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**DURING THE OFFICIAL RECEPTION OF THE 100 DAY TASKFORCE REPORT**

**AT THE**

**HOMA BAY TEACHING AND REFERRAL HOSPITAL**

**22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

The Deputy Governor, **on Joseph Oyugi Magwanga,**  
The County Commissioner **Moses Lelan,**  
Honourable **Members of Parliament** present,  
The Speaker of the Homa Bay County Assembly, **Hon Julius Gaya,**  
**Members of the County Executive Committee** present,  
Honourable **Members of the County Assembly** present,  
**Distinguished Guests,**

Let me take this opportunity to thank you all, for finding time to join us here, as we **take stock of the achievements** made so far since me and my team came into office on **August 25,2022.**

It is about **100 days ago,** that the **people of Homa Bay County** gave me the mandate **to steer our county's development** for the next five years and to bring along **a new era of change and renewal** in our County.

My **administration** came into office, **understanding very well, the issues** and **challenges affecting** our county and our people. I made a promise to ensure **we bring hope** to the people of Homa Bay **by delivering the services** that they have always **expected their government to deliver on.**

Today, **I want to report that we have made progress in the past 100 Days and that our county is back on track.** The Great county of Homa Bay will no longer be the laughing stock that it used to be.

Before **I detail some** of the programs and projects we have rolled out in the past **100 days, Ladies and Gentlemen,** allow me to take this opportunity to thank the **100 Day Taskforce, for the role they have played in helping set the agenda for the new administration,** that I lead and finding a way to put together the projects proposed through my campaign manifesto and anchoring them **into the**

**government's development programs** for implementation. **Thank you so much.**

Indeed **100 Days is such a short time**, but look, we have managed to reshape our development agenda and we are now ready **to roll on to mega projects and change the face of our county forever.**

Since that day in **August 25, 2022** we have rolled out close to **30 key projects and programs**, sometimes introducing new ones and also completing the projects that the previous government left behind.

## **Health Sector**

Our people have **suffered for long**, because of the **poor health infrastructure** and **pathetic service delivery** that has been deeply rooted for a long time. This is why, upon assumption of office, I stated categorically that **health is a priority area for my government.**

**Mockery photos** of **Our Homa Bay County Teaching and Referral's Out Patient Department** have been circulated globally in the internet. And that is why today we are starting off by launching a reconstructed modern **Out Patient Block**, just to send a message that this facility is getting ready to provide the essential services, to the expectations of our people.

**In this 100 days, we started off by restocking our pharmacies** by delivering vital pharmaceuticals and non-pharmaceuticals in all our over **250 hospitals** in the County. So far, we have invested **close to Ksh 100 million** to ensure drugs are available in our hospitals.

Our **Renal Unit at the Homa Bay County Referral** is now back in operation, we are now recording **10 dialysis patients daily**. In this same facility, we have procured **a CT scan**, installation is on and

after everything is regularized as required our people will begin to get the services. Services will soon be restored at the HCTRH'S **cancer center** with relevant services now being offered from here. We have also operationalized our **blood bank** and **dental unit** and our people can now get all these treatments from here.

Some of **our 24 laboratories** that had functionally collapsed in various hospitals in the county have been supplied with new high quality **Biochemistry, Haematology** and **Urine analyser** machines to support laboratory services.

We have also set **Ramula theatre** into operations, while new hospital blocks at **Seka Kamser and Kibuogi** have also been completed and opened.

Other **major developments will be rolling out in our hospitals** around the county, in the next few months. We will also be working towards bringing on board key specialists to make this facility even much more reliable.

In education, we have set aside **KSh 130 million** to fund our new **Fins to Swim Governor's Scholarship Fund** and the **revamped school bursary schemes**. A total of **Ksh 30 million will support the fully funded scholarship kitty**. The beneficiaries who are basically top scorers in the KCPE national examination from confirmed poor backgrounds, **will be offered a full scholarship to join their dream secondary schools**. I have directed that the selection process for the beneficiaries should start immediately. My government is rolling out a **Ksh 100 million bursary** that will benefit about **20,000 students**. Each Ward will get about **500 bursaries of Ksh 5,000** each.

An additional **Ksh 80 million** for the school feeding program has also been unveiled in favour of all the **886 EYE centers** in our county. We

are going to seek partnerships to help us sustain this program whose main objective is to enable us to retain many children in schools.

### **Trade/Agriculture**

**A maize milling project**, started by our predecessor **had collapsed and stalled for seven years**. In this **100 Days, Kigoto Maize Milling Plant** has been **completed and commissioned**. From **November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022** a new maize flour known by brand name **Mokwa** has been raring into **various stores**. We hope to sustain its circulation in the coming days.

This is **a highly impactful project**, meant **to boost the economy of the people of Gwassi**, an area well known for **high production of maize**. It is our hope that evil, jealous and negative political rhetoric would be kept off the Kigoto Project to enable our people to gain from the benefits of its existence. In this one, sufficient sympathy to the people of Gwasi and Homa Bay, who have for long yawned for a leadership that can make things happen will be demanded.

### **Revenue**

Concerned by the **unexplained revenue losses** over the years. I set up a **Task Force** to investigate the reasons behind the dismal revenue performance in our County. I had attended a governor's induction retreat in Mombasa where **I was humiliated by constant reports listing us at the bottom** on the matter of own source revenue.

**Ladies and Gentlemen**, interventions we put in place **over the past 100 days** are beginning to pay off. We have now set new revenue targets, hoping **to hit an annual target of Ksh 1 billion**. Remember I had declared a tax holiday which **ended on October 5**. Up to the end of November we recorded **Ksh 201 million** in revenue collection compared **to Ksh 137** raised in total for **12 months** in the last Financial

Year. The good revenue fortunes registered is associated with our new **cashless policy**.

We are now going to put in place major reforms in the sector through the creation of the **Homa Bay County Revenue Board whose recruitment is currently underway**. The government has also created a one stop shop at **Osuru Center** in **Homa Bay town**, where our people can make inquiries and pay for various county services. Our partner **Kenya Commercial Bank** has set up a desk at the center to provide support to citizens visiting to make various payments.

### **Human Resource and Staff Welfare**

As you all can remember, **Ladies and Gentlemen**, in this county **doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers** were always on **go slows or strikes** over **salary related disputes**. I want to report that. **In this 100 days**, we have ensured constant timely payment of salaries before the **5<sup>th</sup> Day of every month**.

Residents who were being compelled to seek medical services in the neighbouring counties, can now happily get the services here as **the era of strikes and go slows are gone**. Staff welfare is key in my government and early in the year we will **be enrolling all our staff** under an enhanced **National Hospital Insurance Fund cover**. Things can only get better.

Even as we do, our resolve to ensure **a disciplined workforce** remains in focus. We have procured a professional **Human Resource firm, Price Waterhouse Coopers company** to undertake a payroll and staff audit and HR systems for us. We must weed out illegitimate workers and their agents as I promised on day one. Headcount and biometric registration of all staff already kicked off on November 27, 2022.

## **Third Generation County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2022-2027**

To plan properly for our future development. My administration **rolled out a village to village public participation**, to collect views on projects and programs the people want the government to fund.

Within this period of 100 Days, **my team has been to every village in the county as we develop a plan** in which we will rely to undertake both major and minor projects as suggested by the people.

Our village to village public participation model has rekindled hope that the people are indeed supreme. Once the **final report on CIDP is tabled before the assembly** early in the year, it will guide our development **priorities for the next five years**.

### **Partnerships**

Realising **the potential of partnerships**, my administration has been working to **reestablish bilateral connections** with development partners. We are living nothing to chance in our resolve to work closely with partners to **unlock potentials** in the water sector, value chains and climate change among others for our county. We have had **roundtables with the EU and the Western ambassadors** as well as bilateral talks with other development partners such as the World Bank, the embassies of the **Netherlands, Sweden** among others. We are ready to meet our obligations in each and every partnership that we develop.

## **Governance and Good Corporate Standing**

Governance is another area **we have been pre-occupied with**. We are serious about **weeding out corruption** and its agents from our midst, that is why we have introduced **cashless revenue collection**. To underline our resolve on this **we are developing a project management dashboard** from where authorized officers will be able to record project profiles and monitor them. I will be able to access this portal daily to see what our staff are doing and the progress made in the implementation of projects. I have also created a **governor's service delivery monitoring and evaluation unit** that reports directly to my office. In the coming days, we shall be strengthening our **monitoring and evaluation of projects** through the same unit to ensure the public get value for every project initiated.

We are doing our best to ensure **information regarding tendering is transparent** and we are working to ensure we improve on the way **we communicate with the public**. That is why we are setting up a **revamped website where the people can access all the information they want about the government and also provide feedback when they want**, as well as receive necessary digitized services. To back up this, we will be setting up **a toll-free number** where our citizens can report corruption and other incidents that need government and the governor's attention.

### **Lakefront Development**

Our County boasts of **Lake Victoria, the fresh water lake**, as a major source of livelihood, hence the blue economy sector is **a key driver for the county's economic transformation**, we host the longest beachline along Lake Victoria compared to other waterfront counties such as Busia, Migori, Kisumu and Siaya.

In this 100 days, I have been working on the plan to develop our waterfronts to attract investments. We have made considerable progress in our partnership with **Kenya Railways and Kenya Ports Authority** in redeeming and putting in place plan to develop the waterfronts within our County to make it look like the Mombasa beachfronts as we know them

We are developing **a legislative framework for formation of the Homa Bay Lakefront Development Corporation** as a mechanism for governing the lakefront. We have also embarked on the creation of the **Lakefront Planning and Development Initiative** that will promote sustainable utilization of the Lakefront and turn around the economic prospects of the people living around the lake.

### **Affordable Housing**

In partnership with the National Government through **the National Housing Corporation** we have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** to develop 400 housing units within Homa Bay municipality as part of the larger plan to **do 1,500 houses in the county.**

This is one of the **key 100 Day deliverables**, as Homa Bay is among the few counties to join in the affordable housing project being implemented by the **State Department of Housing.**

The County Government has **availed 6.6 acres** of land for the development of houses in the first phase of the project. Some **400 houses** will be constructed under the **first phase of the project.** **National Housing Corporation** will fund the project.

### **Climate Change**

**Climate change** is a global issue with far reaching effects in **our own backyard**. Our county and country is hosting a globally acknowledged second largest fresh water lake, that has now turned into an icon of water pollution and suffered from the impact of the raging global warming.

As your governor, I have **been knocking every door** to ask the world to save us from the impact of global warming. To these end, we are positioning Homa Bay as a **climate change resilient hub in this region**. I am happy with the effort we have put so far, and I do know that partners will join us **in mitigating the impact** of the climate change in our county even as we expect to also benefit from recent world leaders' decision at the Cop 27 in Egypt regarding loss and damage.

I want to thank our MCAs **for passing critical Bills that will support our campaign to get support** from development partners to support our climate change initiatives.

Recently, I launched the county climate change and governance framework that includes; Homa Bay County Climate Change Policy, Homa Bay County Climate Change Act, Homa Bay County Climate Change Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Report as part of the tools required to reengineer our participation in the climate change mitigation efforts.

## **Roads and Infrastructures**

In the supplementary budget, the assembly has appropriated a significant amount of resources to help us rehabilitate major access roads in **the villages**, in close working relationship with our county assembly members. We want to repair **at least one major road per ward** and make accessibility possible everywhere.

In conclusion, let me thank all those who have burnt the midnight oil for us to achieve this milestones. We consider this a good start and as I receive this **100 Day Task Force** report we can only promise more as we undertake the enormous responsibility of rebuilding our county.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.*

**Hon. Gladys Wanga, CBS.**  
**GOVERNOR, HOMA-BAY COUNTY**