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**MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**STATEMENT ON THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE PARISH  
DEVELOPMENT MODEL (PDM)**

**TO THE 11<sup>TH</sup> PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA**

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By Minister of Local Government

Rt. Hon. Speaker,

## 1. Introduction

I am presenting this Statement under the Rules of Procedure of Parliament, Rule 52(I). The Statement is intended to inform the August House and the Nation of plans for the official launch of the PDM

2. Hon. Members are aware that the PDM began in July 2021 with preliminary activities which included:

- ◆ Recruitment of Parish Chiefs for 5600 vacancies
- ◆ Operationalisation of 716 newly created sub-counties and town councils.
- ◆ Setting up the PDM Secretariat at the Ministry of Local Government.
- ◆ Formation of PDM implementation guidelines.
- ◆ Activating the Pillar Working Groups.
- ◆ Designing manuals to govern implementation of the various pillar activities.

3. I presented a status report on implementation of these preliminary activities to Parliament in December 2021. The report is before the Committee of Public Service and Local Government.

4. Having completed these prior activities, Government is now set for the official launch of the PDM. The official launch is necessary to give the PDM wide National publicity and signal the national roll out of its activities.
5. The official launch will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 at Kibuku Primary School, Kibuku District. It will be hosted by the 7 Districts of Bukedi Region: Kibuku, Butalejja, Pallisa, Butebo, Budaka, Tororo and Busia. H. E the President, Lt. Gen. (RTD) Yoweri Kaguta Museveni Tibuhabwe will preside at the launch as the Chief Guest.
6. The theme of the launch is: *“Transformation from Subsistence to Monetary Economy through Increased Production and Productivity for Improved Household Incomes and Livelihood.”*
7. A number of pre-launch activities are ongoing in Kibuku and other districts of Bukedi Region. They include:
  - (i) Training of trainers, community mobilisation and sensitization.
  - (ii) Data collection, community profiling and inputting the data into the Parish Based Management Information System.
  - (iii) Update of citizenship and population data at household level
  - (iv) Formation and training of Parish Development Committees.
  - (v) Enterprise selection, formation and training of parish based SACCOS
  - (vi) Engaging the Financial Institutions on their role in the PDC

- (vii) Meetings with MPS, local leaders, religious and civic/cultural leaders in the Region.
- (viii) Rehabilitation of some community Access Roads and Bridges.
- (ix) Renovation and completion of some Primary and Secondary Schools.
- (x) Community Health care and sanitation

8. Other Activities

- (i) Distribution of bicycles to all LC1 and LC II Chairpersons; and motorcycles to all LC III Chairpersons.
- (ii) Provision of some agricultural processing facilities to farmers groups.
- (iii) Showcasing modern agriculture value chain technologies in a number of enterprises, for both intensive and extensive agriculture.

9. The actual day of the official launch will be characterised by the following:

- (i) Launching the parish SACCOS and the revolving fund.
- (ii) Launching the Parish Based Management Information System (PMS)
- (iii) Launching the National PDM training and community sensitization programme.
- (iv) Launching the PDM National Implementation Guidelines and Manuals.

- (v) Commissioning the Community Tractor Scheme under the PDM pillar for increased production and productivity by launching the first set of tractors.

10. The total number of persons expected to participate at the official launch in Kibuku, by invitation, is only three hundred (300).

They include:

(i) Local leaders from Bukedi	-	35
(ii) MPS from Bukedi	-	30
(iii) Chairpersons of Parliament Committees	-	25
(iv) Associations District and Urban Councils	-	10
(v) Representatives of Civil Society	-	10
(vi) Representatives of Political Parties	-	15
(vii) Representatives of Development Partners	-	10
(viii) Representatives of PDCs from Bukedi	-	80
(ix) Farmers representatives	-	40
(x) Ministries, Departments, Agencies of Govt	-	30
(xi) Representatives of selected Financial Institutions		10
(xii) Others	-	05
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Total		<b>300</b>
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11. Post-launch activities will include:

- (i) Documentation of lessons learnt from the Bukedi Region
- (ii) Retreat of all District Chairpersons, RDCs and CAOs
- (iii) Further engagement with stakeholders:
  - ◆ Parliament
  - ◆ Cultural Institutions

- ◆ Religious Institutions
- ◆ Civil Society Organisations
- ◆ Political Parties
- ◆ Farmers Groups
- ◆ Business Community/Private Sector
- ◆ Development Partners
- ◆ Local Government Councils

(iv) National roll out of all Pillar activities in the rest of the districts.

## 12. Conclusion

Rt. Hon. Speaker, we thank Parliament for provision of supplementary budget of Shs.63.6bn in November, 2021. This has enabled us to operationalise the lower Local Government Structures and facilitate the National Secretariat to give further impetus to the PDM.

Government is ready to launch the PDM on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 at Kibuku and subsequently roll out the programme to the rest of the Districts.



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