

# **STATEMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT ON THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT MODEL, TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 AT KIBUKU.**

**FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2022.**

Fellow country men and women,

I take this opportunity to inform the Nation of the forthcoming Official Launch of the Parish Development Model (PDM) by H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni Tibuhaburwa, President of the Republic of Uganda, which will be held on Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Kibuku Primary School, in Kibuku district.

The PDM is the priority programme of Government to increase household incomes and cause sustainable transformation at household level. It is particularly targeting those households which are leaving in subsistence production, which is referred to as “*okukolera ekidda kyokka*”, so that our people can participate in the money economy and improve their livelihood. It is anchored in the National Development Plan III and the National Resistance Movement (NRM) Manifesto for 2021-2026.

Implementation of the PDM is through the ‘whole of Government approach’ whereby all Ministries participate in providing infrastructure and social-economic services in their respective sectors, through the local government structures, focusing at the parish level in a co-ordinated and mutually reinforcing manner. This is implemented under seven (7) Pillars of the PDM, notably:

- i. Increasing production, productivity, value addition, processing, storage and marketing;
- ii. Providing the necessary infrastructure and economic services, such as community access roads, affordable and reliable energy, water, insurance and internet services;
- iii. Enhancing social services, such as education, health, environment protection, improved housing and sanitation;
- iv. Financial inclusion for all, through affordable parish based financial services and a revolving fund managed at the parish;

- v. Community mobilization, sensitisation and mindset change;
- vi. Parish based information management system; and
- vii. Improved governance and administration.

Implementation of the PDM started in July 2021, with preliminary activities, including the following:

- Recruitment to fill vacancies of Parish Chiefs, who will administer the PDM in all our 10,594 parishes.
- Operationalisation of the 716 newly created Subcounties and Town Councils, by obtaining the necessary funds approved by Parliament in a supplementary budget in November 2021.
- Setting up the National PDM Secretariat to ensure effective co-ordination.
- Activating the seven (7) pillar working groups of the PDM.
- Development of Information Education Communication materials.
- Formation of the overall implementation guidelines and manuals.

Having completed these prior actions, Government is now set for the official launch of the PDM. This is necessary to give the programme wide national publicity and it signals the preparedness of Government for the national roll out of the PDM.

Cabinet has approved the Official Launch of the PDM to be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 at Kibuku Primary School, next to the district headquarters of Kibuku District. H.E. the President is the Chief Guest and he will deliver a keynote address to the Nation on the PDM.

The theme of the launch is, ***“Transformation from Subsistence to Monetary Economy through increased production and Productivity for Improved Household Incomes and Livelihood.”*** It highlights the focus of Government in increasing incomes and welfare of households, both those with small land holdings below four (4) acres and those with fairly large pieces of land, aiming at getting all our households to be food secure but also produce surplus quality products and process them for the domestic and global market.

Right now, several pre-launch activities are ongoing in Kibuku and the rest of the Bukedi subregion. Our teams are on ground carrying out training of district and lower local government political leaders and technical officers,

community mobilization and sensitisation, data collection, updating citizen registration, identifying the enterprise groups, formation of parish SACCOs, and engaging various stakeholders in government and non-governmental institutions.

Due to covid-19 pandemic and other restrictions, attendance at the Official Launch is by invitation and only a few of us will be physically present at the venue. Nonetheless, the function will be broadcast live on television, radios and social media, so that we can all follow the proceedings wherever we are.

I invite you all to support the Parish Development Model and to ensure success of the various interventions of this government programme. Let us all work together to ensure that no Ugandan is left behind in the match towards Middle Income Status and attainment of our National Development Plan goals.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY

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