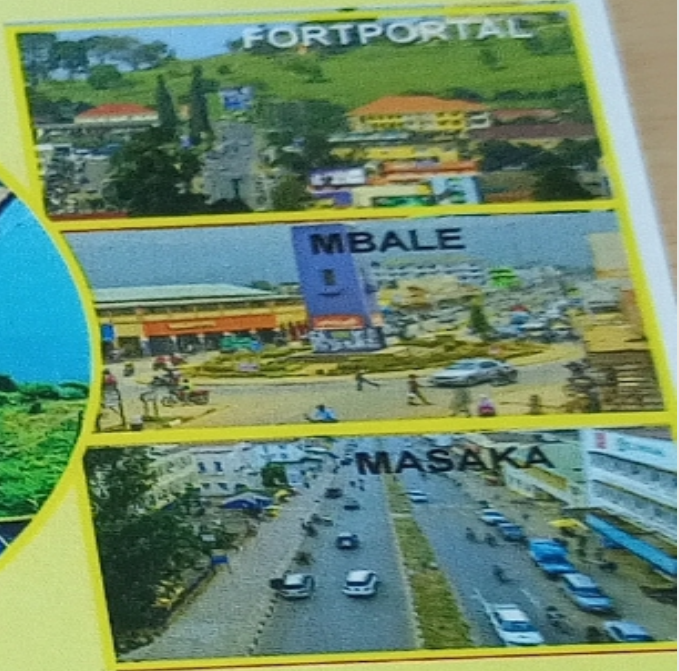


Progress, Plans and Prospects for Operationalisation of New Cities in Uganda

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10 Cities operated wef July 2020 & 5 to start later



“ Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Cities for Regional and Strategic Development ”

HOIMA



LIRA



SOROTI



ENTEBBE



MOROTO



NAKASONGOLA



KABALE



WAKIS



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THE UGANDA GAZETTE
STATUTORY NOTICE 2020
The Local Governments (Declaration of Cities) Notice 2020
(Under sections 7(2A) of the Local Governments Act, Cap. 243)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Minister responsible for Local Governments by Sections 7(2A) of the Local Governments Act, Cap. 243, with approval of Parliament in accordance with Article 179 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, as amended, this Statutory Notice is hereby made this 12th day of June, 2020 declaring the urban areas and the boundaries of administrative units specified in the schedule below as Cities:

SCHEDULE
AREAS DECLARED CITIES WITH EFFECT 1ST JULY 2020 AND THEIR BOUNDARIES/COMPOSITION

| CITY | DIVISIONS | BOUNDARIES/COMPOSITION |
|-------|-------------------------|--|
| Arua | Arua Central Division | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arua Hill Division, 2. River Oli Division. |
| | Ayivu Division | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pajulu Sub County, 2. Adumi Sub County, 3. Oluko Sub County, 4. Tadamu Sub County, 5. Aroi Sub county, 6. Manibe Sub County, 7. Ayivuni Sub county. |
| Fulu | Laroo-Pece Division | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Laroo Municipal Division, 2. Pece Municipal Division, 3. Laliya Parish, 4. Unyama Parish, 5. Pakwelo Parish, 6. Pageya Parish, 7. Acoyo Parish, 8. Kal Parish. |
| | Bardege-Layibi Division | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bardege Municipal Division, 2. Layibi Municipal Division, 3. Laro Parish, 4. Agonga Parish, 5. Patuda Parish, 6. Alokolum Parish, 7. Kweyo Parish. |
| Hoima | Hoima East Division | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kyentale Ward, 2. Nyakambugu Ward, 3. Kiewamba Ward, 4. Bwikya Ward, 5. Southern Ward, 6. Northern Ward, 7. Central Ward. |

Progress

1. Legal and Policy

- a) Amendment of the Local Governments Act Cap 243 to adequately provide for Cities functionality at a higher level about to be considered by Cabinet
- b) Regulations for operationalisation of the LGA to ensue after amendment of the LGA
- c) Laws that regulate other functional areas like environment, transport, public health, urban agriculture, public finance management, procurement, public infrastructure, etc shall be applied
- d) The National Urban Policy is in place

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2. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a) Staff for the former Municipalities are executing their duties and servicers in the annexed areas are being delivered under the supervision of the Chief Administrative Officers.
- b) The Caretaker Town Clerks of Cities were appointed
- c) Consultations with the Cities were conducted by MOPS & MOLG. Approval of the HR structures will be sought at the next convenient Cabinet meeting.
- d) Govt has made a preliminary provision in the budget call circular (BCC) for wages in the new Cities

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3. ***FINANCES***

- a) Votes for Cities for all cost centers have been created
- b) Cities have attracted funding from Development Partners e.g. preparation of HR structures & training on managing infrastructure assets for sustainable development have been funded by UNCDF.
- c) Cities still operate under the former Municipal votes as City votes are yet to be activated
- d) Cities continued to collect local revenues from sources identified by the former Municipal Councils
- e) The BCC for 2021/22 has made provisions for Cities

Progress Cont'd

4. Governance

Elections have been held to get substantive leaders for Cities at all levels namely; City Councils and City Division Councils to hold Political Offices for the next tenure till 2026

5. Accountability

The accountability function continued to be executed by the key stakeholders including the communities through

- a) Laws that relate to accountability like the PFMA, procurement laws
- b) Inspections
- c) Other statutory functions like internal and external audits
- d) Support Supervisions

Plans

1. INDUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED POLITICAL LEADERS
2. DESIGNING GOV FUNDING FOR SERVICES BEFITTING A CITY
3. APPEALING FOR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS' SUPPORT FOR CITIES DEVELOPMENT
4. EXPLOITING THE NICHE FOR EACH CITY (STRATEGIC VS REGIONAL CITIES)
5. TWINNING WITH OTHER CITIES WITHIN & OUTSIDE UGANDA; JINJA HAS ALREADY DONE THIS

Plans.....

6. Law enforcement to ensure compliance with demands of organised settlements
7. Constitute Statutory Bodies for Cities
8. Conclude the amendments to the Laws and put in place regulations
9. Secure approval of and fill the HR Structures
10. Finalise the Cities menu
11. Design Urban Development Strategy

Prospects; what types of Cities do we envisage?

- Inclusiveness
- Resilience
- Sustainability
- Liveability
- Economic growth centres
- Centres of innovation
- Happiness hubs
- Peace and stability

Prospects; *A number of Urban Development Partners have come in to support the Cites in meeting the standards of the new Urban agenda.*

| <i>PATRNER</i> | <i>PROJECT</i> | <i>CITIES SUPPORTED</i> |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| UNCDF | <i>City Branding and Publicity.</i> | <i>Gulu, Arua & Mbale</i> |
| | <i>Preparation of HR structure</i> | <i>All 10 cites</i> |
| | <i>Rebuilding local Fiscal Space</i> | <i>Gulu</i> |
| | <i>Training in managing infrastructure assets for sustainable development</i> | <i>All 10 Cities</i> |
| <i>Cities Alliance</i> | <i>Support urban expansion planning in selected cites</i> | <i>Mbale, Jinja ,and Arua</i> |
| ACODE | City Development Planning | <i>Gulu And Mbarara</i> |
| National Building Review Board | Establishment of Building Committees and inclusion of Building Control Officers in LG structures. | <i>All 10 cites</i> |
| <i>NPA/Global Green Growth</i> | <i>Greening Uganda's urbanization and industrialization</i> | <i>Arua, Gulu, Mbarara, Jinja</i> |