

Governor: H.E Dr. Wilber K. Ottichilo, EGH
Deputy Governor: H.E. Wilberforce Kitiezo
Speaker: Hon. Christopher Omulele, CBS
Capital: Mbale
Key towns: Mbale, Luanda, Chavakali, Hamisi and Majengo
Regional Bloc: Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB)
Constituencies: 5
Electoral wards: 25
Land area and size: 563.7 km²
Temperature range: 14°C and 32°C

- Agriculture provides a living for 80% of the county's population, through direct and indirect employment.
- The major activities that drive the Vihiga County economy are; cottage industries, small-scale subsistence farming which includes crop and livestock farming, tea farming, wholesale and retail trade, quarrying and mining.
- Own Source Revenue (OSR) accounted for 4% of FY 2022/23 revenue.

Recommendations

- Improvement of the county's overall revenue profile mainly in fully automating revenue collection by establishing a one-stop collection portal for own source revenue. This will also help to address challenges associated with revenue leakages.
- Strengthen compliance for established county laws and policies such as the climate change policies and enhance capacity building and awareness in climate change and green finance.
- Embracing the debt capital markets for infrastructure development financing.

Gross County Product (GCP) of Kshs 101.8 billion contributes 0.8% of Kenya's GDP



Population of 606,044 people
 Annual Growth Rate of 1%



Agriculture is the mainstay of the economy of the county contributing 38.7% to the county's GCP

Kshs 6.68 billion
 Revenue
 (FY 2022/23)

Kshs 5.95 billion
 Expenditure
 (FY 2022/23)

Kshs 1.35 billion
 Pending Bills
 (FY 2022/23)

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 Shadow
 Credit Rating

Fiscal Snapshot

Key green projects



UPGRADE OF WATER SCHEMES (MASENO, LUNYERERE & KAIMOSI)

Scale and replicate use of solar energy across various water schemes to improve the sustainability of water supply services in the County, and install storage capacities for solar energy.



INDUSTRIAL AND EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE, KAIMOSI

Develop a special export processing zone in Kaimosi in partnership with the National Government Special Economic Zone Authority to increase the level of value addition to farm produce.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Promote and support the installation of solar power systems in government offices, schools, healthcare centres, markets, streetlights and at the household level. Development of wind mills and solar farms.



INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING PLANT, LUANDA SOUTH

Establish a solid waste management and recycling plant in Luanda South to facilitate functional and effective waste management in the County.

Governance structures

Presence of a legal & regulatory framework for green/climate finance - Vihiga County Climate Change Fund Act 2019

Presence of Vihiga County Water and Sewerage Services Bill, 2015 and the Vihiga County Solid Waste Management Policy, 2019

Qualified for Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) funds

Green assets

Water bodies: River Izava, River Esalwa, River Erjordan, River Igalagoli
 Hills: Maragoli Hills, Bunyore Hills, Munzatsi Hills and Ibuyangu Hills

Forests: Kibiri Forest, Maragoli Forest, Kaimosi Forest and over 40 Community Forests

Vihiga is one of the counties with a functional geographical information system (GIS) Lab which it utilises to improve land use planning and management.

