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VIHIGA COUNTY
GOVERNOR



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MANIFESTO

2022 - 2027

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ABOUT VIHIGA COUNTY

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

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

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

OUR VISION, MISSION, MOTTO & VALUES



VISION

Vihiga to Become a Prosperous and Model County in Kenya



MISSION

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

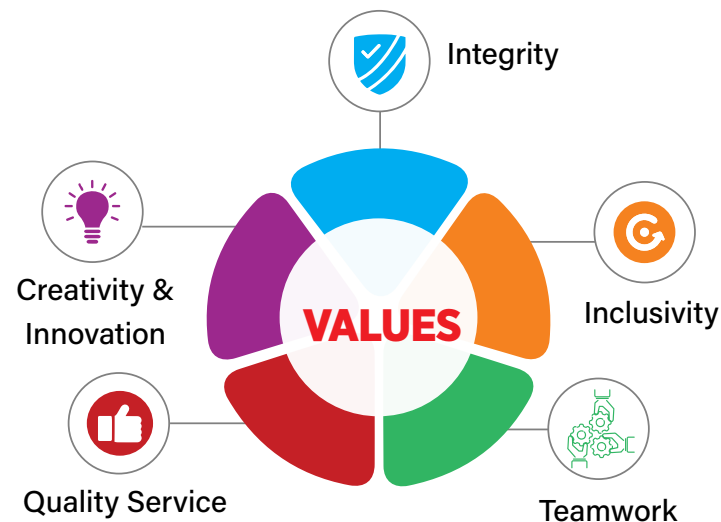


MOTTO

Maendeleo Bila Mapendeleo Wala Ufisadi

**CLARION
CALL**

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



INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

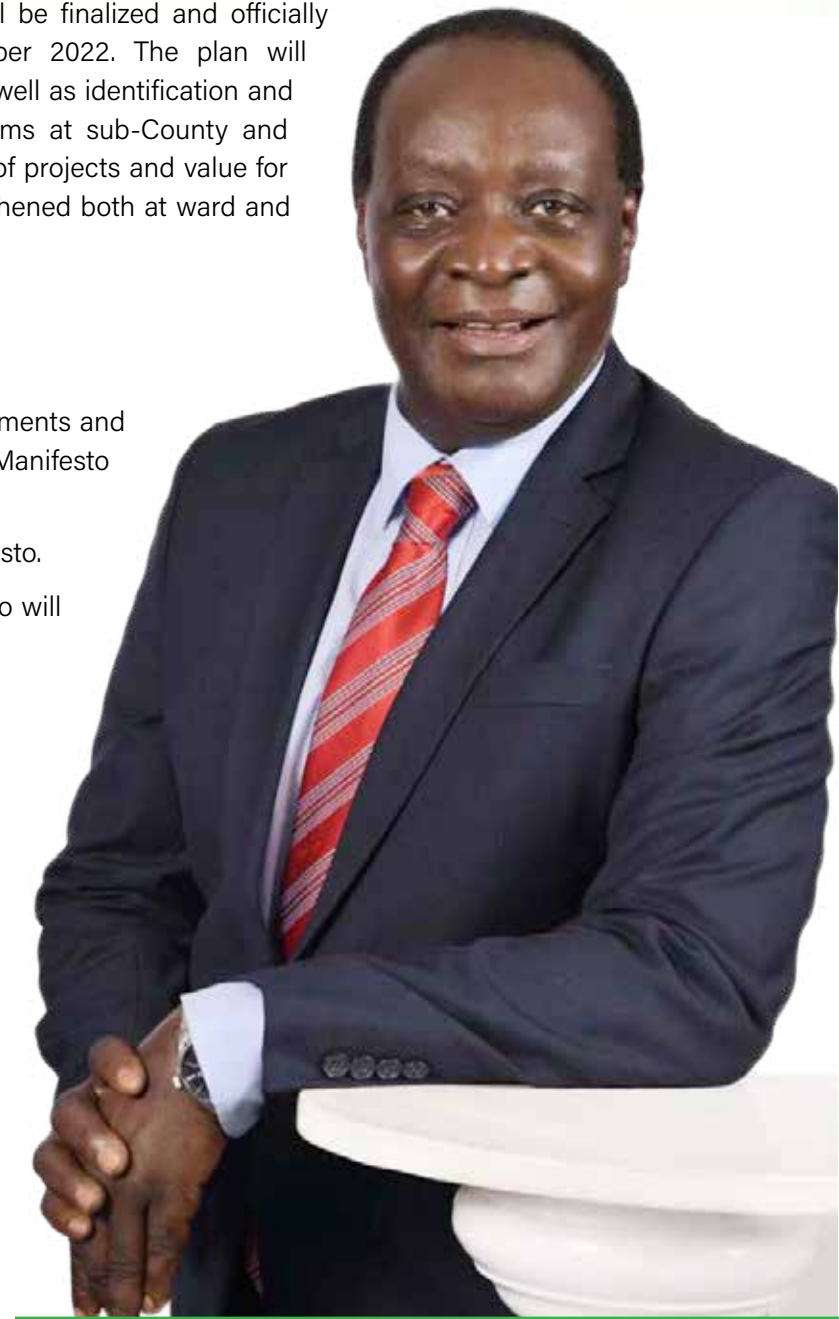
This manifesto is organized as follows:

- Section one** - Brief Introduction.
- Section two** - Brief review of the key achievements and implementation challenges of my previous Manifesto (2017-2022).
- Section three** - Main Highlights of this Manifesto.
- Section four** - Overview of how this Manifesto will be Implemented and Monitored.

Review of my Previous Manifesto

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

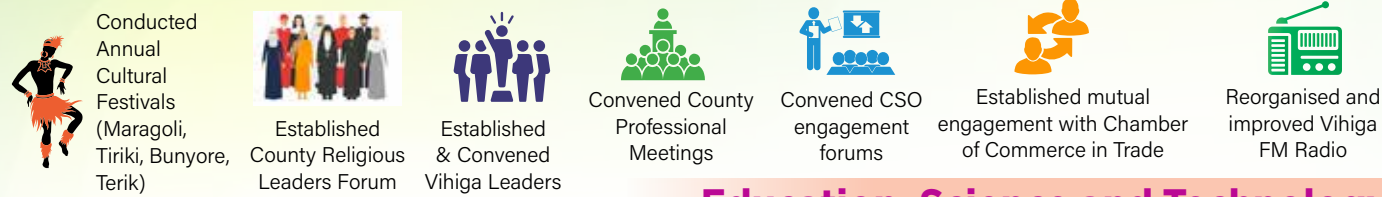
- Poor governance systems
- Increasing poverty and youth unemployment
- Poor healthcare delivery systems
- Limited access to clean and safe water and poor sanitation services
- Poor road infrastructure
- Poor ECDE infrastructure and management
- Poor Management of TVET institutions
- Increasing environmental deterioration



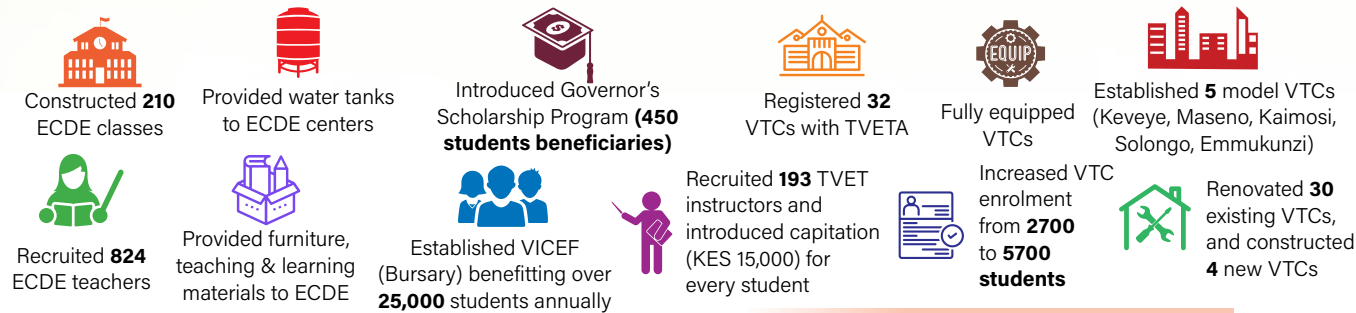
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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MY 2017-2022 MANIFESTO

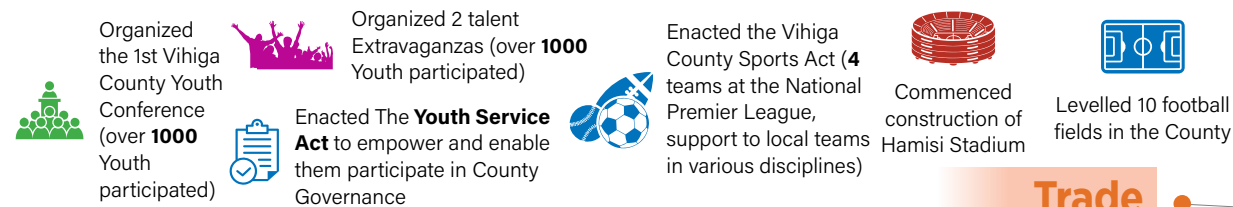
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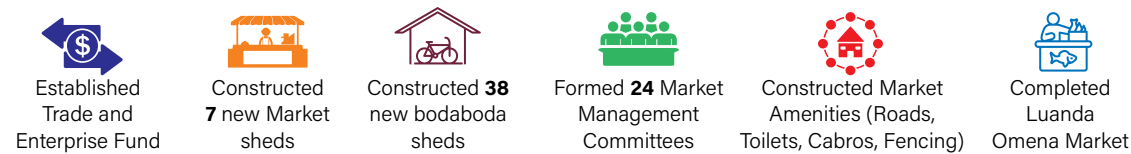
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Youth and Sports



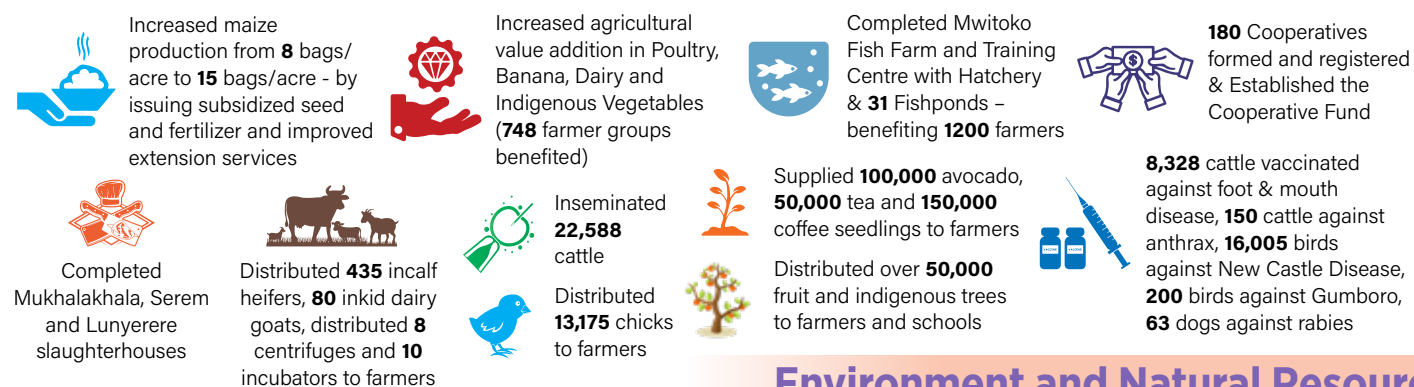
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Disaster Preparedness



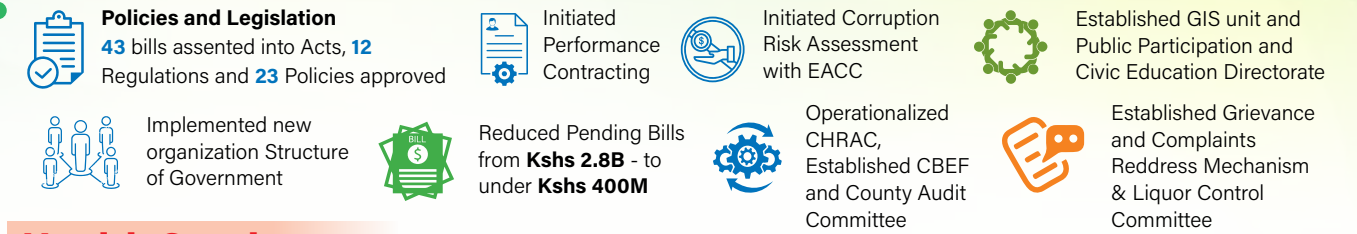
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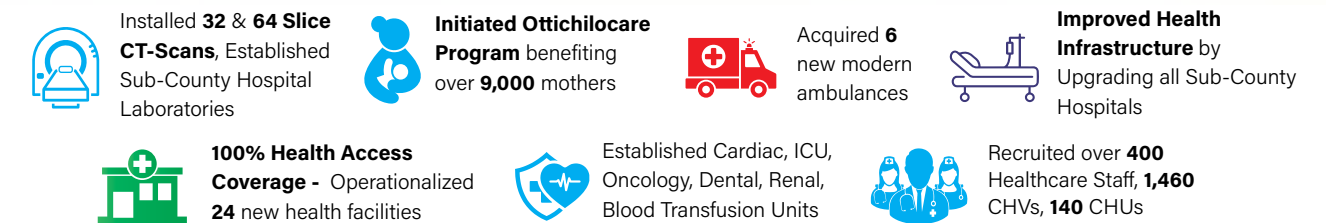
Environment and Natural Resources



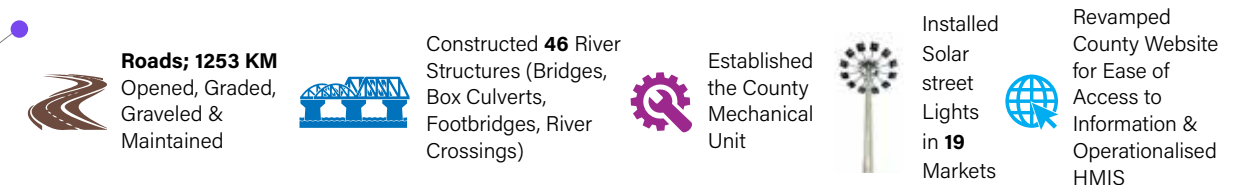
Governance



Health Services



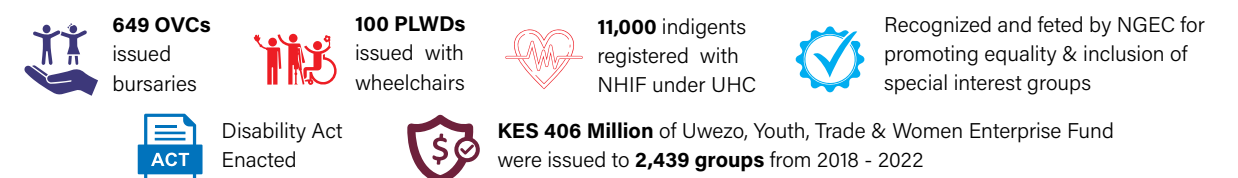
Infrastructure and ICT



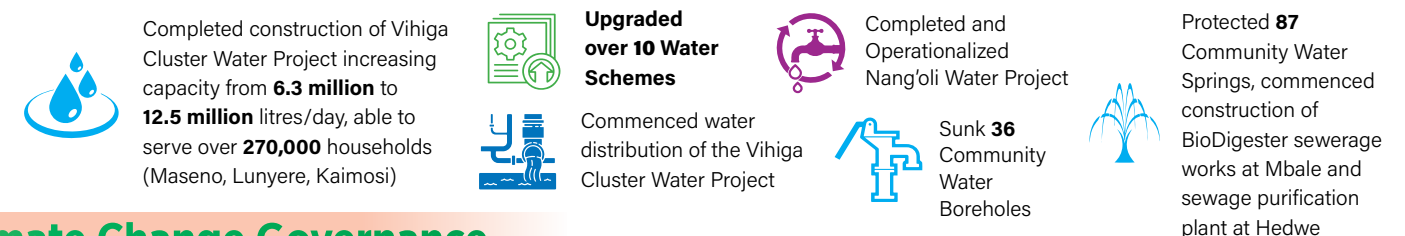
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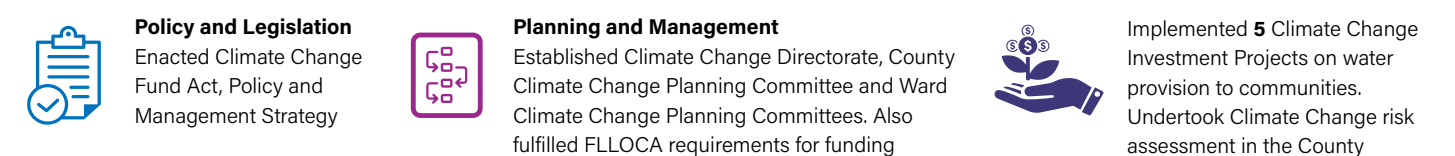
Social Protection



Water and Sanitation

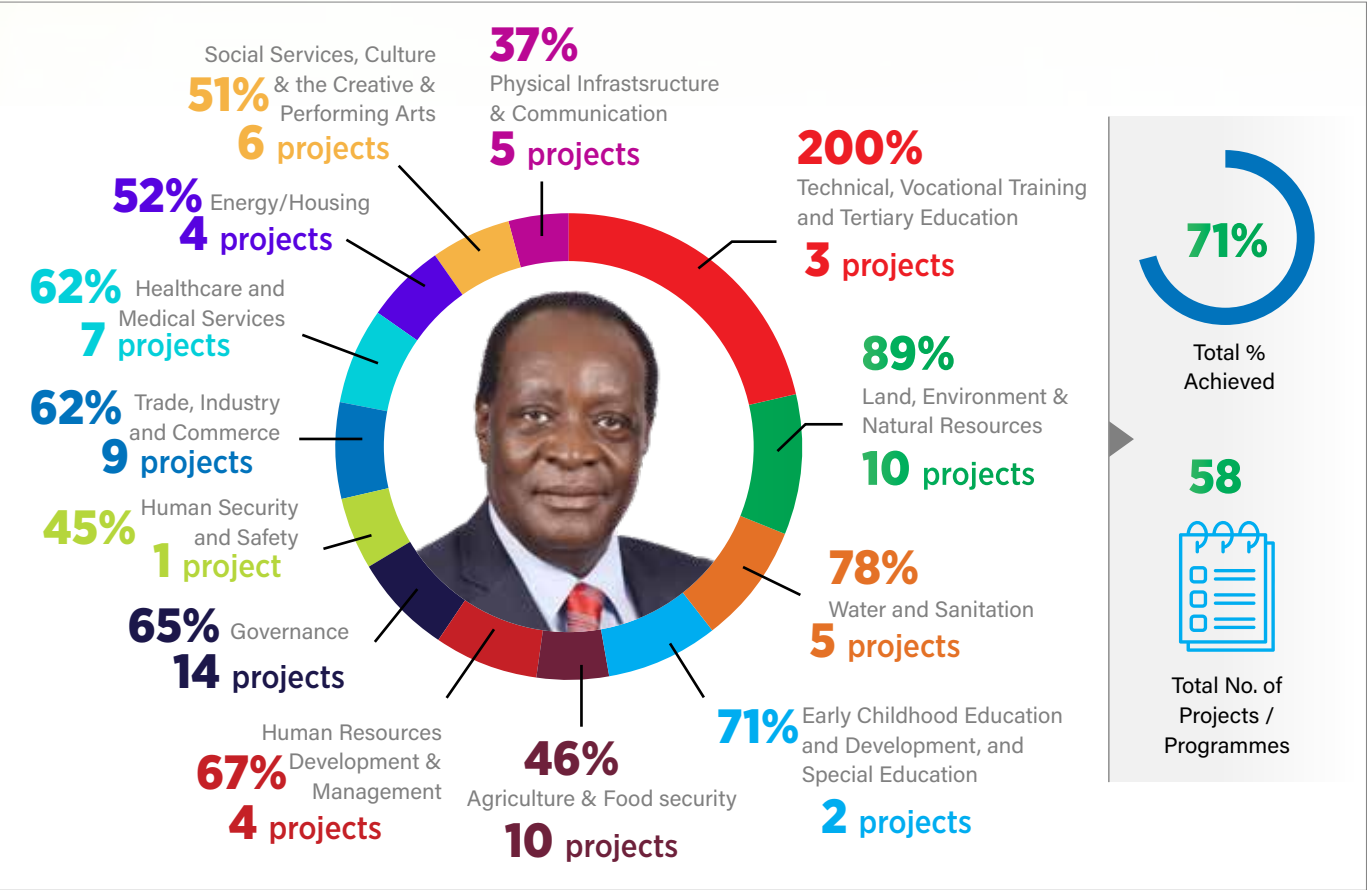


Climate Change Governance



PERFORMANCE SCORECARD OF MY 2017-2022 MANIFESTO

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



Source: County Government of Vihiga 2018-2022 Project Implementation Report - 2018-2022 CIDP and Governor's Manifesto Performance

Challenges Encountered from 2017-2022

- Inherited huge pending bills.
- Transitional human resource teething problems.
- High cost of land coupled with unwillingness to sell impacted the implementation of some flagship projects, expansion of Lunyerere water project, construction of Hamisi & Kidundu Stadiums.
- Delays in the extensive procurement process, funding and disbursement from Treasury.
- Limited PPP arrangements and delays in release of development partners fund by Treasury.
- Numerous litigation against the County Government.
- Inadequate civic engagement leading to poor public participation.
- Blotted Wage Bill.
- Inadequate skilled human resource across all sectors.
- Emerging issues – Climate Change and Impact of COVID-19 pandemic.

2022 - 2027 MANIFESTO

As I present my vision in this Manifesto which comes into effect from August 2022, I feel more re-energized and eager to further transform our County into a prosperous entity with particular focus on creating unity of purpose among our leaders and directly involving the people on matters of socio-economic development on our County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

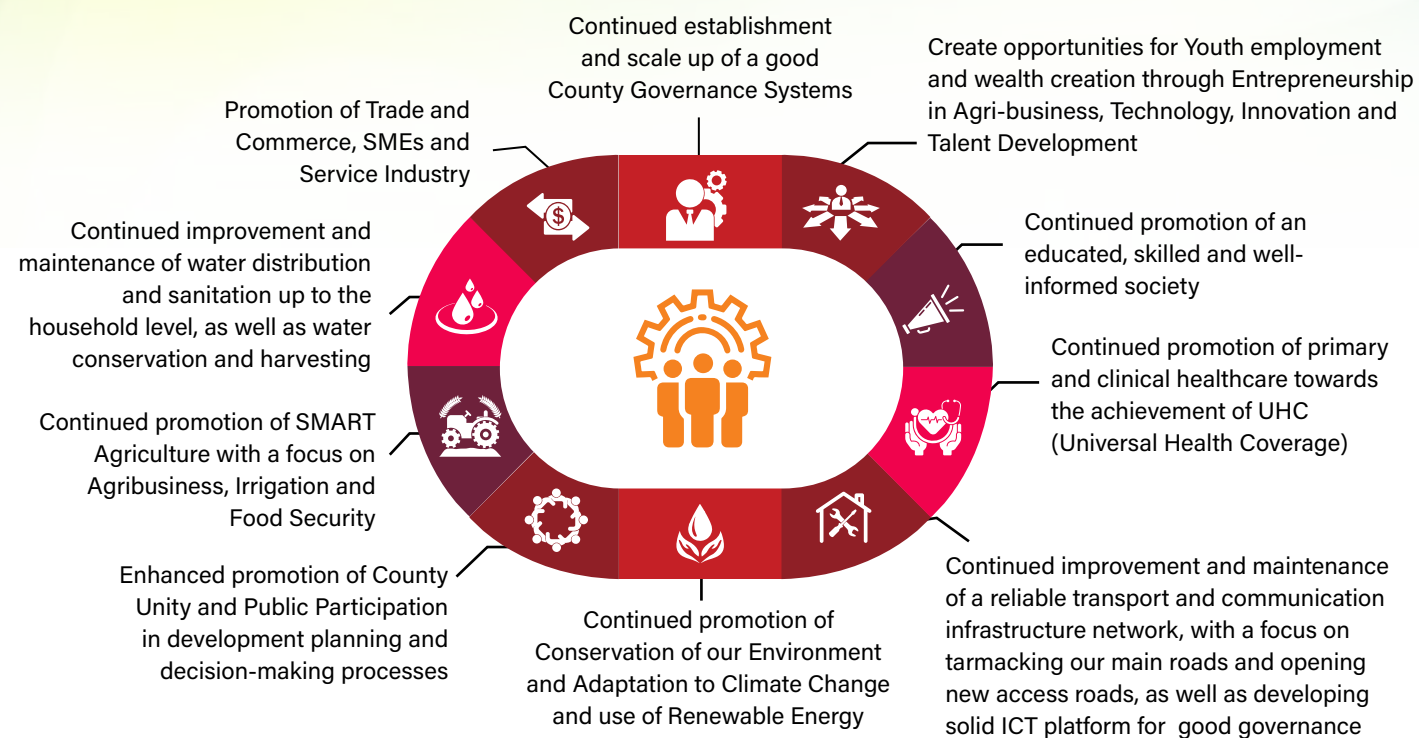
I have the conviction that all County Departments within the County Government of Vihiga, stakeholders, development partners and all the residents of Vihiga County find this MANIFESTO useful and as a preparatory for generating the next 2022 – 2027 County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP).

This Manifesto is structured in the following 10 point Sectoral Agenda:-

- 1 Governance
- 2 Health and Medical Services
- 3 Water and Sanitation
- 4 Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives
- 5 Education, Science and Technology
- 6 Trade, Commerce and Industries
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2022 – 2027 DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

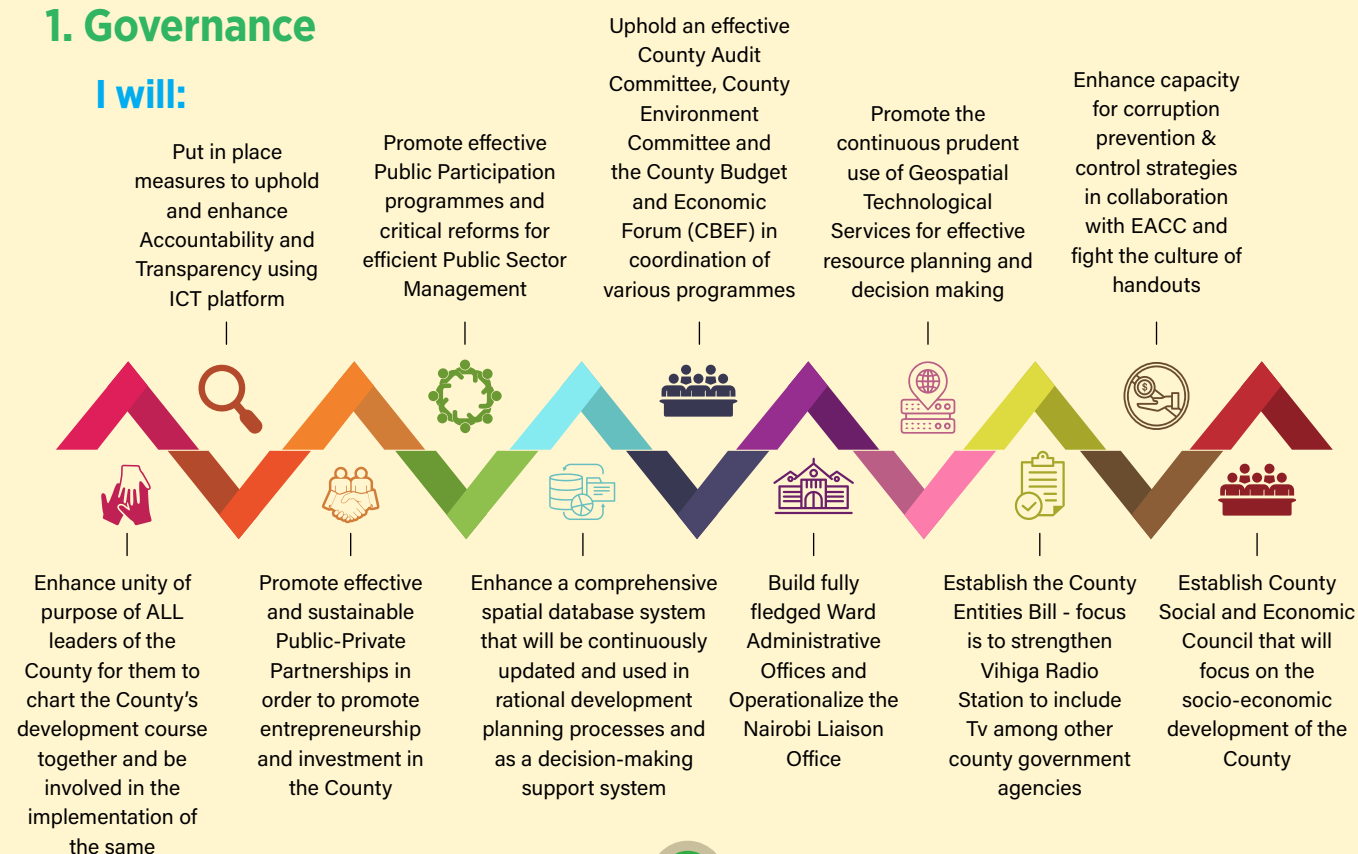
The following are the 10-point priority areas:-



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

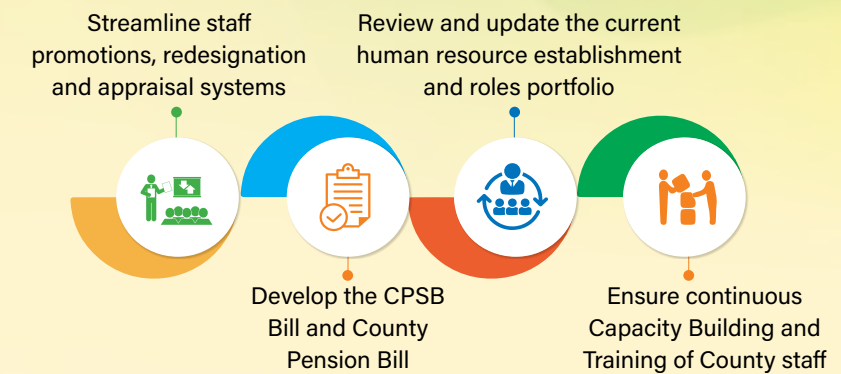
1. Governance

I will:



Human Resources Development and Management

I will:



Flagship Projects

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

2. Health and Medical Services

I will:



Flagship Projects

- Complete the 160-bed hospital plaza with specialized clinics, modern theaters, dialysis unit, HDU and ICU.
- Develop sub-County hospitals to Level 4 and upgrade our Referral hospital to a level 5 teaching hospital.
- Complete the County Commodities Stores at VCRH and operationalize the Health Commodities Information Management System.
- Establish modern medical laboratories in every health facility.
- Complete and Commission the County Funeral Home with a hearse.
- Refurbish and Renovate VCRH.
- Complete Givigoi Health Center.

3. Water and Sanitation

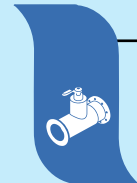
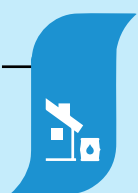
I will:

Moot rural water reticulation systems where feasible in order to enhance access to potable water by rural communities



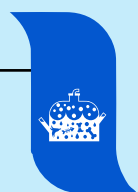
Ensure supply of clean and reliable water to households from the Vihiga Water Cluster program and from other County water schemes

Promote roof catchment and water harvesting



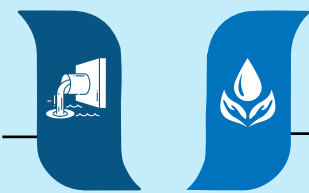
Expand and rehabilitate existing piped water supply schemes and protection of various water springs

Promote the use of bio digester technology in sanitation and water recycling



Continue investment in and promote ground and rainwater harvesting and conservation of our water sources, basins and towers

Invest in a study and mapping of our urban centers and markets for purposes of initiating development of a modern sewerage disposal system



Enhance the conservation of our water catchment areas and sources as well as the protection of natural water springs, riparian areas and wetlands

Flagship Projects

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

4. Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives

I will:

Seek to make smallholder agriculture a paying business by promoting agribusiness and encouraging and supporting the youth to effectively participate in agriculture

Vigorous promote Agro-forestry in order to ensure every homestead has indigenous trees, bamboo and non-indigenous fruit trees on at least 10% of its land

Promote Apiculture, Poultry and Dairy Farming

Promote fish farming for income generation and nutrition

Promote Horticulture and Agricultural Value Chain through Cooperatives

Establish water dams and pans to promote small scale irrigation

Promote growing of orphan crops - sweet potato, cassava, simsim, sorghum, millet

Employ SMART Agriculture practices to increase production

Enhance soil testing to improve land productivity, and long-term soil conservation programmes

Substantively increase investment in agricultural extension services



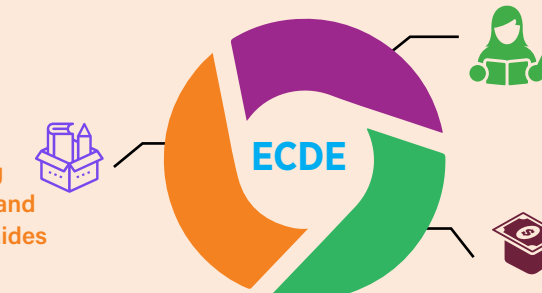
Flagship Projects

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

5. Education, Science and Technology

I will:

Continue provision of learning materials and teaching aides for ECDE



Continue to enhance access to ECDE through construction of more classrooms, Hiring of more teachers and introduction of school feeding programme as well as construction of toilets to improve on hygiene within schools

Expand the scope of the County Bursary Scheme and the Governor's Scholarship Programme

TVET

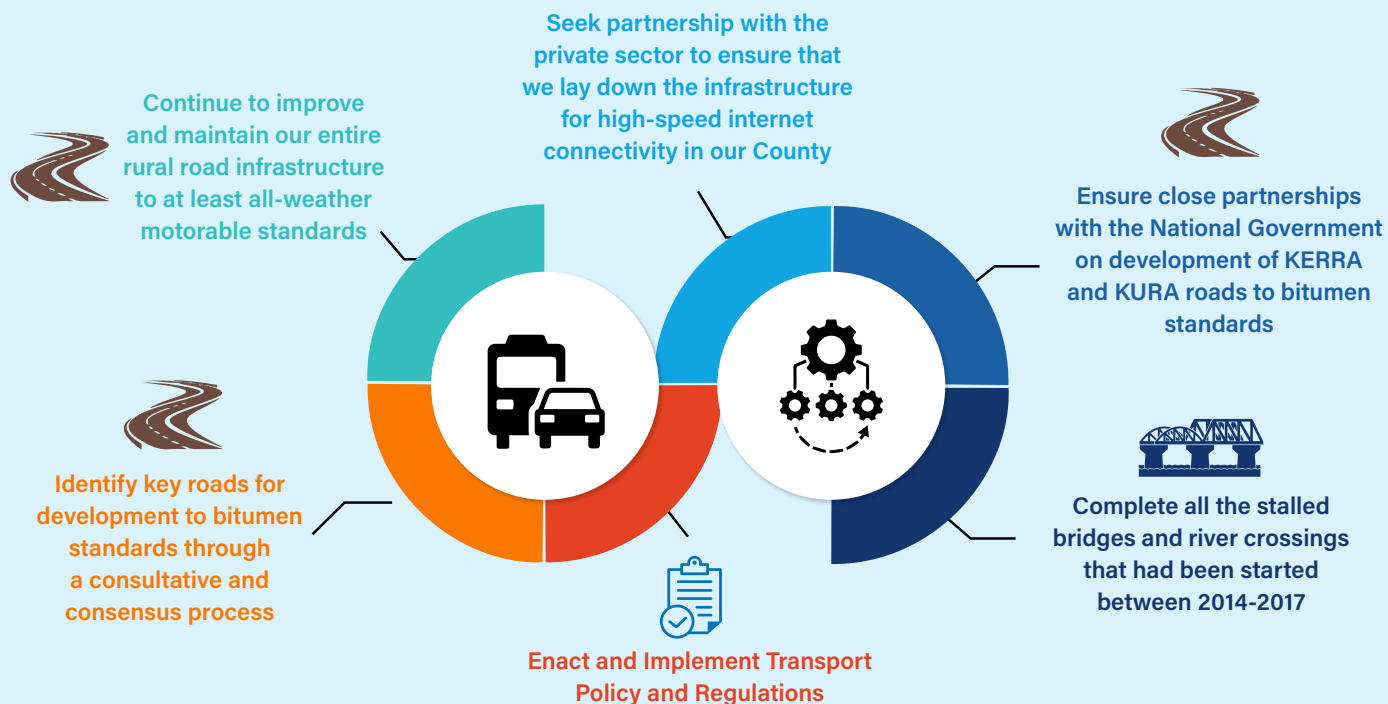


Flagship Projects

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

6. Transport and Infrastructure

I will:

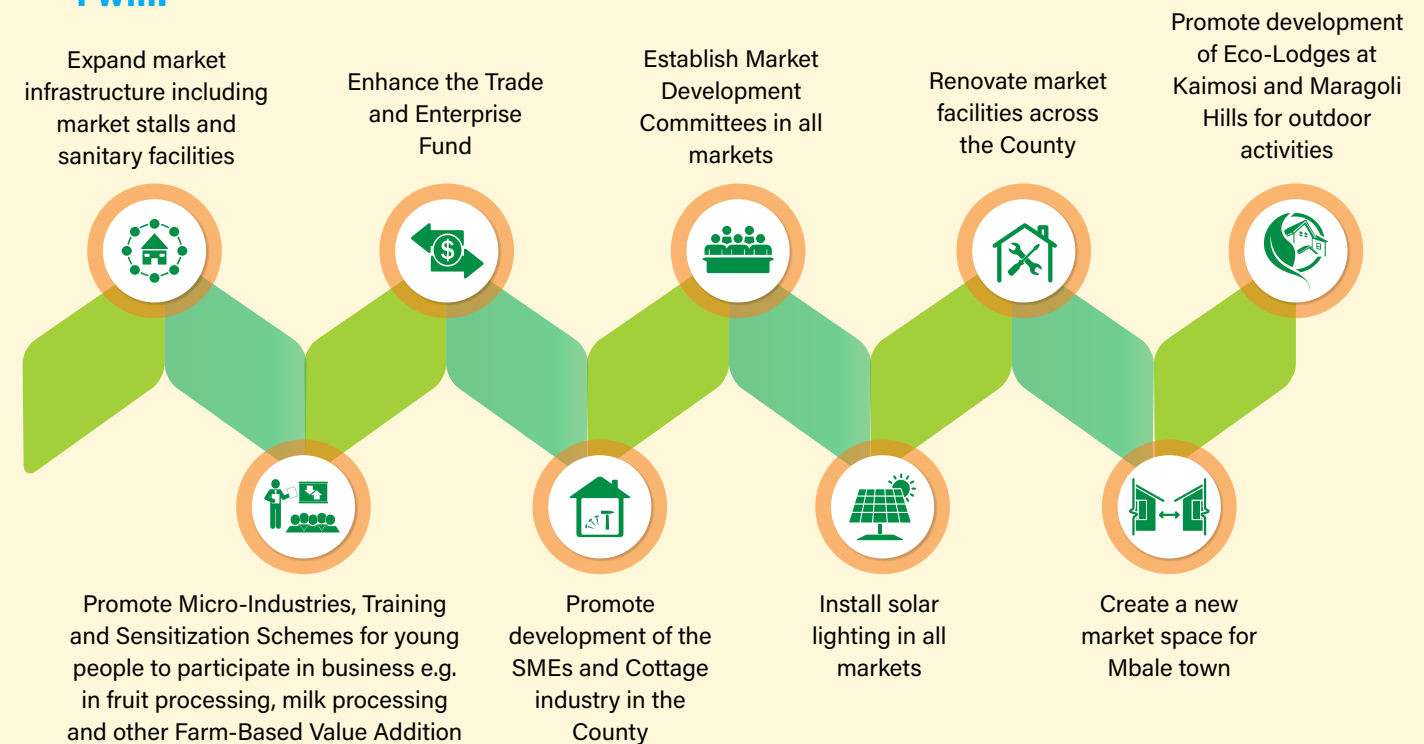


Flagship Projects

- Develop a zoned and well-regulated transport system for buses, matatu and bodaboda services, and ensure availability of well serviced transport parks.
- Enhance the Installation and Maintenance High Mast Lighting Programme across the County.
- Upgrade of 5 kms of roads per sub County to Bitumen Standards.
- Complete all Stalls Bridges and River Crossings
- Introduce Performance Based Road Maintenance Programme for all County roads.
- Construct and equip a fully functioning Fire Service Unit.
- Construct to Bitumen Standards the Lusiola to Chavakali Road.
- Construct to Bitumen Standards Boyani/Jebrok market road in Hamisi Sub County.
- Construct to bitumen the Obuyaya - Ebukanga - Busia Road in Emuhaya Sub County.
- Construct to Bitumen Standards the Luanda Market Ring Road Luanda Sub County.
- Construct to Bitumen Standards Vihiga Police Station - Kidundu - Majengo in Vihiga Sub County.
- Develop regulations to ensure efficient functioning of County Road Equipment and Machinery.
- Fully equip and operationalize the County Mechanical Unit.

7. Trade, Commerce and Industry

I will:



Flagship Projects

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

8. Environment, Natural Resources, Energy and Climate Change

I will:

Strengthen Ward Climate Change committees adaptation and mitigation efforts through the FLLOCA and Climate Change Fund

Formulate policies on sand harvesting and growing of Eucalyptus in riverine areas

Collaborate with the NCCD, to expand a County Climate Change Unit to promote climate change mitigation and adaptation measures, with a strong component on public education and awareness

Collaborate with the NEMA in building capacity for environmental and social impact assessments of development projects and programmes and in waste management, and pollution control in order to keep our County environment clean and healthy

Collaborate with National Agencies like the WaRMA, Kenya Wildlife Services, KFS, and Regional Water Services Boards to conserve the County water resources, forests and wildlife

Initiate and implement a land and soil conservation programme

Implement environmental awareness and education programme focusing on primary and secondary schools

Energy

Promote investment in renewable energy, particularly solar and wind energy. Through partnerships, I will seek development of small hydropower stations where feasible

Promote use of clean cooking stoves and discourage long-term use of firewood

Promote and support the uptake of solar power systems in our public primary and secondary schools, technical and vocational training institutes and in our dispensaries, health centers and hospitals as well as at households levels

Promote use of LPG in cooking in our institutions in collaboration with partners

Flagship projects

- Develop County regulations for prospecting and mining in Vihiga County.
- Establish a Waste Recycling and Management Plant in Luanda South Ward.
- Establish Climate Change Center at KAFUCO.
- Promote the use of energy saving cooking stoves in our rural households as a Climate Change Mitigation strategy.
- Complete and operationalise the bio-digester waste facility in Mbale.
- Establish a model solar powered village.
- Complete and operationalise Kaimosi Hydropower plant in collaboration with KENGEN.

9. Gender, Sports, Youth, Culture and Social Services

I will:

Set aside adequate space and develop decent County burial Grounds – County cemetery

Transform Vihiga County to a choice destination for sports tourism

Establish Talent Centers at Sub-County level

Operationalize the Youth Service Act

Actualize a joint Annual Vihiga County Cultural Festival to be held at Sub-County level on rotational basis in December

Establish a social safety fund to cater for the vulnerable groups in the County

Operationalize the PWD Act

Flagship Projects

- Complete Hamisi and Kidundu stadiums and develop one in Bunyore.
- Enhance the Sports Fund allocation.
- Build Resource Centers at the Sub-County and eventually the ward level.
- Establish a Rescue/Rehabilitation Center.
- Build a County Talent center, cultural center and museum.
- Establish a Vihiga County social botanical garden and park in every sub County and at Mbale Town.

10. Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Planning

I will:

Promote sustainable land management practices

Enhance town beautification programmes

Develop Spatial Plans for our towns and markets

Promote smart urban infrastructure and affordable quality housing in the County in partnership with developers

Operationalise the County land valuation roll

Flagship Projects

- Automate all public land in the County into a Land Management Information System.
- Develop a County land masterplan to ensure updated and proper land titling in Vihiga County.
- Complete Governor's and Deputy Governor's Residences.
- Develop affordable low cost housing in Mbale in partnership with developers.
- Update Spatial Plans for Vihiga Municipality.
- Finalize Spatial Plans for Luanda and Cheptulu and have the towns declared municipalities.

IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

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

The Implementation of the programmes in the FY 2022-23 and subsequent years will be guided by the Annual Work Plans as provided for in the CFSP and in accordance with the will of the people. The Service Delivery Unit (SDU), Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) and the Ward Development Committees will be crucial in ensuring that the projects chosen for implementation are impactful and give value for money. Impact assessment will be done once every Quarter of the annual workplan and annual reports compiled and presented to the County Assembly during the Annual County Address by the Governor.

The project/programs in the 2022-2027 CIDP will be funded through County shareable revenue from Treasury, funds from development partners and from own-source revenue collection among other sources.

WILBER OTTICHILO

“MCHAPA KAZI”

I believe that the people of Vihiga County will give me a second term to implement this Manifesto as we steer this great County to higher levels of Socio-Economic Development.

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

GOD BLESS THE PEOPLE OF VIHIGA COUNTY AND KENYA

**I WILL
FOCUS ON**

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EDUCATION HEALTH | AGRICULTURE | ENVIRONMENT |
TRADE | WATER**



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