**PRELIMINARIES**

The District Chairperson

The Vice Chairperson

The Speaker of the District Council

Hon. Members of Parliament

Hon. Members of DEC

Hon. Councillors of the DC

The Chief Administrative Officer and Technical Team

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. Mr. Speaker sir, in fulfillment of sec 7(1) of the LGA, 1997 as (as amended), I wish to take this opportunity to lay before this Council a statement of:
2. A Revised Revenue and Expenditure Performance for financial year 2020/2021.
3. Budget proposals for the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for financial year 2021/2022.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Mr. Speaker, today, we face unpresented times. The global corona virus pandemic has, without exception, impacted lines and economic activities across the world. We therefore commend our health workers, the District COVID taskforce and District leadership for the visionary leadership in the fight against the emergencies.
2. Mr. Speaker Sir, the global Corona virus pandemic and the EAC protocol trade bans being affected by other member states like the restrictions on sugar and maize exports has impacted greatly on our farmers whose major economic activity is sugar cane and maize growing. This has caused our sugar milling companies to reduce the price per tonnage of raw sugarcane.

Further to that, the restriction of fishing activities by the Armed forces coupled with the current wave of fish drying in Lake Victoria has also adversely impacted the economy of the district and its people.

The Livelihoods of many of our people has been negatively affected with delining household incomes, and in some cases loss of jobs and food insecurity.

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, the budget estimates, we are laying, is the last one in our term of office, therefore allow me commend all the Hon. Members of this Council for the cooperation and the team work exhibited in running government business.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, allow me congratulate the members of this Council who were re-elected to serve in the next term of office.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, in equal measure, allow me commend the Chief Executive and his technical wing for the guidance and cooperation exhibited during the course of our service.

**Deepening Fiscal Decentralization:**

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, the Government of Uganda with support from the World Bank is financing the Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers programme for results (Ug. IFTR). Accordingly, two Health centres II (Busala and Jagusi) have been up raged to HC III and others have been earmarked for upgrade. Similarly, Mpungwe seed secondary school is due for opening and construction of Wairasa Seed Secondary School is about to commence.

Therefore as we embark on preparation, identification, planning and budgeting for new projects to be financed in the Budget for financial year 2021/2022 we will emphasize to the following:

1. Operationalisation of completed projects
2. Monitoring and supervision of projects
3. Budgeting for Environment and social compliance safeguards
4. Budgeting for Titling of land

**European Union (EU) support:**

1. The Ministry of Local Government has secured funding from EU to support LGs to increase the percapita DDEG from Ugx 1,197, for LG Grand to district to Ugx 2,956, and support implementation of COVID-19 interventions and preventive measures.

The funding is for 3 years starting with financial year 2020/2021.

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, the expenditure of the EU-support grant to districts, cities and Municipalities shall be in accordance with the revised DDEG guidelines whose objectives are:
2. Enable LGs to allocate funds to priority local needs that are within their mandate and consistent with the National priorities by provision of discretionary development funding.
3. Provide LGs with equitable access to development financing, ensuring that more disadvantaged LGs receive additional funding to enable them catch up with the rest of the country. In doing so, the grant is the EQUALIZATION GRANT PROVIDED FOR IN THE CONSTITUTION.
4. Provide development financing which caters for the differing development needs of rural and urban areas.
5. Improve LGs capacities and systems for provision of quality services.
6. Mr. Speaker Sir, the expenditure of the EU support grant has been done according to the percentages provided in the revised guidelines as follows:
7. Infrastructure projects will take 70% of the grant, of which;

* Health related instruments will take 50%
* Other programmes will take the remaining 50%

1. Recurrent activities will take 20% of which;

* Health specific recurrent activities will take 50%
* Other activities will take the remaining 50%

1. Investment servicing costs will take 5%
2. Monitoring will also take 5%

**PROGRESS IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION**

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, the NRM Government has taken great strides to establish a strong foundation for economic and social transformation in over the past five years during the implementation of the NDP II.

I will highlight some of the achievements we have registered in this regard before spelling out the planned outputs for economic stimulus and growth:

**Human Capital Development**

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, the wellbeing of our people has improved significantly over the years. For instance:
2. Maternal mortality has reduced to 168 (facility based data) per 100,000 births from the national coverage of 438 per 100,000 births in 2011.
3. Access to urban water stands at 99% as compared t the national average of 77% in 2015 and this is attributed to the introduction of piped water by NWSC. Rural water access stands at 57.2% which is below the national average of 69% but still there is an improvement in that area from the 2019 average of 56.6%.
4. In the Education sector, the performance indicators show a significant improvement in our human capital development, for instance;

* The teacher to pupil ratio stands at 1:51 in 2021 as compared to 1:55 of 2019/2020 which is an improvement.
* The classroom to pupil ratio stands at 1:83 in 2021 as compared to 1:88 in 2019 which is an improvement.
* The stance to pupil ratio stands at 1:52 in 2021 as compared to 1:59 in 2019 which is an improvement.
* The teacher to house ratio stands at 1:20 in 2021 and has remained static since 2019. There is need for more improvement this area.
* Similarly, the Desk to pupil ratio standing at 1:31 in 2021 implying that we are almost hitting the national standard of 1:3.

*Health Sector Infrastructure:*

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, in the course of three financial years since 2018/19, upgrade of the following health centres II was undertaken and construction is underway with some nearing completion:

* Busaala - completed
* Jagusi – work in progress
* Bukatube - work in progress
* Nkombe – at foundation level

   Similarly, facilities in the following Health centres II are also being worked:

* Kitovu Health centre – OPD
* Kityerera HC IV – Pit latrine
* Medical store at Headquarters – Extension of holding capacity and water borne toilet
* Wabulungu HC III – Fencing
* Namalege HC II – Renovations
* Wamulongo – Emptying of pit latrine.

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, the land for the following facilities have been surveyed and titling is underway:

* Kigandalo HC IV
* Kityerera HC IV
* Mayuge HC IV
* Wamulongo HV I
* Baitambogwe HC III
* Malongo HC III
* Buwaiswa HC III

*Education Sector Infrastructure:*

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, the district has registered a great stride in infrastructure development in the Education sector. Currently, the following infrastructure is place:

* We have 1,085 classrooms accommodating 90,596 pupils. In order to attain the required standard ratio of classroom to pupil ratio of 1:53, we required 1,710 classrooms. This implies that we have a shortage of 625 classrooms.
* We have 29,592 desks in our schools and if rationally distributed with no schools having excess desks, it implies that with the current ratio of 1:31 almost all our pupils are studying while seated on desks. Therefore, our district will in the near future, not have pupils seating on the floor while in class.

In order to fully attained standard of 1:3, we required 30,198 desks implying that there is a shortage of 607 desks to close the gap.

* We have1,725 stances of pit latrines in our schools and our current ratio is 1:52 but in order to attain the National standard of 1:40, we require 2,265 stances implying that we have a shortage of 540 stances to close the gap.
* We have 88 staff houses and with the standard of house for four (4) teachers per house the shortage is very big and requires attention in the near future.

In the financial year 2020/2021 the following works are underway and projects will be commissioned by the close of financial year.

* Construction of 12 new classrooms in six (6) schools
* Construction of seventy (70) stances of pit latrines in fourteen (14) schools.

*Water sector Infrastructure:*

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, in the course of financial year 2020/2021, eighteen (18) boreholes are being drilled and 20 boreholes have been rehabilitated and will be commissioned by the close of financial year.

*Social Development Sector:*

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, the sector has continued to register progress due to the continued provision of grants to interest groups:

* Twenty two (22) youth groups have been given money to the tune of Ugx 176M in financial year 2020/2021.
* Ten (10) Parish Community Associations (PCA) have been given grants to the tune of Ugx 300M in financial year 2020/2021.
* Six (6) disability groups have been given grants to the tune of Ugx 13M in financial year 2020/2021.

*Production and Marketing Sector:*

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, the sector got a reduction in the grant for financial year 2020/2021 compared to what we received in financial year 2019/2020. However, the following supplies and activities are being implemented:

* Supply of 2,667 improved Banana varieties in Busakira, Imanyiro and Kigandalo sub-counties.
* Set up of improved mango demonstration gardens in Kigandalo sub-county has been done and 1851 seedlings were planted.
* 365 Tsetse fly nets were procured and distributed to areas prove to sleeping sickness infections
* Set up of a solar powered demonstration irrigation facility for horticulture in Baitambogwe sub-county is complete.
* Set up of a motorized demonstration irrigation facility for horticulture in Bukatube sub-county is also complete.

*Roads Sector:*

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, the transport infrastructure being a major enabler, government has confirmed to finance routine maintenance of our roads to have easy access to markets and other social services by our people.

In financial year 2020/2021, we undertook to work on 25km of access roads, 9.6km of urban roads, routine manual maintenance of 121km and routine mechanized maintenance of 36km of rural roads.

**ECONOMIC STIMULUS AND GROWTH STRATEGY FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022:**

*Budget Strategy:*

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, the Budget strategy for financial year 2021/2022 is premised on the eighteen (18) growth and development programs of the NDP III under the theme “sustainable industrialization for inclusive growth, employment and wealth creation.” it will primarily focus on three broad interventions:
2. Economic recover i.e increased production, enhancing supply, boosting aggregate demand and external market access
3. Sustainable livelihoods – addressing poverty vulnerability and regional inequalities, sustaining current job, while creating additional ones, and.
4. Investments in key growth enablers primarily infrastructure and skills development.
5. Mr. Speaker Sir, it is important to note that financial year 2021/2022 will be the second year under the National Development Plan(NDP) III and innervations for financial 2021/2022 has been clustered along, five development objection:
6. Enhance value addition in key growth activities.
7. Strength the private sector capacity to create jobs.
8. Consolidate and increase the stock and quality of productive infrastructure.
9. Enhanced productivity and social wellbeing of the population and
10. Strengthen the role of the state in guiding and facilitating development.

**Resource Envelope:**

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, as a Local Government we finance our Budgets from three sources of revenue namely:

* Locally raised revenue
* Central Government Grants
* Revenue from Donors

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, we are planning to raise Ugx 42.3bn as revenues for the financial year 2021/2022 (as as highlighted in the Revenue and Expenditure Projections for 2021/2022 in Annex I) of which Ugx 724M will be locally raised representing 1.7%, Ugx 41.3bn will come from the central Government as grants representing 97.6% while Ugx 305M will be raised from Development partners representing 0.7%.
2. Mr. Speaker Sir, the Ugx 42.3bn is expected to be expended as follows:

* Ugx 24.3bn will finance payment of salaries to the district staff including political leaders representing 57.4%.
* Ugx 1bn will finance payment of pension to our retired Civil servants representing 2.4%.
* Ugx 590M will finance payment of gratuity to the retired civil servants representing 1.4%.
* Ugx. 8.1bn will finance payments for development related projects representing 19.2%.
* Ugx 8.31bn will finance payment for recurrent related activities other than salaries and pension representing 19.6%.

***I Enhancing value addition in Key Growth Activities***

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, in line with the guidance of His Excellence the President, under this objective, the budget interventions will target increasing investment in the real economy to maximize returns from public infrastructure. The priorities will encompass the following:
2. Agriculture production, agro-industrialization and manufacturing
3. Mineral development; and
4. Supporting the tourism sub-program to weather the COVID-19 storm.

*Agriculture Production and Agro-Industrialization:*

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, Mayuge is blessed with adequate rainfall and fertile arable land which provides the necessary condition for agriculture production, adverse climatic conditions notwithstanding. Our actions as a district will be directed towards addressing production side constraints/supply side constraints i.e. quality seeds, irrigation, integrating small holder farmers in the supply chain among others.

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, in order to stimulate the agriculture production, the district will implement the following in financial year 2021/2022.

* Procure and administer AI semen of Ugx 6M.
* Procure and distribute 29,553 improved quality birds worth Ugx 29M.
* Procure and distribute 62 quality Beehives worth Ugx 10M.
* Procure and distribute 29,167fish seeds and 40,717kg of feeds to farmers worth Ugx 20.2M.
* Procure a fridge and reagents for proper storage of vaccines worth Ugx 10M.
* Procure and distribute 4,891 banana suckers, 280 bags of cassava cuttings worth Ugx 33M
* In order to combat the spread o sleeping sickness, the district will procure pyramidal Trypanosome traps worth 387M
* In order to boost the irrigation activities in the district, we are planning to procure irrigation kits for distribution to farmers worth Ugx. 143.6M.
* In order to boost our animal husbandry management, we are planning to procure vaccines worth Ugx 18M.

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, we are also planning to carry out the following interventions geared towards agriculture production:

* Coordinate and facilitate agriculture exhibitions, multi-stakeholders, innovation platform meetings, farmer study tours and exchange visits, sensitization of the community about palm oil project (NOPP) among others.
* Carryout capacity building of our extension workers both from Government and Private sector.
* Conduct trainings for farmers and extension staff on new technologies; feed preservation methods, poultry and livestock management.

***II* strengthen the Private sector to sustain and create jobs:**

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, the focus will be on supporting and enhancing the District’s Micro small and medium Enterprises competiveness. These enterprises account for nearly 72% of private jobs nationally and therefore a dominant player in the Ugandan job market.

We are therefore proposing to increase local contact participation in development projects through increasing value of public contracts and subcontracts awarded to local firms especially in infrastructure projects. This will also include the use of locally available materials, labour and services.

***III Consolidating and increasing the stock and quality of productive      infrastructure:***

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, as critical enablers for production, trade and social services provision, the District will continue to prioritize the development and maintenance of productive and social services infrastructure to reduce the cost of doing business and delivery of social services.

*Transport infrastructure:*

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, the district will prioritize optimal use of transport infrastructure and services investment in order to reduce the cost of transport. The following interventions will be undertaken:

* Routine mechanized maintenance of 150km of district rural road network worth Ugx 450M.
* Routine manual maintenance of 130km of district rural road network worth Ugx. 130M
* Routine mechanized maintenance of 9km of urban roads worth Ugx. 145M.
* Routine mechanized maintenance of 40km of Community Access Roads worth Ugx. 184M
* Maintain and service the District Road Unit to enable timely implementation of the above interventions.

***IV Enhancing Productivity and Social wellbeing of the population***

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, the Ugandan demographic composition is predominantly young. These positions the district to benefit from demographic dividends in the nearest future, but we have to continue to prioritizing strategic investments in improving health outcomes and skilling.
2. Mr. Speaker Sir, also, with the existential threat of COVID-19 and other natural disasters, emphasis on protecting current jobs, social protection, community mobilization and mind set change especially on the maintenance of hygiene at the household level, need adequate attention.

*Psychosocial Support and Social Protection:*

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, under this subprogram, the following interventions will   be undertaken:

* Continued support to organized vulnerable and special talent groups, through the Youth fund, Women fund and Seed fund (Emyooga).
* We have earmarked Ugx. 540M to be given to Parish Community Associations (PCAs), and Ugx. 20M to support special interest groups the PWDs.

*Human Capital Development:*

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, our population is predominantly young and this presents a challenge of increased demand for social provision. However, with right investment in the young, this challenge can be transformed into an opportunity for growth and development. The ingredient in the transformation process will require:

* Skilling of the youth
* Provision of better health care, and
* Increasing access to safe water for domestic consumption.

*Literacy and skilling:*

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, Government of Uganda over the next four(4) years will aim at increasing average year of schooling from 6.1 to 11 years, and the provision of requisite skills to address human resource requirements necessary to implement the eighteen (18) growth and development programs. The following interventions will be prioritized:

* Through the inspection section in the department of Education, we will roll out the Early Grade Reading (EGR) and Early Grad Maths (EGM) in all Primary schools to ensure proficiency in literacy and numeracy.
* Sensitize the communities about Technical Vocation Education and Training (TVET) using our structures like the community services department through the CDOs, Women, Youth and PWDs Councils and the District leadership.
* Use the Parents and Teachers’ Association (PTA) structures to close gaps in supervision of our schools.

*Improving Health Care Services:*

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, Government of Uganda has made commendable strides in improving health care outcomes over the years and public health investments have led to improved life expectancy overall. Over the next few years, beginning financial year 2021/2022, the Government of Uganda will direct attention and resources to increase universal health access from 44% to at least 65%.

Emphasis will be placed on further improvement of the most pressing public health issues and these include malnutrition, communicable and Non-communication diseases.

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, the following actions will be undertaken in financial year 2021/2022:

* Government has secured funding from EU through the Ministry of Local Government under DDEG to finance health related activities to the tune of Ugx. 210M and the following will be done:
* Construction of maternity at Wabulungu HCIII
* Phased construction of mortuary at Mayuge HC IV
* Construction of incinerator and store at Mayuge HC IV.
* Construction of four staff houses of Busaala HC III.
* Enhance preventive measures, early diagnosis and treatment of non-communicable disease, health promotion community programs, screaming of NoDs in the community and promotion of hygiene.
* Promotion of community development initiatives to support the government in the delivery of health and education services for example the transformation of VHTs per Parish are being trained.
* Further funding of the Health sector is being undertaken under the UGFIT program and the following developments will be done in financial year 2021/2022:
* Renovation of OPD at Namusenwa HC III for Ugx 30M
* Fencing of Buwaiswa HC III for Ugx. 54M
* Renovation of Bwalula HC II Ugx 50M.
* Remodeling of Bugoto HC II staff house for Ugx 35M
* Upgrading of Bwondha HC II to HC III a t a cost of Ugx, 938M

*Enhance Access to safe water to ensure domestic consumption:*

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, in order to ensure universal access to safe and clean water and improved sanitation, we will consolidation and build on achievements, I reported on earlier in the performance of financial year 2020/2021, the following interventions will be undertaken in 2021/2020 financial year:

* Drill 25 Boreholes in various locations in the District.
* Rehabilitate non-functional boreholes in the District.

*Transforming Education Delivery:*

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, Education plays a central role in the development of human capital. In order to improve the effectiveness in the delivery of education, the following will be prioritized:

* Construction of twelve (12) new classrooms at Masolya, Mayirinya, Buwanuka, Buyemba and Mugeya Primary schools at a cost of Ugx. 470M.
* Construction of ninety (90) stances of pit latrines in eighteen (18) Primary schools at a cost of Ugx. 320M.
* Procure and distribute one thousand five hundred and thirty (1530) desks to twenty four (24) primary schools at a cost of Ugx.183M.
* Renovation of seventeen(17) classrooms in Buwaya, Baitambogwe, Ikulwe, Bukatabira, Kyebando, Bugadde, Ikulwe, Kyebando and Mayuge Town Council Primary schools at a cost of Ugx 413M.

**CONCLUSION**

1. Mr. Speaker Sir, it should be noted that within the limited resources, we need to make political priorities that best suit the Resource envelope, but which at the same time are within the best interest of the people we represent.

Further Mr. Speaker, I would like to urge all stakeholders to exhibit maximum budgetary discipline in the implementation.

1. Mr. Speaker sir, the details of the Budget Estimates is contained in sector workplans herewith appended.
2. Mr. Speaker Sir, I call upon Ugandans and the people of Mayuge in particular to ensure they keep safe by following the directives from His Excellency the President and Ministry of Health regarding COVID-19. The challenge of COVID-19 will go since we have started getting the vaccines I wish to encourage all those who are within the brackets of the first batch to be vaccinated to go and get the first doses of the vaccine.

I beg to submit

For God and My Country.