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PRESS STATEMENT

KCCA ACHIEVED MILESTONES IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/24 AND KEY GOALS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/25

Introduction

The Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) is advancing a Smart City agenda hinged on three priorities, that is, Technology advancement to ease service delivery, Infrastructure developments to accelerate economic developments and the third is People wellbeing, targeting improved livelihoods and empowered homesteads

During the financial year 2023/24, we have made significant strides in transforming Kampala in accordance with our vision of a vibrant, attractive and sustainable city. This transformation aligns with the Government's broader agenda as outlined in vision 2040.

Let me start by acknowledging the support of the government in enabling us do our work, provision of the budget, the prevailing peace and other enabling factors that facilitate our work.

Our political leaders, the Minister for Kampala Hajjat Minsa Kabanda and the state Minister Kyofatogabye have provided able leadership to the authority and guided us to achieve our strategic goals.

I acknowledge the work of the City Executive Committee led by the Lord Mayor in leading on policy and budget issues through council, as well as the support of the division mayors.

The Resident City Commissioner, Amina Lukanga and the deputies supports us in our work and we acknowledge their good input especially in security matters,

Let me also recognize the contributions of the citizens in making Kampala a Smart City. In particular, I want to recognize our strategic partners who have improved the city's skyline with landmark city developments. We take note of the Speke Resort Munyonyo conference center, which successfully hosted the NAM Summit this year, the brand new Nakivubo stadium in central division, a facility to the magnificent Court of Appeal and Supreme Court, which serve the judiciary, the Uganda Bible House on Kampala Road, and the Aga Khan University Hospital's specialty facility in Nakawa among others. These are significant additions to our city and we commend the developers

Let me now highlight the achievements for FY 23/24 under the three priorities.

1. Technology advancement

a. Kampala Traffic Control Center

A landmark achievement is the establishment of the Kampala Traffic Control Center at City Hall. The building is completed and ready for installation of the equipment and it will serve as the base for traffic control in the city. We are accordingly signaling 27 junctions across the city, to ease congestion and improve road safety.

Construction is already underway at key roundabouts (Mulago, Mulago Farewell home, Kubiri, and Speke Road) while signaling infrastructure set up (e.g. Nakawa- Jinja Road, Bombo Road, Kira Road).

b. Smart Permit

We have achieved the transition from manual submissions of plans to online submission under the Smart Permit project. This is a web based development permit system.

Developers can submit applications online from their location and upload the necessary documents such as plans, proof of land ownership and others. This has greatly improved how we serve our people in the city

2. Infrastructure developments

This includes the roads, drainages, street lighting, and walkways. Trading spaces and other instalments in the city

a. Roads and drainages

We have made significant progress in infrastructure developments

During the Nam summit in January, we refurbished 35 Km, covering ten roads, that is Mukwano Road, Press House Road, Mobutu Road, Prince Badru Kakungulu Road, Munyonyo Road, Ggaba Road, UCB Rise, and Cape Road.

We also handled the flooding hot spots at Soya-Bunga drainage crossing and Auto Spa along Wavamuno road

Secondly, under the Kampala City Roads Rehabilitation Project (KCRRP), we have tarmacked four roads so far, that is Old Mubende road, Kabega Road, Luwafu Road, and Wamala Road. The project will cover 41 roads in total. These include the industrial area roads, the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th street, Salama Road in Makindye division and Sir Apollo Kaggwa Road connecting old Kampala in Central Division to Bwaise, and Kiteezi road in Kawempe division.

It is expected to cover at least 80Km. It will address traffic bottlenecks and significantly reduce the time motorists spend in commuting.

In addition, the project will refurbish 22 traffic junctions, 123km of non-motorized transport facilities (walkways and bicycle lanes), parking spaces commercial vehicles, Bus depots, public toilets, markets along project roads for women vendors, installation of energy efficient streetlights, and other city beautifications.

b. Repair works

Installation of culverts on Ggaba Road and improved drainage on Wavamunno Road, with 80% of planned bridge structures and 90% of drainage improvement works also completed.

We continued to repair and construct over 15Km of community drainage channels across the 5 Divisions of Kampala. These include

Sembule & Lady Fatuma, Kikandwa & Ssebaduka, Kitebi Community, Ben Kiwanuka & Nalukolongo in Rubaga Division.

c. Street Lighting

The street lighting network has been expanded by 187 lights, improving safety and visibility across the City. Roads like Mukwano, Ggaba, Nile Avenue, and Yusuf Lule among others.

d. Physical developments

The Physical Planning Committee processed 539 building plans of which 306 were approved, 50 granted conditional approval, 258 deferred and 2 rejected. Reviewed and approved 345 Buganda Land Board generated files which have enabled improved housing in formerly informal areas of the city.

PEOPLE WELL BEING

1. Parish Development Model (PDM):

KCCA has 99 parishes and each parish has a PDM SACCO. To date a total of UGX 9.677 billion has been disbursed out of the UGX 9.7 billion to 9,677 yielding a 99.8% performance. This will greatly improve the livelihoods and empower city homesteads that qualify for this funding

2. Nutrition Action Plan:

We launched the KCCA Nutrition Action Plan 2023/24 - 2029/30 which aims to reduce malnutrition burdens to ensure people wellbeing within the City.

3. Market Development:

The construction of a new parking lot at Busega Market and the commencement of construction works for Kisekka Market are a step forward in the creation of workspaces for City residents as well as address the challenge of street vending. There has been full implementation of the Presidential Directive on Markets and today, KCCA is fully in charge of the 15 markets and the City Abattoir.

4. Educational Infrastructure:

Renovation and construction of new classrooms across 30 schools, including a nine-classroom block at Nakivubo Primary School and a six-classroom block at Mpererwe Primary School. Fully purchased 1.685 acres of land for Kasubi Family Primary School.

Supplied to 150 desks to 10 schools.

5. Health Services:

Enhancements in health centers, new ambulances, and a significant number of outpatient department attendances totaling 1,645,042 over the Financial Year. The services in our Health Centre have been recommended and recognized by the Ministry of Health with an excellence award to Kawala Health Centre. KCCA-managed facilities contributed to 28% of the total deliveries in Kampala.

6. Waste Management:

A solid waste collection performance of 65%, surpassing the target of 60%. By tonnage, 39% of the garbage was delivered by KCCA while the rest (61%) was delivered by private companies. We have procured and installed more 20 garbage storage skips and 400 street litterbins which have been installed on various roads across the city.

One of our partners, RIC Energy donated 250 garbage skips to the City. The garbage skips will support the implementation of KCCA effort to implement the presidential directive of one bin for every 200 meters. We have expanded our garbage trucks fleet by adding 10 more, now boasting 40 trucks. KCCA trucks continue to collect, for free, garbage from the public spaces & institutions that include markets, schools and from 270 informal communities that have been mapped across the City. Five tractors and 5 cesspool trucks we are committed to increasing recycling rates, aiming to recycle at least 5% of the city's garbage by the end of the calendar year 2024.

We are also focused on decommissioning the Kiteezi landfill responsibly and operationalizing the waste to energy plant at our 135 Acre land at Ddundo in Mukono District.

7. Child rescue and rehabilitation efforts.

In FY2023/24, KCCA supported over 1,200 vulnerable children through street rescue, rehabilitation, and settlement programs. We partnered with various organizations like Uganda Women's Effort to Save Orphans (UWESO), Dwelling Places, Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development, to provide these children with the care and support they need to reintegrate into society. Notably, 308 of these children were enrolled in primary school in Napak District, with 232 girls and 76 boys benefiting from educational opportunities.

Additionally, we achieved significant success in combatting child trafficking, with at least 40 child traffickers convicted.

ENABLERS

8. Revenue Collection:

Revenue collection amounted to UGX 114,358,728,033, exceeding the revenue collection target set for KCCA for the financial year 2023/2024 of UGX. 102,689,898,974 registering a performance of 111.36%.

All revenue sources are now automated as we aspire to further enhance our collection capabilities for a sustainable City. The additional funds will enable us to invest in crucial projects such as road rehabilitation, street lighting, drainage improvement, and waste management.

FOCUS FOR FY2024/25

1. Road Infrastructure:

Completion of at least 40 additional roads under KCRRP, including the full equipping of the Kampala Traffic Control Center to further alleviate traffic congestion.

2. Solid Waste Management:

Recycling at least 5% (38,325 tons) of garbage, treating and releasing 200 amounts of leachate to the natural environment, and initiating the decommissioning of Kiteezi landfill with operationalization of the Dundu landfill to 10% with waste to energy component.

3. Agricultural Support:

Providing agricultural extension/advisory services to at least 2,000 farmer households, training 400 farmers, and establishing five demonstration sites in the City. Farmers will be trained in mushroom growing, poultry, value addition, urban farming among others.

4. Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area Urban Development Programme (GKMA-UDP):

Fast-tracking the UGX 2.1 trillion program to revolutionize Kampala's infrastructure. Some of the roads to be worked on are this year are; Kira, Old Kampala Ring, Rashid Khamis and Ben Kiwanuka in Central division.

Kigobe and Ntake Link, and Roadmaster, Muganzilwaza, Mukadasi and Kyebando in Kawempe Division. Nsambya Estate, Bbemba and Wavamunno roads in Makindye division. All totaling to 21km.

5. Market Construction:

We shall open Busega Market after completion of the construction works for the parking lot. Ensure completion of Phase II of Kitintale Market and on course to complete Kisekka market.

6. Drainage Improvement:

Work on the Lubigi and Nakamiro channels and initiating the Nalukolongo and Mayanja channels. We shall continue to repair and construct community drainages to curb stagnation that may cause disease hence improve on people well-being.

7. Educational Enhancements:

Completing new classroom blocks at several primary schools including Construction of a 9 classroom block at Nakivubo P/S, Construction of a 6 classroom block at Mpererwe P/S, Construction of a 9 classroom block at Kasubi Family P/S and fencing of the school.

Renovation of secondary school classroom infrastructure including removal of asbestos and construction of a seed secondary in Kawempe School, renovation of classrooms, including removal of asbestos at Kyambogo College School.

8. Air Quality and Green Spaces:

Developing a city air quality management ordinance, purchasing 150 air quality monitors, acquiring land for an urban forest, and planting 10,000 trees. We also have important events in this line, like the Kampala Car Free Day on September 7 and the monthly Kampala Cycling Day held every last Friday of the month.

9. Street Lighting:

Improving street lighting availability from 67% to 81.8%.

10. Campaigns:

In this financial Year we are going to further the Smart City agenda with the following campaigns across the five Division;

- a. Clean and Green
- b. Paint and Pave.
- c. Descent garbage disposal

KCCA's comprehensive agenda as aligned with the National Resistance Movement (NRM) manifesto, sets a clear path towards transforming Kampala into Smart city. The focus on technology, infrastructure, and People wellbeing in communities promises a vibrant future for the City and improving the quality of life for all its residents.

For a better and a Smart City.