also aware that there is some land that was purchased behind the old post office . In our first meeting with you, Your officer promised to do a follow up and reposes this land , to at least be allocated to the trades who may be displaced ,Your excellency this has not been done one year to date. We also do propose that part of the land you leased from the Kenya Railways for the construction of the County Aggregation and industrial park , be converted into a wholesale market.
7. Your excellency as the leadership of the traders , we do call upon your office to at least follow up on the matter of having the traders leadership being empowered to execute their mandate .We have done some peer reviews on the operations of the other markets and towns , we do call upon the department Of Commerce Industrialization and Co-operatives to look into this matter with utmost urgency and finality .
- We assure you of our full support to achieve your manifesto .We do call for at least quarterly meetings to do a follow up on matters arising.
- Thank you very much ,God bless you, God bless the County of Vihiga .
- Signed on behalf of the traders leadership.

DONALD EKHALIE SAYI

CHAIRPERSON

LIBOYWA WALTER RAPHAEL

SECRETARY GENERAL



SEREM MARKET COMMITTEE

P.O. BOX 311, CODE 50308, SEREM

Date: 08/05/2024

VIHIGA COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE TOURISM AND INDUSTRY

P.O. BOX 344, CODE 50300 MARAGOLI.

Dear Sir,

RE: WHAT COUNTY OF VIHIGA HAS DONE SINCE 2018

The following are the developments that Vihiga County Government has done since the year 2018;

1. Building of modern slaughter house
2. Opening of backstreet road accessing slaughter house
3. Building of sewerage
4. Erected high mast light
5. Renovation of toilets
6. Improved sanitation (collection of waste)
7. Security lights

What we need from the County Government of Vihiga

1. Modern Market
2. Land for livestock market
3. Land for expansion of Serem Health Center
4. Modern toilets
5. Big dump site for Serem Market (there is a space in a slaughter house site)
6. One more shade for bodaboda.

Yours faithfully



Mr Joshua L. Anyolo

Chairman – Serem Market



JOSHUA L. ANYOLO

SEREM MARKET CHAIRMAN,

SEREM MARKET, HAMISI VIHIGA
COUNTY

P.O. BOX 311, CODE 50308 SEREM

19/05/2024.

TO DIRECTOR OF VETENARY
DR. DARLINGTON KADENGE
VIHIGA COUNTY,

Dear Sir,

REF: APPLICATION FOR REQUISITION OF OFFICE IN SLAUGHTER HOUSE FOR
SEREM MARKET COMMITTEE

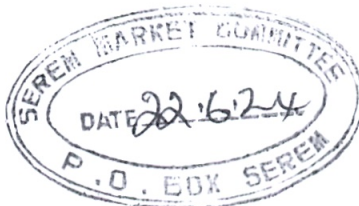
I am kindly requesting for one office in Serem Slaughter house for Serem market committee.
There're three offices; one is currently in use for slaughter people and the Public Health
Officers and two others are not in use.

Yours sincerely,



Serem Market Committee Chair.

Joshua L. Anyolo



c.c Chief of staff

Dr. Anaya Senelwa.

THE SEREM MARKET COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSON

P.O. BOX 311, CODE 50308 SEREM

29/04/2024.

VIHIGA COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND TOURISM

P.O. BOX 344, 50300 MARAGOLI

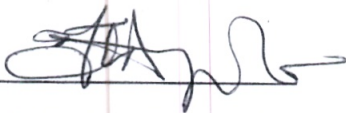
Dear Sir,

**REF: PLOT KAKA/SEREM NO. 1010 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN
MARKET ANTICIPATED WHICH IS MORE THAN AN ACRE.**

We kindly inform you that there is a required land named above for the development of a modern market. We kindly request that you assist us in surveying the land in question through Vihiga County Surveyors.

Thank you in advance.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Joshua L. Anyolo

Chairperson

Serem Market Committee.



21st June, 2024

To;

Hon. Godfrey Osotsi,

Senator – Vihiga County,

Dear Sir,

Ref: Some of our memorandums and petitions on development projects in Majengo Town

1. Memorandum on development projects dated 2nd December, 2019 and our subsequent reminder for the same dated 4th June, 2020 (Copies of the documents are hereby attached for your reference).
2. Our petition dated 23rd November, 2020 on incomplete works on Kisumu – Kakamega Road to the director general of KENHA (Copy attached for your reference).
3. Memorandum on renovation of Majengo Market dated 28th February 2022 also refers (Copy attached for your reference).

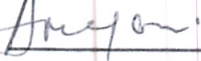
In summary, the combined list of development projects so far forwarded for implementation are hereby listed below:-

1. Upgrading of roads to low volume seal tarmac.
2. Urban beautification.
3. Piped Water systems.
4. High mast lights mono polo.
5. Storm water drainage systems.
6. Street lights and main systems of power.
7. Completion of road trenches within town.
8. Toilets construction (wash rooms).
9. Open air market and market day launch.
10. Bus Park.
11. Purchase of containers for our small business people.
12. Mechanical land development for our artisans and mechanics (government land available).
13. Footpath pavements (Majengo-Gisambai and Majengo-Vihiga-Luanda Road).
14. Slaughter house.
15. Dumping site / kits.
16. Boda boda shades (No single boda boda shade within town).

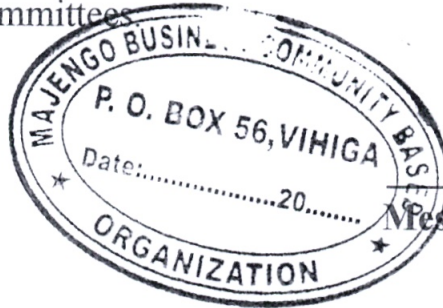
17. Incomplete market stalls on the following; Electricity, Roof leakage and Insecurity.

18. Implementation of county assembly bill enacted in 2018 for compensation of market committees

Yours Faithfully,



Mary Amagove
Chairperson



Meshark Oyiemu Kidake
Secretary

MAJENGO BUSINESS COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION

P.O. BOX 458, MARAGOLI TEL. 0727 950 234 / 0720 161 634

28TH FEBRURY 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir / Madam,

REFER MEMORANDUM ON THE ON-GOING NATIONAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT OF RENOVATION OF MAJENGO MARKET WITHIN VIHIGA COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

We as Market Management Development Committee we are not convinced with the contractor who is on the ground as regards renovation of our market development structure. The total cost expenditure of the renovations as per the information given is Ksh. 10,000,000. The commencement of the work which started in April 2021 which we were told was to be completed within a period of 2 months has not yet been completed. Our concerns to your office are raised in the memorandum template on our recommendations below.

MEMORANDUM TEMPLATE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

	SECTOR OR PART	ISSUE OF CONCERN	PROPOSALS	JUSTIFICATION
1	Container stalls with 23 doors	Hazardly been placed leaving a lot of space in-between	To be put in proper order and additional 4 stalls 6x7 in the spaces which had been left.	The displaced traders list of 126
2	Front-view space	Stalls to be put	Additional 19 stalls 5x5	The displaced traders list of 126
3	Inside space	Stalls to be put	Additional 48 stalls 6x6	The displaced traders list of 126
4	Behind market offices	Stalls to be put	Additional 4 stalls 6x6	The displaced traders list of 126
5	Entrance	Many entrances in place	After filling with stalls as above, 3 entrances be put in place with underneath culverts	It justified within the budget of Ksh. 10,000,000
6	Water tanks	Contractor was to put in place 5,000 L	Contractor to put in place 10,000 L	It justified within the budget of Ksh. 10,000,000
7	Electrical system	Not yet done	To be put in place immediately because of security of	It justified within the budget of Ksh. 10,000,000

			mama mboga's items which are being stolen at night	
8	Toilets	• Water sinks not in place • Water tank not put • No sign of septic tank	• 3 water sinks to be put in place. • 2,500 L water tank to be put in place • We recommend septic tank to be put in place	It justified within the budget of Ksh. 10,000,000

Conclusion

We do believe as the Market Management Development Committee of this town that what we have provided above is to be done to accommodate the traders and indeed security issues will have been handled. It is not in order to make a design of a national government structure which cannot be recommended by the basic standards required. We therefore humbly request your office to assist if there is need to increase bit of funding to the contractor to complete as per our requirements in the template.

Meshark Oyiemu Kidake

Sign

Secretary

Phone No. 0720161634



Mary Amagove

Sign

Chairperson

MAJENGO MARKET BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS

C/O P.O.BOX 5050- 50310 VIHIGA PHONE: 0718062429 OR 0721411697 OR 0727950234

DATE: 23RD NOVEMBER 2020

TO:

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
KENYA NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY (KenHA)
BARABARA PLAZA, OFF AIRPORT ROAD,
ALONG MAZAO ROAD, OPPOSITE KCAA BUILDING,
P.O. BOX 49712 -00100 NAIROBI.
TEL: 0204954000 OR 0700423606.

Dear Sir/ Madam.

**RE: REMINDER ABOUT OUR PETITION TO YOU OVER INCOMPLETE WORKS AT
MAJENGO MARKET ON KISUMU KAKAMEGA HIGHWAY**

The above subject matter refers.

We wish to draw your attention to our petition to you dated 7th September 2020 and delivered to your office on 14th September 2020. It is regrettable that we have until today not received your formal reply to the petition.

We are therefore constrained to remind you of our petition and the prayers therein. Just for emphasis, we had raised the following complaints:

1. The road works in Majengo town are incomplete in a number of perspectives including: drainage trenches are not fortified with concrete form works as otherwise prescribed, drainage trenches getting eroded by storm water, road shoulders are unprotected and a section of the tarmac is lacking the last layer.
2. Limited and poor street lighting installed by COVEC. This causes security risks and leaves the town prone to accidents.
3. Undone Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects have left the town deficient in a host of physical amenities. These CSR projects include:
 - a) Access culverts to market areas
 - b) Loop road round the market which could have provided easy access.
 - c) Toilets which were to ensure better sanitation in town. These were left out even after the County Government of Vihiga provided sites and submitted approved plans for the same to COVEC.
4. At the time of our petition (7th September 2020), road maintenance works by a different contractor were continuing yet the construction works were yet to be

completed. The contractor as doing stone pitching in the eroded drainage trenches instead of U-drains of reinforced concrete. We wanted that to stop since the stone pitches could not handle the corrosive power of storm water.

5. The makeshift wooden bridges installed by citizens in their effort to access buildings are not only an eye sore but also a safety risk as many break up and cause accidents. Access culverts are badly needed.
6. Water pipes destroyed during the construction works have not been restored almost two years ago. This has led to inconveniences and exposed people to water borne diseases and other sanitation problems - especially in the context of COVID-19.
7. We had also requested you to come in person to verify the veracity of our claims or dispatch your officers to do the same in a week's time. During this fact finding mission, you were to meet the stakeholders so as together you could establish mechanisms for redress.
8. We had also prayed that all pending works on the road and in the physical amenities be concluded by December 2020.
9. It was also our prayer that all the works in (ii) above to commence ONLY after adequate public participation to avoid the miscarriage of justice in the works.

Once more, we request that you respond to our petition and this letter at the earliest opportunity. Correspondence to us can reach us through:

Majengo Market Business Community and Stakeholders
C/O P.O.BOX 56 - 50310 VIHIGA
PHONE: 0718062429 OR 0721411697 OR 0727950234

Signed:

Mary Amagove

MARKET COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON



4TH JUNE, 2020

TO;

THE MANAGER,

VIHIGA MUNICIPAL BOARD,

DEAR SIR / MADAM

**REF: MEMORANDUM ON VIHIGA MUNICIPAL BOARD URBAN
INVESTMENT PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 2019 / 2020 MAJENGO TOWN**

Reference is made to our public participation and the memorandum we forwarded to your office as regards to proposed development projects under budget allocations for the financial year 2019/2020.

Kindly note to date, the financial 2019/2020 is ending without any single development projects being done in Majengo Town or completed. We are in great dilemma as regards this issue when the funds were already available. Kindly give direction for us to advice the members of the community according to the enquiries arising. Copy of that memorandum dated 2nd December 2019 is hereby attached for your reference for a genuine response from your end.

Yours Faithfully,

M .O. KIDAKE

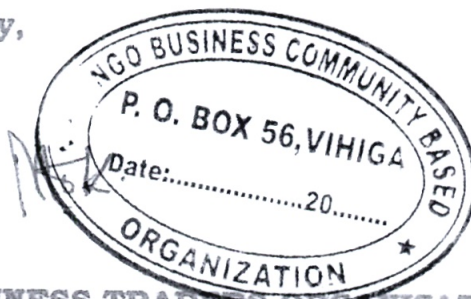
SECRETARIAT

MAJENGO BUSINESS TRADERS ORGANIZATION

PHONE NO. : 0720 161 634

Cc.

GOVERNOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF VIHIGA - FOR INFORMATION



2nd December, 2019

NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION:

MAJENGO BUSINESS TRADERS ORGANIZATION

MEMORANDUM ON VIHIGA MUNICIPAL BOARD URBAN INVESTMENT
PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 2019 - 2020

BACKGROUND

First we give great honor to our almighty God through our governor for Vihiga County Hon Wilberforce Otichillo who worked tirelessly day and night to make sure Vihiga County being part of the world, was to receive its share from the world bank grants for investment developments. We also appreciate all ladies and gentlemen with thanks for having been the first appointees on Vihiga urban municipality board to spearhead all the Development programmes under this kitty. A point to be noted, part of the governor's vision to make Vihiga county a good model of governance are, equal distribution of resources, transparency and accountability. The same applies to the World Bank monitoring experts. We therefore humbly request the Vihiga Municipal Board to embrace these issues in the urban investment plans for the four towns under. Ie Majengo, Mbale, Chavakali and Mudete. The same to all chief executive officers manning CIDP project programmes under Vihiga County Government. Somebody once said, "The opposite of courage is not cowardice but **CONFORMITY**." we beg with due respect we all come out of this disease called conformity and come out with a difference in our daily management affairs.

MAJENGO TOWN RESIDENCE

Majengo town residents realized one day that they had been neglected in project development for a long period of time. They also realized they had a need and want in their lives. That need and want was change in leadership which they got on 6th April 2019 conducted by ministry of trade under Vihiga county government in a very transparent manner. They wanted leadership of reason and purpose for their investment plans to be realized, **EXAMPLES** under Vihiga Municipality Investments Plan:

1. Upgrading of roads to low volume seal tarmac
2. Urban beautification within Majengo town
3. High mast lights mono polo put in place
4. Storm water drainage systems
5. Solar street lights and main systems of power

The shock of surprise as the executive committee of Majengo town.

WE ARE SEEING VIHIGA MUNICIPAL ANNUAL INVESTMENT PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 2019 - 2020 AS FOLLOWS:

- A budget of Ksh. 82,000,000 carried forward from last financial year 2018 – 2019.
- A budget of Ksh 250,000,000 current financial year 2019 – 2020.
- This gives us a total budget of Ksh. 332,000,000

Ladies and gentlemen lets open up our eyes on allocation of Majengo town within the budget:

1. High mast lights budget **Ksh. 24,000,000 + 4 Towns = 6,000,000**
2. Solar street lights (Two roads) **Ksh. 20,000,000 + 4 Towns = 5,000,000**
3. This is giving us a total budget within that financial year as **Ksh. 11,000,000** which we say is unfair and unacceptable.

Basing on our first element of equal distribution of resources, transparency and accountability, WE ARE DEMANDING A BUDGET OF KSH. 86,000,000 for Majengo town projects out of the total Ksh. 332,000,000 for the financial year 2019 – 2020. Proposed investment projects are in the template for memorandum on recommendations below:

MEMORANDUM TEMPLATE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

SECTION OR PART	ISSUE OF CONCERN	PROPOSALS	JUSTIFICATION
1. Upgrading of roads to low volume seal tarmac (Budget allocation Ksh. 90,000,000)	No Road project for Majengo within the budget	1. St. Josephs - Chango road 2. Magai road through Kidundu stadium 3. Chango - Gisambai Road 4. Road penetration before Maragoli Plaza to Nyota on Kisumu - Kakamega Highway	All proposed projects are justified if we base on equal distribution of the budget (Ksh. 332,000,000)
2. Urban Beautification (Budget allocation Ksh. 53,500,000)	No project for Majengo within the budget. Excuse lack of Land	1. We are proposing Majengo round-about 2. Vihiga County Land which is between Kidinye and Gisambai	All proposed projects are justified if we base on equal distribution of the budget (Ksh. 332,000,000)

3.	High mast lights monopole (Budget all Ksh. 24,000,000)	Majengo Market included , but how many	1. Magai Road at Mosque 2. Nyota Car wash at Kisumu – Kakamega Highway 3. Vihiga High School 4. Navuhi Primary 5. Garage opposite Keveye Polytechnic 6. Chango – Kidinye Junction	All proposed projects are justified if we base on equal distribution of the budget (<u>Ksh. 332,000,000</u>)
4.	Solar street lights (Budget allocation Ksh. 20,000,000)	➤ Majengo town covered with two roads ie. Majengo-Gisambai and Magai Road. Its inefficient since Majengo is a gateway to the County and is a 24Hr working economy	1. St Josephs – Chango road 2. Chango – Gisambai road 3. St Josephs to former chiefs homestead junction	All proposed projects are justified if we base on equal distribution of the budget (<u>Ksh. 332,000,000</u>)
5.	Storm water drainage (Budget allocation Ksh. 50,000,000)	➤ Majengo town not covered excuse being road under construction because to us it cannot be justified because the road is under completion	1. Vihiga – Majengo 2. Chango – Majengo 3. Gisambai - Majengo	All proposed projects are justified if we base on equal distribution of the budget (<u>Ksh. 332,000,000</u>)

NOTE:

Other burning issues but not in the budget to be addressed with urgency

- Completion of road trenches
- Toilets construction
- Open air market (Land banking)
- Bus park (Land banking)

- Purchase of containers for our business people
- Mechanical land development for our artisans and mechanics
- Foot path pavements, Majengo -Gisambai and Majengo - Vihiga Luanda Road.
- Land banking for sale of building materials and parking of trucks
- Slaughter house (Land banking)

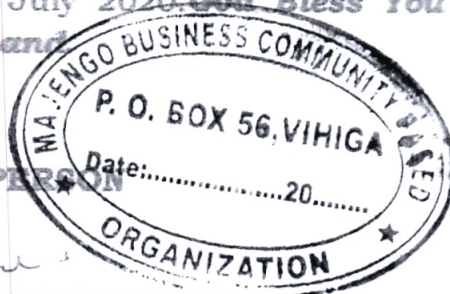
In conclusion, our dreams as executive members committee of Majengo Business Traders Organization are the seedlings of reality in our society. We need an excellent conducive business environment to attract investors for the benefit of our business traders. If we cannot attract, no investor will be attracted to us. On the issues of excuses and challenges, we do believe they are tools for incompetency. They build bridges that get people absolutely nowhere. We are demanding to be taken somewhere and not nowhere by Vihiga Municipal Board and Vihiga County Government.

Circumstances from every possible perspective, we see solutions within the problems, gifts within challenges and opportunities within conflicts. Our advice is let's put these issues of excuses behind our backs and give Majengo Town what it deserves. We are humbly requesting for the expenditure analysis for the proposed development investment projects by the end of July 2020. *God Bless You All As We Wait To Reach The Promised Land*

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MBALE OPEN AIR MARKET CBO

22/06/2024

PETITION TO SENATORS CONCERNING MBALE MARKETCHALLENGES

1. Bad roads
2. Market for business *inadequate market space*
3. Transport on cashless
4. Town is dirty /Lack of dumpsite
5. Lack of enough water
6. Street lighting in Mbale town
7. Drainage system is poor

8. Challenges of Stall Areas is problem

Yours faithfully
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RE: PETITION TO THE SENATE PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 37, 94, 96, 119 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA AND PETITION TO THE PARLIAMENT ACT 2012 ON THE BAD STATE OF MBALÉ TOWN THE HEADQUARTERS OF VIHIGA COUNTY AND PURPORTED MUNICIPALITY HEADQUARTERS

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Wish to bring to the attention of this honorable committee on the following:

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2. Availability of financial institutions and diversified business services describes mbale as a major economic center and a business hub.
3. The town is surrounded by other towns which include: Majengo, Chavakali, Gisambai, Mudete and Kilingili at a radius of less than 4 km from the above mentioned markets.
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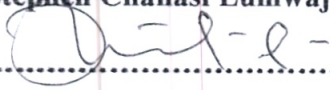
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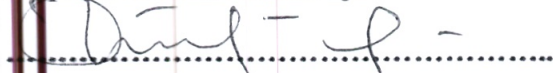
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