



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

KAPELEBYONG DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

KEY NOTE ADDRESS BY DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON

PRESENTED TO KAPELEBYONG DISTRICT BUDGET CONFERENCE HELD AT KAPELEBYONG COUNCIL HALL ON 30th October, 2023

Hon. Members of Parliament
Members of the District Council
Members of the District Executive
The Resident District commissioner
The Chief Administrative Officer
The District Internal Security Officer
Town council Mayors and Sub County Chairpersons
The Heads of Departments
Members of the Civil Society Organizations
Opinion Leaders present
Ladies and Gentlemen.

PREAMBLE

In pursuance of **Section 13(5)** of the Local Government Act Cap 243. I wish to present to this audience the key note of the District state of address for the period covering 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022.

INTRODUCTION

I take this opportunity to welcome you all, to the district budget consultative workshop for financial year 2024/2025. I want to note that this workshop is very important as it is one of the activities that kick start the budget preparation process for the next financial year.

The workshop is so Crucial that it creates a plat form for stakeholders to;-

- Discuss and document the development challenges of the district.
- Present and share the proposed budget strategy for the next budget
- Disseminate the indicative planning figures for the issuing year and
- To internalize grant guidelines and discuss key finance management reforms.

On behalf of the District Council I want to note that, we have been able to record quite a number of achievements in two and half years that my presentation will capture as below:-

The District Vision and Mission

Kapelebyong District budget performance 2022/2023.

Physical progress for capital projects for F/Y 2022/2023.

The key development challenges of the District

The budget Strategy and proposed key priority areas for innervation F/Y 2024/2025

Appeals

Conclusion

1.0. THE DISTRICT VISION AND MISSION

I want to appeal to the honorable Members and the audience here assembled to work towards the realization of the District vision. This vision shall be desiring to fulfil my Administration expectations, National Vision and to implore other actors to contribute towards its achievements. I hope this will be adopted to inspire Socio Economic development and leadership of Kapelebyong District. I have personally found this vision inter changeably very relevant in guiding our strategic direction. It's therefore my duty as the political head of the District to remind and inspire you to strive to achieve this vision.

District Vision

“A harmonious, healthy, Literate and prosperous people of Kapelebyong”.

Whereas, your all aware that I'm presiding over a District which still has a lot of concerns in the areas of Roads, Education, peace both within homes and outside District. That is why the theme harmonious is still relevant to us in this vision.

Secondly health has a bearing on the productivity of our people, we need to commit our resources, both human and financial to ensuring that our people spend more time in production units and not in medical wards ailing on preventable sicknesses. On prosperity Kapelebyong District is endowed with vast fertile land and so it must be part of the population enjoying middle income status by the year 2040 and we are prioritizing agro- industrialization in our development plan in order to realize this. Enlighten and literacy is key in wealth creation, we shall continue to invest largely in Education of the young people for productive skills. In doing all that we shall do, we should ensure the environment of Kapelebyong District remains green and beautiful, we shall not only ensure planting of trees but the conservation of the existing ones and mainstreaming environment preservation to all our District projects.

District mission

It's not therefore enough to have stated wonderful vision, we must have practical strategies for realizing our vision. Kapelebyong District has a mission;

“To attain sustainable socio- Economic Development through efficient and effective service delivery”.

Honorable members, audience and the technical officers here present, my Administration shall not ask anything less than quality services from those mandated to provide services to our people

There is no substitute for quality so we must demand for it. I will also ensure that the meager resources we receive and those generated at the District are utilized to get us value for money i.e. efficiently and effectively utilized. We shall as much as possible ensure that blend of Local priorities with National Policies and programs.

KAPELEBYONG DISTRICT BUDGET PERFORMANCE OF 2022/2023 F/YR.

In the F/Y 2022/2023 the District planned to receive Ugx **19,250,023,241** but received Ugx **18,525,605,667** details of the different sources to this budget will be got from the presentations of heads of departments. However I want to report that we never performed very well in the areas of Local revenue which was affected by lockdown alongside poor harvest which was caused by the prolonged drought. Am happy to report that the Local Government Finance Commission supported the District Local Government with computers to enable the District and Lower Local councils to improve on comprehensive revenue data capture and management.

PHYSICAL PROGRESS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR F/Y 2022/2023.

- Drilling of Four (4) deep boreholes - Site hand over completed. Siting is completed, Drilling of Four (4) deep wells, casting and installation completed
- Construction of Piped Water System/Drilling of two (2) Production Wells - Site hand over completed. Siting is completed, Drilling of two production wells and
- Phase II Construction of council chambers and Phase II Fencing of the Production Block - Phase II Construction of Council Chambers completed. Phase II Fencing completed. Additional Fencing Completed.
- Completion of Administration Block at Acowa SC - Award not complete.
- Construction of Administration block at Obalanga Sub County - Award complete, site handover done, Construction window level and completed
- Construction of Administration block at Acowa Sub County - Award complete but the site hand over not yet done
- Construction of Administration block at Akore Town Council - Award complete but the site hand over not yet done
- Construction of a Market Shade – Construction completed
- Construction of a micro scale irrigation system - Award complete. Supply has not commenced.
- Construction of Akoromit Seed School (ICT Lab) - Construction works incomplete
- Construction of Akoromit Seed School (Staff house) - Construction works incomplete
- Construction of a two-Classroom block at Airabet P/S - Award complete and site hand over was done on 24th/11/2022. Construction of Two (2) Classroom block with an office and store completed.

- Rehabilitation of Classroom at Adepar P/S - Award complete, site hand over complete, Works completed.
- Renovation of Amaseniko P/S - Award complete, site hand over complete, Works completed.
- Construction of a two in one staff house at Kapelebyong HC IV - Award complete, site hand over complete, Construction at finishes level.
- Fencing of Obalanga HCIII - Construction completed.
- Fencing of Acowa HCIII - - Construction completed.
- Construction of Akoromit HCIII and Upgrade of Alito HCII - - Neat walling, Pit excavation, substructure construction of pits, Kitchen completed. Works incomplete.
- Maintenance of Amosing-Okoboi and Obalanga-Okugur road - - Maintenance of Amosing-Okoboi are completed while Obalanga-Okugur road incomplete.
- Low Cost Sealing District Headquarters Road(0.35km) -- The works are incomplete.

THE KEY DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES OF THE DISTRICT

Honorable members, audience, and technical staff, leadership must tackle the challenges in community as leaders vested with mandate, it's important that we discern the challenges around us and we try to be part of the solution to those challenges. From my own point of analysis Kapelebyong District is confronted by the following development challenges, among others;

- Bad Roads network and accessibility challenge making service delivery difficult and sometime very expensive.
- Inadequate health services and related disease burden in our communities especially the threat of Ebola outbreak in the country.
- Low revenue mobilization and collection.
- Inadequate Education infrastructure and limited access to Education by sections of school going children.
- Food and income insecurity among a majority of households in the District.
- Disasters which affect socio-economic activities i.e. water logging, Drought and food shortages, storms which damage infrastructure.
- Inadequate staff both at the District, schools, Sub counties and in health facilities.
- Some communities being cut off from others. i.e. Acinga Sub County.
- Lack of road equipment for the District to work on road its network of the District.
- HIV/AIDS epidemic.

The budget Strategy and proposed key priority areas for intervention F/Y 2024/2025

The district budget strategy for 2024/2025 will be anchored on the third District and National Development plan and the Presidents manifesto, at our level the budget

strategy is aimed at achieving the District strategic interventions which will guide the planning and budgeting process of the next year 2023/2024.

- To improve on the Districts connectivity in terms of the road network that will positively impact on the business activity and livelihoods of the communities as they will be in position to access market for their agricultural produce, health facilities and Educational institutions by pupils.
- To improve and sustain agro – industrialization that will help the District thrive in economic standards thus contributing to socio- economic transformation through mind set change and impactful investments.
- To mitigate the impacts of ill health on communities by prioritizing on improving health services in the district and community mobilization, sensitization and awareness creation on both communicable and non-communicable diseases.

With this District strategic direction I implore all the responsible officers charged with a responsibility of developing program budgets to adhere to the districts strategic direction and full filling the NRM manifesto.

Recommendations

- The Technical and the political leaders should join efforts to mobilize communities to embrace the Parish Development Model for sustainable income growth among communities and thus improved revenue.
- I also note and recommend that government considers increasing the Districts IPFs.
- Government to consider providing the District with the road equipment to ease maintenance of District roads.

APPEALS

I appeal to the Non-Governmental Organizations and Civil Society Organizations working with the District to initiate projects that address and contribute to the attainment of the strategic development plan, interventions of the district.

The District planning unit and the Community Development Department should take lead in sharing the Development plan with NGOs and CSOs.

CONCLUSION

We have an enormous task before us to ensure that we fulfill our respective duties and mandate of ensuring the welfare of the people we are called to serve. In achievement of this I call upon the collective effort of council and leaders of all levels.

I thank the CAO, and his Technical team for the tireless efforts they put in ensuring that we absorb the budget for F/Y 2022/2023 and also for preparing the new budget for F/Y 2023/2024

For God and my county

Hon. Akorikin Francis
District Chairperson Kapelebyong.