

ABOUT US

Koboko Municipal Council is located in the Northern region, in West Nile Sub-region of Uganda. The Municipality started on 1st July 2016 as created by an Act of Parliament among the nineteen new formed Municipalities. Koboko Municipal Council is the Administrative and Commercial headquarters of Koboko District Local Government. It is bordered by Midia Sub-County in the North, Dranya Sub-County in the South, Lobule Sub-county in the East and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in the West. The Municipality is 574 Kilometers from Kampala the Capital City of Uganda and exactly 19 Kilometers from Oraba the border town of Uganda with South Sudan and 3 kilometers from Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) boarder. The Municipality has a land area of 21 square kilometers and stands at latitude 36.6’N and longitude 30’58’E.

Koboko Municipal Council is a supreme body Politically headed by His Worship the Mayor, whose Council comprises of 24 members sitting once in two months making 6 in a year, with extra ordinary meetings normally organized to handle emergency issues, and technically headed by Town Clerk whose Administration is run through Departments. The Municipal Council is chaired by the Municipal Speaker who is elected by council from among members of the Council; in his absence the Deputy Speaker chairs the Council.

Koboko Municipality comprises of one constituency and has a Member of Parliament to represent the interests of people of Koboko Municipality in the Parliament of Republic of Uganda, three divisions headed politically by Division LC III Chairpersons and technically by headed by Senior Assistant town Clerks, 10 wards (LCIIs) and 36 cells (LCIs).

History of Koboko Municipality

Koboko Municipality is among the Towns that became prominent due to trade booms in the area where it was a commercial centre and development was taking place at a very fast rate, by 1974 it was elevated to Town Council up to 1979 and in this period it was the headquarters of the then North Nile District. By 1979 due to the war that removed President Iddi Amin Government there was a lot of destruction that brought all development activities to halt and the existing development destroyed and the Town Council ceased and it became an abandoned trading centre.

Throughout the 1980s Koboko had virtually ceased to exist as an urban Centre as people were majorly in exile until 1986 when people started to return from exile to resettle and development process restarted to took root again on and eventually by 1990 it became a town board.

As economic growth and development become prominent and population increased, the Government on 2nd December 1996 elevated Koboko Town Board to an autonomous Town Council regaining its previous status. The Town Council status led to the improved physical planning of the town and orderly development was witnessed as business boomed due to increased border trade with South Sudan and this increased development led to the quest for new status of Municipality. Through the concerted efforts from various stakeholders, Koboko Town Council with inclusion of parishes and peri-urban villages from surrounding sub-counties of Midia, Dranya and Lobule was in August 2015 elevated to Municipal Council.

This Town is always fairly populated with Sudanese and Congolese due to the high influx of refugees that have self-settled in Koboko Municipal Council to conduct business, an impact that has seen this town attain the growth and development that led to elevation to new status.

Social Cultural Setup

The Koboko Municipal council has multi cultures due to its position as a commercial centre of Koboko District and being strategic route to South Sudan and DRC. Though it is mainly dominated by Kakwa tribe, it has a number of other tribes living in harmony including the business oriented Indian community and other Investors. The major languages used in the Municipality are Kakwa, Lugbara, Kiswahili, Arabic, and English to small extent Luganda, Luo and Lingala among other languages.

Economic Activities

There are many economic activities in the Municipal Council. The major ones include the following;

- Trade in general merchandise, agricultural produce, livestock,
- Transport business in goods and services,
- Subsistence Agriculture is being practiced in the outskirts of the Urban Council,

- Trade in service industry and hospitality business (Garages, Workshops, Saloons, Hotel/Restaurants, Eating Houses),
- Some few entertainment and recreational centres with more yet to be desired,
- Financial services like Banks, Micro Deposit Institutions (MDI), Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies (SACCOs) and other VSLAs,
- Real estate business is a rapidly growing sector in the Municipality.

Total numbers of staff

418 Staff Koboko Municipal

Koboko Municipal Council Departments

Administration

1. Office the town

- Provide technical guidance and oversight role to entire Koboko Municipality
- Overall supervision and Administration of Koboko Municipality
- Approval of all financial transactions of Koboko Municipality
- Coordinates guides and represent the Municipality of legal matters

2. Human Resource Unit

- Staff capacity and welfare management
- Preparation of recruiting plan of Koboko Municipal Council

3. Procurement Unit

- Responsible for all procurements of Koboko Municipal Council
- Preparation of procurement and disposal plans
- Provide technical guidance on all procurement matters/ secretary contracts committee

4. Records Management Services

- Responsible for safe custody and management of all Koboko Municipal Council records
- Provision of information to end users

5. Office Support services

Under this Sub unit, Koboko Municipal Council has

- Law enforcement responsible for securikty of the prmises and safety of staff

- b.** Office Supervisor attendants responsible for general cleanliness and maintenance of the offices and compound, Secretaries and Security guards who give support

Finance

Tax collection management and distribution

Statutory

Promote good governance and accountability

Improve service delivery through integration of local issues into national issues

Approve Koboko Municipal Council budgets

Production

Provide input support and distribution to farmers to improve productivity

Provide Technical support to farmers through visits

Health

Promote primary health care services

Promote good sanitation

Education

Engineering

Improve road networks by opening new roads

Road maintenance

Road tarmacking

Bridges and Culverts installations and repairs

Natural resources

Promote physical planning

Greening of town through planting trees

Protection of wetlands, river banks and valleys

Promote tree planting for income generation

Promote safe transportation and disposal of wastes

Community services

Empower and strengthen social inclusion of different population groups

Promote affirmative action by supporting marginalized groups

Train community with best practices of income generation

Planning

Promotes inclusive and participatory planning activities

Internal audit

Expenditure verification