

Title: Nanumba North Municipal Assembly Takes Decisive Action to Plug Revenue Leakages

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The Nanumba North Municipal Assembly held its Second ordinary meeting of the fourth session on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 to discuss the recommendations of the Executive Committee and to deliberate on the overall development of the Municipality. In a significant move towards enhancing fiscal responsibility, transparency and accountability, the General Assembly approved among others the recommendation to dismiss all revenue Collectors in the Municipality

The decision to terminate the appointments of all revenue collectors comes as a response to the alarming loss of revenue over recent years. This revenue leakage issue has been a cause of concern for both local authorities and the community members at large. The municipality relies heavily on its revenue streams to fund essential services such as healthcare, education, infrastructure development, and public utilities. Therefore, the extent of these revenue losses has far-reaching consequences for the overall well-being of the Municipality.

Management have long suspected that there were leakages within the revenue collection system, but the extent of the problem became apparent through a thorough audit conducted by the Finance and Administration Sub Committee. The findings of this audit were presented during the Second ordinary meeting of the Assembly meeting, shedding light on the gravity of the situation. It was

revealed that revenue losses amounted to a staggering percentage of the total collected funds.

The decision to dismiss all revenue collectors was not taken lightly. The municipal assembly recognized that there may be dedicated and honest individuals among the collectors, but the pervasive issue of revenue leakages necessitated a complete overhaul of the system. This decision of the Assembly sends a clear message that the municipality is committed to addressing corruption and revenue leakages as well as ensuring that public funds are used for the intended purpose.

As a result of the mass dismissal, the municipal assembly is now faced with the task of reorganizing and restructuring the revenue collection process. To ensure a more transparent and accountable system for the Nanumba North Municipal Assembly.

the assembly plans to implement several key reforms:

Digitalization of Revenue Collection: The municipality aims to introduce a digitalized system for revenue collection, reducing the opportunities for manual manipulation and corruption.

Enhanced Oversight and Auditing: Regular audits and strict oversight will be put in place to monitor revenue collection activities and ensure that funds are accurately accounted for.

Capacity Building: Training programs for revenue collectors and staff involved in the revenue collection process will be organized to improve their skills and understanding of best practices.

Community Engagement: The municipality will actively involve the community in the revenue collection process to foster a sense of ownership and transparency.

Whistleblower Protection: Mechanisms will be established to protect individuals who come forward with information regarding corrupt practices in revenue collection.

The Nanumba North Municipal Assembly's decision to dismiss all revenue collectors is a bold step towards achieving fiscal accountability and ensuring that public funds are used for the betterment of the community. While this move may face challenges during its implementation, it demonstrates the assembly's commitment to addressing revenue leakages and building a more transparent and efficient system for the benefit of all residents.

In the coming months, the municipal assembly will work diligently to rebuild the revenue collection system from the ground up, with the ultimate goal of securing the financial future of the municipality and improving the quality of life for its

residents. This decision serves as a beacon of hope for a brighter and more accountable future for Nanumba North.