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**STATEMENT ON** **TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE WAKISO MINISTRY ZONAL OFFICE, SURVEYS AND MAPPING, LAND REGISTRY AND LAND ADMINISTRATION OFFICES WITH EFFECT FROM 4th TO 21st JANUARY, 2020**

Happy New Year to you all and New Year’s greetings.

From tomorrow 4th January, 2020, the Ministry will freeze the operations of the Wakiso MZO in preparation for a system upgrade.

The temporary closure shall enable the carrying out of crucial system up-grades of the LIS, which cannot be done while the offices are open to the public.

Therefore, during the period of closure that is from 4th to 21st January, 2020, there shall be **NO** transactions received and/or registered. ***There shall also not be generation of Deed plans as cartographic and survey operations will be stopped.***

Since March, 2013 the Ministry of Lands, Housing & Urban Development has been implementing and updating the versions of software being used in the Land Information System (LIS).

The System updates have been completed for all the 20 Ministry Zonal Office (MZO) Registries apart from Wakiso.

During the temporary closure, the Ministry carry out LIS Training sessions for all Wakiso MZO staff on how to use the new software and continue with the on-Job training of staff until 20th January, 2020.

The total number of land titles under the Wakiso MZO that will be affected by the temporary closure is 394,000 of which those under Busiro total to 202,000 while Kyadondo has 192,000 land titles.

The land titles include Mailo, freehold and leasehold titles. The level of transactions in Busiro and Kyadondo counties has been very high and so we are mindful of the need to resume in the shortest possible time.

For Busiro last year we had around 480,000 transactions, while for Kyadondo we carried out 466,000. The technical team will work as fast as possible to complete the migration exercise and reopen as soon as possible.

On 21st January 2020, we shall re-open 2 offices to the public in two different locations, under the Wakiso MZO:

1. Wakiso-Busiro offices based at the new constructed building next to Police; and
2. Wakiso-Kyadondo offices based at the current MZO location.

The Ministry regrets any inconveniences that will arise due to the closure of the Land Registry and Land Administration department offices, and assure the General Public that it is intended to improve and better the services of the Wakiso Land Registry.

I thank you for listening to me.

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