



**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF SIAYA**

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**AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDING BONDO URBAN AREA FOR  
CONFERMENT OF MUNICIPALITY STATUS**

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## 1.0 Introduction:

The County Government of Siaya is desirous of decentralizing service delivery and enhancing active participation of residents of Bondo urban area. To facilitate the decentralization, it initiated the delineation of its urban area boundary and subsequently appointed an Ad Hoc Committee. The mandate of the committee was to recommend the area for conferment of urban area status in accordance with the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011.

### 1.1 Composition of the Ad Hoc committee on conferment of urban areas status, Siaya County:

In line with the provisions of Section 8(2) of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011 the Ad Hoc Committee was constituted as follows;

NAME	ORGANISATION	DESIGNATION
Dr. Fredrick Omondi Owino	Town & County Planners Association of Kenya (TCPAK)	Chairperson
Arch. John Kanyangweso	Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK)	Member
Luke Okeyo	Institute of Surveys of Kenya (ISK)	Member
Teresia Achieng Wasonga	Bondo Traders Association	Member
Beryl Jumar	Law Society of Kenya (LSK)	Member
CPA Eston Okinyi	Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK)	Member
Dr. Emmanuel Midheme	Kenya Institute of Planners	Member
George Odunga Obare	County Government of Siaya	Joint Secretary
Elizabeth Mosa Agina	County Government of Siaya	Joint Secretary

The Ad Hoc committee was supported by a secretariat drawn from the Department of Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development which included the following officers; George Rubiik, Maurice McOrege, Maurice Ochieng, Maureen Juma & Roseline Siangla.

It commenced its work on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 when it held its preliminary meeting and appointed Dr. Fredrick Owino as the chairperson. The Ad Hoc committee subsequently undertook its mandate in line with its work plan.

## **1.2 Terms of Reference:**

The Ad Hoc Committee was mandated to undertake the following tasks:

- (a) Evaluate the areas with delineated urban area boundaries against the criteria set out in section 9(3) and 10(2) of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011 and
- (b) Prepare a report recommending conferment of urban area status for each eligible area for tabling before H.E the Governor, Siaya County for consideration.

## **1.3 Methodology:**

The Ad Hoc committee undertook its mandate using the following methodology:

- a. **Literature review:** The Ad Hoc Committee relied on the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011 and Urban Areas and Cities (Amendment) Act, 2019. It also reviewed the Bondo urban area delineation report, the County Assembly report approving the urban area delineated boundary, the Kenya National Housing and Population Census report for Bondo urban area for the year 2019, the UN Habitat Lake Victoria Region Water and Sanitation Programme Appraisal Report of July 2008, Siaya County financial statements, existing Land Use Plan for Bondo and relevant information available online.
- b. **Key Informant Interviews:** The Ad Hoc Committee conducted key informant interviews. It received both oral and written responses from Administrators stationed at Bondo.
- c. **Site visits:** The Ad Hoc Committee undertook site visits in Bondo to assess their service levels as enumerated under the First Schedule of the Urban Areas and Cities (Amendment) Act, 2019.

## **2.0 Status Analysis for Suitability:**

The Ad Hoc committee used the eligibility criteria set out under Section 9(3) of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011 and the First Schedule of the Urban Areas and Cities (Amendment) Act, 2019 for grant of Municipality Status, to assess conferment suitability.

## 2.1 Population:

Bondo urban area is composed of the following areas which fall within its delineated urban area boundary;

Area	Percentage (%) of the area covered	Estimated population of the area within the delineated boundary:
Barkowino	100	23,950
Nyawita	100	21,801
Maranda	100	2,432
Ajigo	100	8,004
East Migwena	49	2,385
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>58,572</b>

A tabulation of the population of the Bondo delineated urban area estimates the population as **58,572** as per the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census report. In that regard, Bondo satisfies the requirement for an estimated population of 50,000 which is required for grant of Municipality Status.

## 2.2 Integrated Development Plan:

An area is eligible for grant of Municipal status if it has an integrated development plan. The Ad Hoc committee established that Bondo urban area has a local land use plan which provides a lay out for different land uses within the area and guides development control.

## 2.3 Revenue Collection/Potential/Capacity:

It is a requirement under Section 9(3) of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011 that an area should have a demonstrable capacity or potential to generate and collect revenue to qualify for grant of Municipal status. The Ad Hoc committee established that Bondo urban area has a wide array of economic activities which provide an avenue for own source revenue collection. The County Government of Siaya currently collects rates from the following revenue streams:

- Single Business Permit
- Parking fees
- Cess- sand harvesting, bricks, building stones and fishing
- Market levies

- Development plan approval fees
- Survey fees
- Liquor lincensing fees
- Land rates
- Entry fees for cultural sites
- Mining fees
- Hospital and Morgue fees
- Water and Sewerage fees
- Advertisement fees
- Enforcement charges
- Rent from government houses and buildings
- Fire inspection licence

The Ad Hoc committee took note of potential revenue streams the urban area can tap into, including the following:

- Solid waste management through recycling waste for re-use.
- Fees from hire of institutional facilities.

It also identified potential external revenue sources the urban area can pursue to enhance service delivery such as:

- Grants from Multilateral and Bilateral Donors
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities supported by agencies

#### **2.4 Service Delivery as per the first schedule:**

An urban area qualifies for conferment of Municipality status if it has capacity to deliver essential services to its residents as provided in the first schedule. The Ad Hoc committee established that Bondo urban area has the capacity to deliver the following services in line with the first schedule:

<b>Service:</b>	<b>Remarks:</b>
Planning and Development Control	Planning and Development Control services are available. They are currently being done by the County Government
Traffic Control and Parking	There are designated parking bays in public and private facilities including a Bus Park at the CBD and parking bays next to West End Hotel
Water and Sanitation	Siaya Bondo Water and Sanitation Company (SIBOWASCO) provides water and sanitation services. There is a sewer line serving parts of the CBD
Street Lighting	There are street lights along all major roads and streets
Outdoor Advertising	There are several billboards for outdoor advertising
Cemeteries and Crematoria	There is space designated for a cemetery in the local land use plan for the area
Public Transport	There are several public service providers in the area including matatus, motorbikes, taxis and boda bodas
Libraries	There is an existing library at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOUST)
Storm Drainage	There is an existing storm water drainage network
Ambulance Services	There are several ambulances serving the urban area stationed at facilities including Bondo Sub County Hospital, JOUST and the Bondo Medical Centre
Health Facilities	Aside from the County Hospital there are several hospitals in the area including Matangwe Hospital Bondo Medical Hospital, Gobei Health Centre, Kambajo Health Centre, Got Winyo Health Centre, Masita Dispensary, Havens Hospital, Lilam Hospital and Owens Hospital
Fire Fighting and Disaster Management	There is a fire engine serving the urban area
Control of Drugs	There is an existing Sub County Liquor Lincensing committee and a Sub County NACADA office
Sports and Cultural Activities	There is a stadium and cultural centre in East Migwena There is a sports ground at Magipa
Electricity and Energy provision (gas, kerosene etc.)	There is electricity connectivity in the urban area powered by the Kenya Power and Lightning Company (KPLC) and Solar Companies Several fuel stations supply gas and kerosene
Abattoirs	There is an existing Abattoir
Refuse Collection	There are several waste collection bins within the urban area and in major public spaces for refuse collection

Solid waste management	There is an existing dump site for waste collection at Dunya
Pollution (Air, water, soil) control	There are County environment officers ensuring adherence to regulations on pollution control. National Environment and Management Authority (NEMA) operate within the area
Child Care Facilities	There is an existing Paediatric ward at Bondo Sub County Hospital and ECDs for education
Pre-Primary Education	There are several ECDs within the area including Bondo Township, Nyakasungu, Sinapanga, Nyawita, Barkowino in public schools and several private academies
Local Distributor Roads	There are several roads within the area including Kisian-Bondo-Osieko and Rangala-Siaya-Bondo-Lwanda Kotieno
Community Centres	There are several community centres in the area including the Town Hall at the Bondo Sub County and the CDF social hall
County Hospital	There is Bondo Sub County Hospital
Constituent University Campuses	There is an existing University in the area, Main Campus Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology Achege Campus, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology
Polytechnic	There is Bondo Technical Training Institute at Ratiya, Kenya Medical Training Campus at the Bondo Sub County Hospital, Bondo College for ECD
County School	There are several schools including Maranda High School, Gobei Girls High School, Nyamira Girls High School, Bondo Township Secondary School, Nyawita Secondary School
Stadium	There is a stadium in East Migwena
Airstrip	There is an Airstrip in Gombe, East Migwena. The area is also 60 kilometers away from Kisumu International Airport
Theatre	There is an available amphitheater facility at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology
Library/ICT services	There is a 2,000-capacity public library being constructed at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology There is internet connection within the urban area powered by several mobile companies such as Safaricom, Airtel and Telkom
Administrative Seat	There is a Sub County Office for both the National and County Government.



	<p>The Deputy County Commissioner and Sub County Administrator and their members of staff operate within the urban area.</p> <p>There are two chief's camps in Awelo and Maranda</p> <p>Bondo Law Courts is hosted within the urban area</p>
Local Economic Development Plan	The County Government has an existing County Integrated Development Plan which guides economic development for areas in the County including Bondo. Additionally, there are annual development plans which provide development programs for the area.
Museum/cultural centres	The area has Kango Kajaramogi Mausoleum
Fire Station	There is a fire engine serving the urban area, however there is no constructed fire station
Emergency Preparedness	There are Sub County Disaster Management Matangwe Hospital and Committees which are decentralized upto the ward level and comprised of multi-sectoral actors including Red Cross
Telecommunication services /postal services/ICT	<p>There is internet connection and telecommunication boosters within the urban area powered by several mobile companies such as Safaricom, Airtel and Telkom</p> <p>There is a post office</p> <p>There is a community TV station, Winam TV station as well as a community radio station, Radio Lwasi</p>
Funeral Parlour	There are three Morgues within the urban area, Bondo Sub County Hospital morgue, Owens Hospital morgue and Matangwe Hospital morgue
Cemetery	There is space designated for a cemetery in the local land use plan for the area
Recreational Parks	There is Jaramogi Odinga Park
Animal control and welfare	<p>There are several veterinary clinics within the area and a Sub County Veterinary Office in the area</p> <p>There is a Kenya Wildlife Service office in the area</p>
Religious Institution	There are diverse religious institutions in the area for religious persuasions including Islam, Catholics, Pentecostal, Roho Maler and Legion of Mary.

## 2.5 Active participation:

To qualify for grant of Municipality status, an urban area is required to have institutionalized active participation by its residents in the management of its affairs. The Ad Hoc committee

established that Bondo urban area had several avenues for active participation for its residents and stakeholders. There is a community tv station, Winam TV and radio station, Lwasi Radio station where residents can contribute to and receive information on current affairs. The area also boasts of robust associations including; Bondo Traders Association JuaKali Association, Barter traders Association, Kibora Matatu Sacco and Boda Boda Association for sector-based engagements.

## **2.6 Space for Expansion:**

An urban area qualified for conferment of Municipality status if it has sufficient space for expansion. The Ad Hoc committee established that there are several large parcels of fallow land in the peripheries of Bondo urban area which can be utilized for expansion. The local land use plan has also proposed areas which can be reserved for public use.

## **2.7 Infrastructural facilities:**

Eligibility for grant of Municipality status is subject to having infrastructural facilities. The Ad Hoc committee established that Bondo urban area has several infrastructural facilities including hospitals, roads, education facilities, cultural centres, bus parks, storm water drainage facilities, markets and stadium as evidenced from its capacity to deliver services as highlighted above in the service table.

## **2.8 Waste Disposal:**

Grant of Municipality status is considered where an urban area has capacity for waste disposal. It was a finding of the Ad Hoc committee that Bondo urban area has a waste management structure in place which involves waste disposal in waste bins, waste collection by casual workers and disposal in a central collection site at Dunya dump site.

## **3.0 Recommendation:**

On the basis of the eligibility criteria for conferment of Municipality status as required by the prevailing legislation, the Ad Hoc committee has established that Bondo urban area qualifies for grant of Municipality Status.

### **3.1 Justification:**

Bondo urban area has met the minimum population requirement of 50,000 in line with the first schedule of the Urban Areas and Cities (Amendment) Act, 2019 and has satisfied the criteria stipulated under section 9(3) of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011.