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All District Chairpersons
All Mayors of Municipalities
All Chairpersons of Town Councils

Government Policy Decisions on the Development and Management of Markets in the City, Municipalities and Towns

As you may be aware, for the last one year or so there have been a lot of controversy and unrest over some of the markets in Kampala City and elsewhere in the country.

There have been attempts by Kampala City Council to sell or lease some of these markets to private developers/investors. Such decisions have been challenged by the market vendors and some sections of the general public to the extent that at some point H. E. the President had to intervene.

Cabinet has now considered the matter and has taken the following policy decisions on the development and management of markets in Kampala City, Municipalities and Towns:

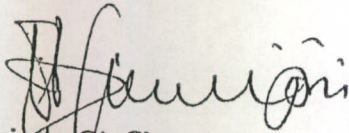
- a) The markets shall remain where they are and there shall be no change of user, subject to the Town and Country Planning Act.
- b) The sitting tenants who own stalls (emidala), kiosks etc. in the markets shall all register under their associations and that the registered market vendors shall be given the first priority to redevelop and manage the markets.
- c) The sitting market vendors shall be free to redevelop their own markets on condition that they can mobilise funds, have the capacity to construct modern markets meeting universally acceptable standards and have received planning permission from their respective local councils and the Town and Country Planning Department and the Ministry responsible for urban planning.



- d) In the event that the market vendors being unable to raise the required funds to reconstruct and modernise their markets, they shall be free to identify a partner with whom they can pool resources and build and manage new markets together.
- e) In the event that the market vendors fail to fulfill terms (b) (c) and (d) above, the Government and local governments shall develop the markets and rent them to the vendors giving priority to the sitting/existing vendors.
- f) All programmes to redevelop markets in local governments must first be submitted to the Ministries of Local Government and of Urban Development and the respective local government councils for scrutiny and approval; and the sitting/existing vendors shall be kept fully informed well before these programmes commence.

The purpose of this communication is to inform you of the Government decisions on the development and management of markets in Kampala City and other urban centres and to ask you to follow these policy guidelines in the process of developing and managing markets in Kampala City and other local governments.

I hope the guidelines will help Kampala City Council and other local governments resolve the disputes over the management and redevelopment of the markets in Kampala City and other local governments, and will allow market vendors and other stakeholders to settle down on their work.



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