



HON. ANDREW MWADIME (WAKUJAA)



GOVERNOR TAITA TAVETA *County*

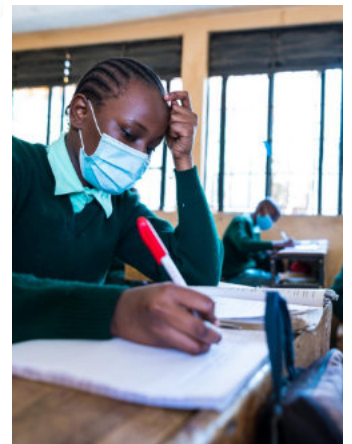
OUR MANIFESTO FOR

Transforming **Taita Taveta** into a county of optimum socio-economic and political sustainability with an equitable and secure society

2022 and Beyond...

WITH PRIORITY FOCUS ON;

1. Defeating corruption in our County.
2. Developing an educated, skilled and well-informed society.
3. Providing employment opportunities and wealth creation through revamping cooperative societies, mining, agri-business, entrepreneurship, technology and innovation.
4. Promoting primary healthcare and easy access to clean and enough water as the foundation for a healthy County.
5. Developing a reliable transport and communication infrastructure network.
6. Promoting conservation of our environment in sustainable framework.
7. Promoting county unity and public participation in government-led development processes.



HON. GOVERNOR STATEMENT

I, Hon. Andrew Mwadime, your next Governor of Taita Taveta County, 2022

My fellow citizens and residents of our great county of Taita Taveta requested me to be **your candidate for the Office of Governor of Taita Taveta County** and I humbly accepted. Thank you for the honour and trust.

I agree that the first 9 years of Devolution in Kenya, have been a painful disappointment for residents of Taita Taveta County. We must now go beyond complaining and work together starting August 2022, in order to transform this disappointment into pride. In this MANIFESTO, we offer specific proposals to effect **real positive change within the first twelve (12) months of good governance and lots of flexibility.** We shall provide **good Management** and **ensure all-inclusive Governance.**

Armed with valuable **experience gained as the MP for Mwatate Constituency from 2013 to 2022,** I will work with a qualified and committed team to transform Taita Taveta County from the embarrassment subjected to us by previous regimes, to a prosperous and united county that we shall all be proud of.

HON. ANDREW MWADIME, Upendo na Maendeleo

(Signature:)



KEY SECTORS TO DRIVE THE AGENDA IN TAITA TAVETA COUNTY

1. GOVERNANCE

- a. Strengthening the county legal affairs department to effectively interpret the Constitution of Kenya (2010) accurately and faithfully, especially on Devolution, Leadership and Integrity. We shall ensure that the letter and spirit of the Constitution of Kenya guide our approach to governance.
- b. Guided by the Constitution and Laws of Kenya, we will define and document what the County Government will look like, outlining all the different departments and agencies and how they relate to each other for the service of the people of Taita Taveta and Kenya.
- c. We will put in place a public participation policy and a comprehensive public participation law and guidelines, and ensure that the County Government prioritizes effective public participation.
- d. We will develop a transparent and accountable public resources mobilization, utilization and management system that will include:
 - i. A comprehensive, fair and equitable system for local revenue collection and utilization across the County
 - ii. A framework for mobilization of resources locally, nationally and externally
 - iii. A comprehensive public debt management policy
 - iv. *Efficiency Monitoring Unit in the Office of the Governor to continuously monitor budget implementation and ensure fidelity*



- e. We will develop a **comprehensive strategy to fight and prevent corruption** in all sectors of our County and Society by:
- i. **Focusing primarily on prevention of corruption** and duly support the punishment under the law of those engaging in corruption
 - ii. Developing and implementing an elaborate anti-corruption public education and awareness programme.
 - iii. Carrying out annual corruption risk assessment audits in every County Department to review and strengthen resource management systems.
 - iv. Creating an enabling environment for investors in our county.
 - v. Establish a pending bills committee to scrutinize and verify the authenticity, honesty and conformity to the law
 - vi. We will create a complaints and compliments center at the Governor's office to enhance efficiency
 - vii. We need goodwill at the County, providing a good environment for investors both locally and internationally.
 - viii. Ensuring accountability, transparency and good ethics in Governance.



2. LAND, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

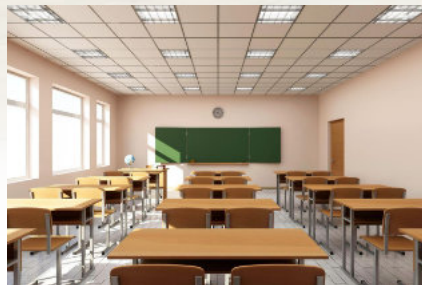
- a. We will document and develop sustainable capacity for conservation and protection of our natural resources that will ensure sustainable utilization so as to benefit all residents of Taita Taveta county.
- b. We will develop a comprehensive policy for management of our County community lands to ensure conservation and restoration.
- c. Commit to develop a County Spatial Plan as there is none at the moment
- d. We will carry out an inventory of land register to safeguard community and public lands. We will work with national and lands commission to create digital county land registry.
- e. We will commit to increase forest cover by planting more trees and taking care of them to ensure their survival.

Mzima springs**Taita Hills**

3. HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, CAPACITY BUILDING AND MANAGEMENT

The County government will:

- a. Build ECD and TVET training centers in the county so as to increase number of skilled personnel;
- b. Support the training of ECD and TVET-Teachers;
- c. Support partnerships between universities and industry for incubation and commercialization of innovations;
- d. Provide equipment to technical-training institutes through partnerships with industry and other external partners;
- e. Establish a school of public service-in collaboration with higher learning institution(s) ECDs and TVETs to have internet connectivity to ease the costs of online learning for our local schools and higher learning institutions;
- f. Support the opening of middle level colleges in the sub-counties;



- g. We will promote the culture of enterprise creation especially by young people, to replace the current preoccupation with being employed/employing people where there are no value adding opportunities;
- h. Besides supporting the existing special schools, we will seek partnerships for establishment and development of special education facilities within existing public primary schools to cater for children with disabilities e.g for braille;
- i. The County Government will set up an "Education Improvement Fund" through which public primary and secondary schools will be supported by way of infrastructural development and improvement, and employment of additional teachers and technical staff;
- j. The County Government will set a Support Educational Fund to help bright and needy students access primary, secondary and tertiary education, thereby improving the transition levels and access to higher education;
- k. We will prioritize and promote applied sciences and technical training with a strong emphasis on technical and vocational skills training. The County Government will offer full scholarships to post-high school students opting for technical and vocational skills training;
- l. We will work to position our county as a "to-go-to" source of high-quality technicians for the Kenyan and international markets by investing in facilities for technical skills and vocational training. This will ultimately make a County Innovation Hub for development of skills amongst the youth;
- m. Encourage professionals outside the county to come back and help build our county to greater heights.
- n. The county Ministry of Education will involve stakeholders to have modalities for county attachment and internship programs for our students in a bid to equip them with self employment skills and exposure needed to penetrate the job market.



4. AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

- a. We will employ scientific testing of soils in the whole county before making decisions on how to improve their productivity, and long-term soil conservation programmes;
- b. We will employ the use of biotechnology in agriculture, based on the smallholder agriculture model;
- c. We will invest in the protection, promotion and sustainable production and preservation of indigenous seeds and other plant and animal matter, and the growing and consumption of traditional foods like sweet potatoes, cassava, arrow roots, yams, simsim, pumpkins, sorghum and ground nuts;
- d. We will initiate irrigation schemes that are designed to support smallholder farming. We will revamp the stalled irrigation schemes in Taveta. We will desilt Lumi river in Taveta, Dembwa-Kipusi Valley in Mwatate and Mbale-Msau. We will also revamp the drying Kishenyi Dam in Werugha and Mwatate dam so as to enable residents have adequate water for domestic use and irrigation;
- e. We will promote horticulture, value chain promotion and value addition on the farm and through Cooperatives;



- f. We will promote fish farming and large-scale water harvesting and storage for small scale irrigation and food production;
- g. We will promote poultry and dairy farming, and bee keeping informed by scientific and technological advances;
- h. We will promote range land livestock farming in our 28 ranches; ensure that this enterprise flourishes taking advantage of its disease-free status and construct a meat processing factory to increase this viable sector;
- i. Creation of food centers for each ward to help during times of food shortage;
- j. We will enhance collaboration with Taita Taveta University which is our main training facility in improving training of personnel, research and information services on crop and animal production;
- k. We will vigorously promote Agro-forestry in order to ensure every homestead has indigenous trees, bamboo and non-indigenous fruit trees on at least 10% of its land;
- l. We will seek to make smallholder agriculture a paying business by promoting agribusiness and supporting the youth to effectively participate in horticulture and dairy farming as well as in agricultural produce value addition e.g. fruit, vegetable and milk processing and marketing. We will revamp and substantively invest in agricultural extension services



5. HEALTHCARE AND MEDICAL SERVICES

- a. We will prioritize Public Healthcare as the foundation of our county's health and well being. We will invest significantly in public/community health work to ensure our population adopts healthy living habits, and disease prevention is given the priority.
- b. We will systematically invest in developing a sustainable Human Resources Management and Development system for our health and medical services sector, starting with engaging healthcare leaders and professionals on how to effectively deal with Human Resources Management to avoid disruptions like strikes amongst the health staff.
- c. We will develop a robust healthcare system to have health facilities distributed across the county, including Ambulance and related rescue services which are well equipped, stocked, staffed and managed.



- d. We will invest in revamping our County Hospitals through dialogue with health professionals on areas of priority focus, by prioritizing development of ICTs to support cost-effective and timely delivery of all health and medical services.
- e. We will develop a partnership with Makueni and Mombasa Counties' health specialist, medical services and referral systems to guarantee affordable access to high-level specialist services for patients from our County as well as training, research and exchange for our health professionals.
- f. We shall invest in Solar power systems for all our health facilities to ensure all health services continue uninterrupted day and night (24 hours).
- g. We will carry out a household audit to identify senior citizens (65 years old and above) and other vulnerable citizens who cannot afford any medical insurance and institute a scheme for them to access National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) cover at public expense.
- h. Initiate health tourism to enable outside investors do health shows freely, to empower the community deeper.
- i. We will set up a nursing home to reduce cases of prenatal, antenatal and maternal loss.

6. WATER AND SANITATION

- a. We will invest in development of water supply and sanitation systems in all our urban areas and County institutions, as well as community-managed water systems in every Sub-County.
- b. We will, with Public Private Partnerships (PPP's) and national Government realize the construction and completion of the Njoro Kubwa Spring and Mzima II water project to enable residents and ranches in Taveta, Mwatate and Voi areas get clean enough water for domestic use, farming and livestock.
- c. We will invest in and promote ground and rainwater harvesting and conservation of our water sources, basins and towers.



- d. We will invest in the conservation of our water catchment areas and sources, as well as the protection of natural water springs, riparian areas and wetlands.
- e. We will invest in a study and mapping of our urban centres and markets for purposes of initiating development of a modern sewage disposal system.
- f. We will moot rural water reticulation systems, where feasible, to enhance access to portable water by rural communities.
- g. We will collaborate with national agencies like the Water Resources Management Authority, Kenya Wildlife Services, Kenya Forest Service, and Regional Water Services Boards, to conserve the County water resources, forests and wildlife.
- h. We will collaborate with the National Environment Management Authority in building capacity for environmental and social impact assessments of development projects and programmes, waste management and pollution control in order to keep our environment clean and healthy.
- i. We will collaborate with the National Climate Change Directorate to establish a County Climate Change Unit to promote climate change mitigation and adaptation measures, with a strong component on public education and awareness.



7. ENERGY

Our Pledge

- a. We will promote and invest in renewable energy, particularly solar and wind energy. Where feasible, we will partner with stakeholders in development of small hydro-power stations.
- b. We will promote the use of energy saving cooking stoves for all our rural households.
- c. We will promote the uptake of domestic solar power systems for homes in our County by subsidizing the cost of installation for low-income earners
- d. We will invest in public participation and training on modern energy conservation measures to save money, time and environment.



8. TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

Our Pledge

- a. We will promote micro-industries and a training and sensitization scheme for young people to participate effectively e.g. in fruit processing, milk processing and other farm-based value addition measures.
- b. We will work in partnership with the local private sector to invest in developing entrepreneurship opportunities for our young people
- c. We will construct functional lighting, water and sanitation facilities, solar-powered cooling facilities for perishable goods, and motorable roads to serve all our open-air markets in a manner that will provide safety and comfort to businesses and traders while respecting our open-air market traditions.
- d. We will construct a modern slaughterhouse in every urban center and major market and promote development of hides and skins processing industry
- e. We will set a modern livestock market for sale of animals from our ranches and lower the tariff/rates for livestock so as to encourage sale and slaughter to happen within the County
- f. We will invest to revive, support and standardize our traditional cottage industries, particularly pottery, basketry, tinsmith, mat making, rope making and brick making to ensure they become a commercially productive and employment creating sub-sector



- g. We will carry out public education for all to understand that the first and best market for products from our traditional cottage industries is our immediate neighboring counties and ourselves. We will support value-addition to these traditional products for us and other markets to enjoy high quality
- h. Create a Taita Taveta E-market which is a web hub to market our different products locally, regionally and internationally
- i. We will set up fully equipped Digital Villages in every sub county to enhance digital literacy, thus create online job opportunities.
- j. We will revamp, empower and uplift the cooperative movements for economic prosperity of our county.
- k. We will develop and promote affordable, appropriate, locally relevant Micro-finance services for enterprise-development and supporting innovations.
- l. We will promote eco-tourism and cultural-tourism through conservation of our natural forests, traditional sites, practices and eco-tourism marketing as well as encouraging the development of tourism facilities.
- m. Mining tourism to enable local and international investors to view, purchase and promote our mineral resources.
- n. Facilitation of setting up local factories to process our local products, i.e. macadamia, bananas, french beans, meat, poultry, fish, honey, milk etc.
- o. Set up a county investors committee that will help link investors with the county government.



9. SOCIAL SERVICES, CULTURE, THE CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

- a. In every Sub-county, we will promote and develop County social amenities, including sports facilities, public parks, children's playgrounds and open spaces.
- b. We will invest in development of talents, especially in the creative and performing arts and specifically **establish a County Talent Development Centre**.
- c. We will develop a sustainable support system for orphans, senior citizens, people with disabilities and other vulnerable persons to ensure all deserving cases are supported to access opportunities of education and healthcare, enterprise development, as well as social, political and economic inclusion
- d. We will set aside adequate space to develop decent County burial grounds
- e. We will promote **a joint Taita Taveta County Cultural Festival** which will be held in our different Sub-counties on rotational basis during the December holiday season
- f. We will develop requisite facilities and promote our county as a choice destination for sports tourism e.g. sports academy for disciplines like football, volleyball and athletics etc.
- g. We will establish a rehabilitation center to care for victims of substance and drug abuse.



10. MINING AND MINERAL RESOURCES

- a. We will undertake mapping of mineral distribution in our County to assess the occurrence of minerals and conduct a Cadastral Survey to produce a mineral distribution map. This will help in establishing the type and volume of mineral resources available to ensure that these are harnessed and utilized for the benefit of communities in the mining areas and the local economy, something that has remained elusive for a long time.
- b. We will procure mining equipment for lease by artisanal miners at affordable rates to enhance productivity of the industry.
- c. We will ensure registration of all Community groups; artisanal miners. This will be the best avenue of channeling support to them for acquisition of mining equipment like excavators, graders, compressors etc.
- d. We will also promote the utilization of the Gemology Centre at Voi to help miners add value to their gems, thereby eliminating the exploitation visited on them by middlemen.
- e. We will identify and promote lucrative overseas markets for minerals produced in Taita Taveta. This will be done in cooperation with the Miners Association and the Ministry of Oil and Mining.
- f. The new county administration will provide marketing platforms through enabling our miners to take part in Trade Fairs and even host some of them locally.
- g. Our county administration will strive to ensure that our communities benefit from mineral royalties that are due to them. We will enhance collaboration with the line ministries of the national government so as to transfer monies, due to the three gazetted Community Development Agreement Committees (CDAC's) i.e. Kasigau, Kamtonga and Kishushe since 2013. This will ensure that communities living in the mining zones ultimately improve their livelihoods.



11. TOURISM AND WILDLIFE

- a. We will create a County Tourism Board to market Taita Taveta as world class Tourism destination.
- b. We will follow up on the County revenue share from the National Government as the Tsavo is largely domiciled in Taita Taveta County.
- c. We will pay specific attention to working with local communities to restore and conserve Rong'e, Ngangao, Chawia, Kasigau forests and other forests across the county.
- d. The County government will liaise with KWS and other players to oversee the completion of the electric fencing project so as to protect humans, livestock and wildlife.
- e. We will encourage ecotourism by putting up tourist facilities such as holiday homes both in the conservancies and in community areas.
- f. We will also encourage the growth of Battle Field Tourism in sites where World War One was fought i.e. from Taveta, Mwakitau, Mwashoti, Jora and Voi, among other sites.
- g. We will also spearhead the protection of historical sites like the Mwangeka Caves, Kenyatta caves etc.
- h. We will also encourage tourism activities like hiking and mountain climbing, among others;
- i. The County administration will create viable partnerships in the field of research in wildlife and traditional medicine. This will tap into the local communities' knowledge of flora and fauna.



12.HUMAN SECURITY AND SAFETY

Our Pledge

- a. We will promote a collaborative and partnership approach on issues of human security and safety, for a smooth working relationship with the national government
- b. Our County security and safety strategy will primarily focus on employment and wealth creation as guarantors of a secure and safe county
- c. We will initiate development of a functional County Fire and Rescue Service and a Toll-free Emergency Response Telephone Service stationed in every sub county. Collaboration with entities like The Kenya Red Cross and the St. Johns Ambulance on first aid and other emergencies will be looked into.



13. PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNICATION

Our Pledge

- a. We will put to good use our experience in infrastructure development to improve and maintain our entire rural road infrastructure to at least **all weather motorable standards**.
- b. Through a consultative and consensus process, we will identify key roads for development to bitumen standards, ensuring close partnership with neighboring counties and the national government on development of road infrastructure.
- c. We will seek partnership with the private sector to ensure that we lay down infrastructure for high speed internet connectivity in our county.
- d. We will lobby the national government to tarmac the Voi-Sagalla, Voi-Msau, Voi-Tausa-Ghazi-Ndii and Maungu-Kasigau roads. We will also lobby for the completion of the Taveta-Njukini-Rombo road which has taken long.
- e. Voi town has an Airstrip that is not fully utilized. We will partner with the National Government and the National Land Commission to secure sufficient land for this Airstrip and invest in reviving and developing this facility into usable state.
- f. We will work with investors and workers in the transport sector to develop a zoned and well-regulated transport system for buses, matatus and boda boda services, and ensure availability of well serviced transport parks;



MY PLEDGE AS GOVERNOR

IMMEDIATELY

Assuming office, the Governor will commence the payment of pending bills to all contractors and suppliers

Within 75 DAYS

Upon the Governor's assumption of office, the County Government will launch County Communication Strategy, County Website and County Quarterly News.

Within 90 DAYS

Soonest the Governor's takes office, the County Government will ensure that ALL Dispensaries, Health Centers and Hospitals in Taita Taveta County have sufficient medical supplies.

The County Government will audit the status of equipment and medical supplies in all its health facilities, review and strengthen the medical supplies management systems in these facilities and invest in optimally equipping and supplying them.

Within 90 DAYS

After the Governor's assumption of office, the County Government will launch an audit of all stalled projects that were started by the previous administration with a view to establishing the ones that have a feasibility plan in order to revive and complete them for the benefit of the people of Taita Taveta County. Projects that are unfeasible, which run the risk of wasting the resources of the people of Taita Taveta, will be wound up in accordance with laws and regulations that guide disposal of public assets.



Within
100 DAYS

After assumption of office, the Governor will convene a **Public-Private-Partnership summit** with the business community in Taita Taveta County to discuss the challenges that face business and enterprise development in our County and the way forward.

The public-private-partnership summit will discuss and agree on a framework for increasing opportunities for investment and enterprise development, how to improve the growth of the business sector in Taita Taveta County, and the best ways and means of promoting and regulating business in the county for the benefit of our society.

Within
100 DAYS

After assumption of Office, the Governor will ensure that NO county government employee has salary arrears and that, going forward, there will be NO MORE SALARY DELAYS.

Within
120 DAYS

After assumption of office, the County Government will have ensured that all the county markets are clean, have reliable water supply and ablutions, and a cleaning and waste management system for the markets will have been put in place.

Within
150 DAYS

After assumption of office, the County Government will ensure sufficient and well-maintained lighting in major county markets.

Decisions on which markets to be lit will be based on business turn over.



Within
170 DAYS

After assumption of office, the County Government will ensure that there is an integrated business licensing, rating and local revenue collection system in Taita Taveta County and that NO business person is subjected to any form of harassment by county staff or any other person.

Deliberate lack of order and a verifiable system in business licensing, rating and revenue collection in Taita Taveta County has led to chaos in the business environment, which in turn facilitates harassment of traders and business people, stealing and diverting of revenue for personal benefit and corruption. The new county leadership will STOP this within 170 days, bring order into the business environment and ensure all revenue due for collection is collected, banked, accurately reported, accounted for and verified for use in developing Taita Taveta County.

Within
180 DAYS

After assumption of office, the Governor will launch a comprehensive County Strategy for Prevention and Control of Corruption.

Taita Taveta County Government is well known for corruption, plunder and waste in public office more than anything else. The new County Government will put a stop to this and mobilize the county residents to live up to and demand better ethical standards in the management of public resources.

Within
180 DAYS

After assumption of office, the County Government will carry out an audit of the technical and vocational skills and training opportunities within Taita Taveta County then develop and launch a County Technical and Vocational Skills Development Master plan.



Within
180 DAYS

After assumption of office, the County Government will, in consultation with transport operators (buses, matatu and boda boda), formulate and operationalize a Transport Policy that will ensure a safe operation of the County Transport System.

Within
180 DAYS

After assumption of office, the County Government will establish a County Empowerment Fund for young entrepreneurs, the local business people and SACCOs to access soft loans.

