



5th Edition **PINY LUO** Festival



15th - 17th DECEMBER 2025

PROGRAM AND DELEGATE HANDBOOK



Theme; ***“Luo Unity in Diversity: Harmonizing and Institutionalizing Our Heritage”***



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H.E. Gladys Wanga
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NOTES:

- There are separate side event and sporting fixtures attached as appendices.
- Sporting activities (football, traditional games, and water sports) will take place daily, culminating in the final football match on Day 2, 16th December 2025.
- Exhibitions will run throughout the three festival days.
- Continuous media coverage, live interviews, and partner highlights across all days.
- Key sponsor engagements integrated into plenaries, gala dinners and side events.

PRE-EVENT

14th Dec 2025

Activity

- Registration and Badge Collection
- Speakers Orientation

Venue

- Rongo University

In-Charge

- Correspondence
- Secretariat



DAY 1 - MONDAY, 15TH DECEMBER 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	IN-CHARGE
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Guest Arrivals		
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Concurrent Program- See separate fixtures)	Sports Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Football Games (preliminaries) o Curtain raiser football ladies (Migori Assembly Vs Homa Bay Assembly) o Music performance 	Sony Stadium	o Sports, Culture Committee
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Concurrent Program- See separate fixtures)	Beach Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beach Volleyball - Music performance 	Senye Beach	o Sports, Culture Committee
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (See attached program)	Official Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Band procession- St Joseph's School Rapogi o National Anthem & East African Anthem - Rongo University Choir/ Migori County Choir o Praise and Worship team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Linda Owino - Milka Omondi o Interdenominational Prayers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Muslim - Christians - Luo cultural Prayer o Music Performance o Cultural performances & Entertainment by various groups and Luo groups from the Diaspora 	Rongo University (Main Plenary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Organizing Committee o Masters of Ceremony
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	- Migori- The Last Luo Settlement and Home to Cross Border Communities By Polycarp Ochilo	Rongo University (Main Plenary)	o Prof Adams Oloo

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM	<p>Host Governor’s Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o H.E. Dr. Ochilo G. M Ayacko, Governor Migori County <p>Speeches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ker, Luo Council of Elders o Senior Political Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Migori - Homabay - Siaya - Kisumu - Other Counties o Senior National Government of Kenya Officials (Presided by PS State Department for Culture, Ms.Ummi Bashir, CBS) o Governor, H.E. Dr. Ochilo G. M Ayacko, EGH (Keynote Speech, acknowledges Sponsors and other Governors present) o H.E. Gladys Wanga, EGH – Governor, Homa Bay County o H.E. Prof. Anyang’ Nyong’o, EGH – Governor, Kisumu County o H.E SC. James Orengo, EGH – Governor, Siaya County <p>Keynote Address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Hon Dr Oburu Odinga- Chief Guest 	Rongo University (Main Plenary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Host Deputy Governor o Deputy Governor Kisumu o County Secretary, Migori
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	<p>Governors and Dignitaries Tour of Exhibition Booths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Entertainment 	Rongo University (Exhibition Grounds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Organizing Team
1:00 PM– 2:00 PM	BREAK		
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<p>The Reincarnation – The Unity of the Luo Nation Across borders. By Dr Olara Otunu (Online)</p>	Rongo University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Prof Adams Oloo



3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>Breakaway Sessions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elders- Dynamism of Culture amongst the Diverse Multinational Luos and its adaptability to contemporary times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Convenor – Ker Odungi Randa ○ Facilitator - Apollo Bwana ○ Rapporteur – Michael Otieno 2. MPs- Networking and Synergizing “the Luo Nation,” across borders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Convenor – James Nyikal ○ Facilitator - Polycarp Ochilo ○ Rapporteur- Stella Juma 3. Women - The traditional and contemporary place of Women in Luo culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Convenor – Mary Goreti Otieno ○ Facilitator- Caren Olendo ○ Rapporteur - Iscar Oluoch 4. Religious Leaders - Luo Culture & Religion - Harmony, Concurrence or Discordance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Convenor - Bishop Abuka ○ Facilitator - Prof Wilson Otenga ○ Rapporteur - Pastor Sam Ondigo 5. Diaspora The Role of Multinational Luos in the Harmonization & Globalization of Luo Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Convenor - M.O Ahawo ○ Facilitator - Charles Olungah ○ Rapporteur - Isaiah Nyandega 6. Youth- Between Amending & Adapting Luo culture to conform to the youthful generation’s aspirations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Convenor – Fred Makajos ○ Facilitator - Tabitha Ogutu ○ Rapporteur - Pande Philip 7. Governance & Business - Governance & Business- Harnessing the Economic Well-being of Luos across borders (Infrastructure, Trade, Cultural Tourism, etc) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Convenor - Sylvester Kasuku ○ Facilitator - Okeyo Obosi ○ Rapporteur - Ben Sihnya 	Rongo University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Breakaway Convenors
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	BREAK		

<p>5:30 PM – 10:30 PM (See attached program)</p>	<p>Youth Gala Dinner & Awards Night: Chief Guest – Mr. Fikirini Jacobs Kato Kahindi, Principal Secretary State Department for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mentorship Session o Fashion Show o Chinese Performance by Confucius Institute from the University of Nairobi o Fashion and Tech Innovation Awards o Dinner, Entertainment & Networking o Music performance 	<p>Rongo University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sports, Culture Committee o Hospitality Committee
<p>6:00 PM – 10:0 PM (See attached program)</p>	<p>Luo Council of Elders Dinner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Networking 	<p>Migori TTC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Executive Committee of Luo Council of Elders



DAY 2 – TUESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	IN-CHARGE
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Guest Arrivals		
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Luo Elders Cultural Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Elders Caucus o Public Tour and story telling o Narrator- Joyce Awandu o Music performances 	Thimlich Ohinga	o Ker, Luo Council of Elders
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Cultural exhibition and tour at Main arena <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Music Performances 	Rongo University	o Organizing Committee
10:00 AM– 12:00 PM (See separate fixtures)	Beach sport games <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Swimming (abal) o Ajua o Tug of War 	Senye beach	o Sports, Culture Committee o Entertainment Team
10:00 AM– 12:00 PM (See separate fixtures)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Football Finals (Inter-Counties finals) o Luo music Performances 	Sony Stadium	o Sports, Culture Committee
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Cultural Site Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Thim Lich Ohinga - Mugabo caves- - God Kwer- - Gogo Falls- 	o Sports, Culture Committee o Narrators
1:00 PM– 2:00 PM	BREAK		
2:00 PM– 4:00 PM	Final Football Match: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Gor Mahia Vs Soy United FC <p>Music Performances by various Luo artists</p>	Sony Stadium	o Sports, Culture Committee
5:00 PM – 11:00 PM (Restricted attendance)	The Patron’s Legacy Gala Dinner (Chief Guest Canon Dr. Idah Odinga) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pioneered by the Luo Council of Elders o 4 Piny Luo County Governors o Luo Music Performances 	Governor’s Residence, Awendo	o Host Governor

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	IN-CHARGE
6:00 AM- 7:00 AM	Guest Arrivals		
7:00 AM- 12:00 PM <i>(Youth day program to run concurrently at Rongo University)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Entertainment o Opening Prayers o Presidential Arrival at 10:00AM o Anthems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Anthem - Migori County Choir - East African Anthem - Migori County Choir o Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boat racing (Piem Yiedhi) - Wrestling (Amen) - Food fair (Chiemb Onagi) - Diedo Pi <p>(President, Governors and other dignitaries watch beach activities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Music Performances 	Senye Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Secretariat o Clergy o Protocol o MCs
12:00 PM- 1:00 PM <i>(Restricted attendance)</i>	<p>Presidential Cultural Tour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Tero Buru o Presentation of the Thim Lich Girraffe Sanctuary By Amb. Esther Akoth Kokeyo Akothee, KWS , NMK. o Presidential Legacy Tree Planting o Coronation of The President o Narration by Joyce Awandu o Presidential caucus with Luo Council of Elders <p>Performances by Thimlich Ohinga dancers</p> <p>Departure to Rongo University Grounds</p>	Thim Lich Ohinga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Luo Council of Elders o Protocol
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	BREAK		
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Presidential Legacy Tree Planting	Rongo University	
2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	Presidential Luncheon	Rongo University	o Protocol Team



2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Presidential Tour of the Exhibitions	Rongo University (Exhibition Grounds)	o Protocol Team
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Performances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chinese Performance by Confucius at the University of Nairobi - Luo Cultural Performances (Nyamuga Primary Ramogi dance and Sigweya by Mzee Jotham Ajiki) 	Rongo University	o Troupe Leader
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diaspora Luo Cultural Performances - Tug of War Finals 		
3:30 PM- 5:30 PM	Closing Ceremony Speeches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Piny-Luo recap by Prof Adams Oloo o Address by Mama Ida Odinga on <i>“Youths, Innovation, Culture, Unity and Diversity”</i> o Ker, Luo Council of Elders, Mzee Odungi Randa o Chair of Duol, Hon James Nyikal o Senior Political Leadership o Senior National Government of Kenya Officials Keynote Address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o His Excellency Hon. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander- In- Chief of The Defence Forces o Awards of the all-winning sports teams (schedule attached) 	Rongo University (Main Plenary)	o Governor, H.E. Dr. Ochilo G. M Ayacko, EGH

APPENDICES:

1. Youth Gala Dinner & Awards Program
2. Luo Council of Elders’ Dinner Program
3. The Patron’s Legacy Dinner Program

Sports Fixtures

a. Youth Gala Dinner & Awards Night Program – Day 1 - Monday, 15th December 2025 at Rongo University

TIME	SESSION	ACTIVITY DETAILS	IN CHARGE
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Youth Innovation & Tech Expo	Youth exhibition on technology, cultural tools, creative arts, agritech & social solutions	Youth Exhibitors
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Assessment	Evaluation by 4 experts: Culture (Migori), Tourism (Homa Bay), Gender (Siaya), ICT (Kisumu)	Assessment Panel
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Final Scoring	Assessors finalize scoring for evening recognition	Assessment Panel
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Guest Arrival & Opening by MCs	Guest arrival, red carpet, VIP ushering, interviews, Afro-jazz & Luo instrumentals, comedians' warm-up skits, official opening by MCs, acknowledgements & program outline	Protocol Team & Official MCs
6:00 PM – 6:45 PM	Performances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry, cultural songs, dance fusion, solo music acts, comedic interludes during stage transitions Chinese Performances by Confucius at the University of Nairobi 	Youth Performers & MCs Toupe Leader
6:45 PM – 7:30 PM	Mentorship Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair, Sports & Culture Committee Address – Eng. David Ochola Remarks by Lilian Odira Remarks by David Osiany Address by Equity Bank (SEKO) Q & A: Gen Z & Older Generation on Culture & Beliefs 	Session Moderator & MCs
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Fashion Show / Cultural Showcase	Cultural, creative & African wear fashion showcase	Fashion Director & MCs
8:30 PM – 8:50 PM	Keynote address	In Baba's footsteps and his mentorship to young people	Chancellor Dr B.W. Chitunga
8:50 PM – 9:20 PM	Chief Guest Address	Official address by the Chief Guest	Ps Jacob Fikirini



9:20 PM – 9:30 PM	Awards & Youth Recognition	Awards & presentations for selected youth in Tech & Innovation, Best Innovator, Outstanding Talent, Sponsor Recognition	Sports, Culture Committee
9:30 PM – Late	Entertainment & Departure	Live entertainment, performances & guests depart at own pleasure	Performances by: Prince Inda/ Amiso Thwango

b. Luo Council of Elders’ Dinner – Day 1 - Monday, 15th December 2025 at Rongo University

TIME	ACTIVITY	IN CHARGE
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Guest Arrivals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performances by Tony Nyadundo and Kenge Kenge orutu/ Nyatiti system
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Welcome Speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ker, Luo Council of Elders, Mzee Odungi Randa
6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Keynote Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor, H.E. Dr. Ochilo G. M Ayacko
7:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Dinner is served	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality Committee
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Entertainment Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performances by Kenge Kenge orutu/ Nyatiti system and Weke Ja kolenya
From 9:00 PM	Guests Leave at Own Pleasure	

c. The Patron's Legacy Dinner Program- Day 2 - Tuesday,16th December 2025 at Governor's Residence

TIME	ACTIVITY	IN CHARGE
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Guest Arrivals	Performances by Emma Jalamo/ Grace Nyakendu
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o CS Oscar Olima o Host Deputy Governor, o H.E Dr. Joseph Gimunta Mahiri o Governors Present o PS State Department for Culture, Ms. Umami Bashir o Ambassadors Present o Cabinet Secretaries Present 	Secretariat
7:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Dinner is served	Hospitality Committee
7:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Piny Luo Recap and State of Luo Unity	Prof. Adams Oloo
8:00 PM – 9:30 PM	Piny Luo Secretariat Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Deputy Governor, H.E Dr. Joseph Gimunta Mahiri o Chair, Piny Luo Secretariat o Head of Secretariat, Prof Rose Odhiambo o Chair, Hospitality Committee o Chair, Sports, Culture Committee o Chair, Marketing, Publicity and ICT o Chair, Program Committee o Chair Minorities 	Secretariat
8:00 PM – 9:30 PM	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Governor, H.E. Dr. Ochilo G. M Ayacko 	-----
9:30 PM – 11:00 PM	Entertainment & Guests leave at their own pleasure	Performances by Emma Jalamo and Grace Nyakendu



e. Sports Fixtures - TBC

DAY 1: MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2025 | COUNTY TOURNAMENT (BALL GAMES) & BEACH GAMES

PINY LUO COUNTY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT (4 COUNTIES)

Participating Counties: Migori • Kisumu • Siaya • Homa Bay

A. SOCCER GAMES - AWENDO GREEN STADIUM, SONY SUGAR

Format: Semi-Finals, 3rd Place Playoff, Grand Final
Final match-ups to be confirmed via official ballot draw

9:00 AM | SEMI-FINAL 1

Team A vs Team B

12:00 PM | SEMI-FINAL 2

Team C vs Team D

2:00 PM | CURTAIN RAISER - LADIES MATCH

Migori County Assembly vs Homa Bay County Assembly

4:00 PM | 3RD PLACE PLAYOFF

Loser SF1 vs Loser SF2

Music Performance: Odosh Ja Suba

B. BEACH ACTIVITIES - SENYE BEACH (BEACH & WATER SPORTS)

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM

Team Call, Warm-Up & Water Safety Briefing

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | SWIMMING

- 50m Freestyle (Combined Heat)
- 4 swimmers per county
- Winners: Fastest 3 finishers

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM | AJUA (Runs concurrently)

- Continuous round-robin format
- Winner: County with highest points

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | BEACH VOLLEYBALL

- Semi-final 1: Migori vs Siaya
- Semi-final 2: Kisumu vs Homa Bay
- 3rd Place Playoff
- Final

Entertainment Performance: Okoth Ja Rapogi

DAY 2: TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2025 | COUNTY FINALS, BEACH POWER GAMES & EXHIBITION MATCH

Participating Counties: Migori • Kisumu • Siaya • Homa Bay

MORNING - SENYE BEACH	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM TUG OF WAR - WOMEN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Semi-final 1: Kisumu vs Homa Bay• Semi-final 2: Migori vs Siaya• 3rd Place Playoff• Final
AFTERNOON - AWENDO GREEN STADIUM	2:00 PM COUNTY GRAND FINAL - FOOTBALL Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2
MAIN ATTRACTION - EXHIBITION MATCH	3:30 PM GOR MAHIA FC (Kenya) vs SOY UNITED FC Awendo Green Stadium - Sony Stadium <i>Premier match and grand highlight of the Piny Luo Sports Extravaganza 2025</i> <i>Entertainment Performance: Osogo Winyo</i>



DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2025 | HERITAGE BEACH GAMES & CLOSING CEREMONY

Participating Counties: Migori • Kisumu • Siaya • Homa Bay

SENYE BEACH

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM | BOAT RACING - WOMEN

- Single heat (One boat per county)

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM | BOAT RACING - MEN

- Single heat (One boat per county)

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM | DIEDO PI *(Runs concurrently)*

- Continuous round-robin format

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM | POT BALANCING RACE

- 4 athletes per county
- Race format - Fastest finisher wins

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | WRESTLING

- Knockout format
- QF1: Migori vs Siaya
- QF2: Kisumu vs Homa Bay
- Semi-finals
- 3rd Place Match
- Final

DAWARD & CLOSING CEREMONY

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

- Overall county rankings
- Discipline medal presentations
- Official closing remarks

Music Performance: Owuor Ja Mapera

SENYE BEACH

Name and Status of the Heritage

Senye Beach is one of the most serene and culturally rich lakeside destinations in Migori County. Located along the shores of Lake Victoria, the beach is known for its calm waters, vibrant fishing activities, and its importance to the surrounding fishing communities.

The name Senye is locally associated with a peaceful, quiet area where people would gather to fish, trade, relax, and connect with nature. Over time, Senye Beach has grown into an important community space used for both economic and social activities.

Today, Senye Beach continues to serve as a key landing site for local fishermen and a popular leisure destination for visitors exploring Migori County's lakeside attractions.

Cultural and Economic Significance

Senye Beach plays a central role in the daily life of the local community through:

- o Fishing activities: The beach is a major fish landing site where fishermen bring in catch such as tilapia, Nile perch, omena, and
- o Local trade: Women and youth engage in fish processing, selling fresh produce, and running small market stalls.
- o Cultural interaction: The beach is a meeting point where traditions, languages, and community stories are shared among different groups living around Lake Victoria.
- o Transport and movement: Boats from surrounding beaches and islands frequently dock here, making it a small but lively transport route.

Scenery and Experience

Senye Beach offers a peaceful natural environment suitable for:

- o Relaxing by the lakeshore

- o Watching sunrise and sunset over Lake Victoria
- o Observing fishing boats leaving or returning
- o Taking photos of the scenic waters and rocky shoreline
- o Enjoying cool breezes and open lake views

The calm nature of the beach makes it ideal for visitors who want a quiet, undisturbed experience close to nature.

Wildlife and Environment

Visitors to Senye Beach may encounter:

- o Different fish species being landed by fishermen
- o Water birds such as herons, kingfishers, and African fish eagles
- o Lakeside vegetation including reeds and small shrubs
- o Occasional sightings of monitor lizards, frogs, and other small animals commonly found near the water

The beach also supports plant life that thrives in lakeside conditions, contributing to Lake Victoria's ecological balance.

Nature Walk

While Senye Beach is not a structured reserve, it offers a simple lakeside walk that allows visitors to explore the shoreline.

Along this informal trail, you can observe:

- o Traditional fishing methods
- o Local boats anchored on the beach
- o Natural stones and rock formations
- o Community members drying fish (omena) under the sun
- o Children playing by the water and people washing or preparing nets

Carrying drinking water is recommended, especially on hot days.



THIMLICH OHINGA

Name and Status of the Heritage

Thimlich Ohinga is the common and acceptable name for this heritage site. The name Thimlich Ohinga is derived from three Dholuo words: Thim meaning jungle or forest, lich meaning scary or frightening, and Ohinga meaning something built, especially by heaping materials—such as stones—on top of each other.

The name implies that long ago, the structures were engulfed in a thick forest that was scary and probably inhabited by wild animals.

This heritage area is now called Thimlich Ohinga Cultural Landscape and is protected under the Museums and Heritage Act 2006, Cap 216 of the Laws of Kenya, as a National Monument.

Thimlich Ohinga is significant as an example of unique dry-stone architecture. This is a tradition found across much of the south-western Kenya region, with a history of multiple uses by different population groups.

The heritage site is over 500 years old, having come into existence when the first permanent settlers arrived in the region. This could be around 1500, with the construction of similar structures continuing into the colonial period, when construction stopped. The structures were never in use even after Independence.

Traditional Luo Homestead

This compound is an exhibition by the National Museums of Kenya of a traditional Luo homestead. The Luo people, who are the majority in this region, built their homes in this format.

The first wife's house faces the gate, and those of the other wives fall either to the left or right.

The sons' buildings are close to the gate. Can you identify the other wives' houses and distinguish them from those of the sons?

This homestead also includes the man's hut, which is the one close to the first wife's house. The cattle pen is an enclosure at the centre, with a granary used for storing grains near it. In normal circumstances, you would have several such granaries.

The Nature Trail

This Nature Trail is approximately 800 meters long. It takes you around the cultural landscape without crossing the stone walls.

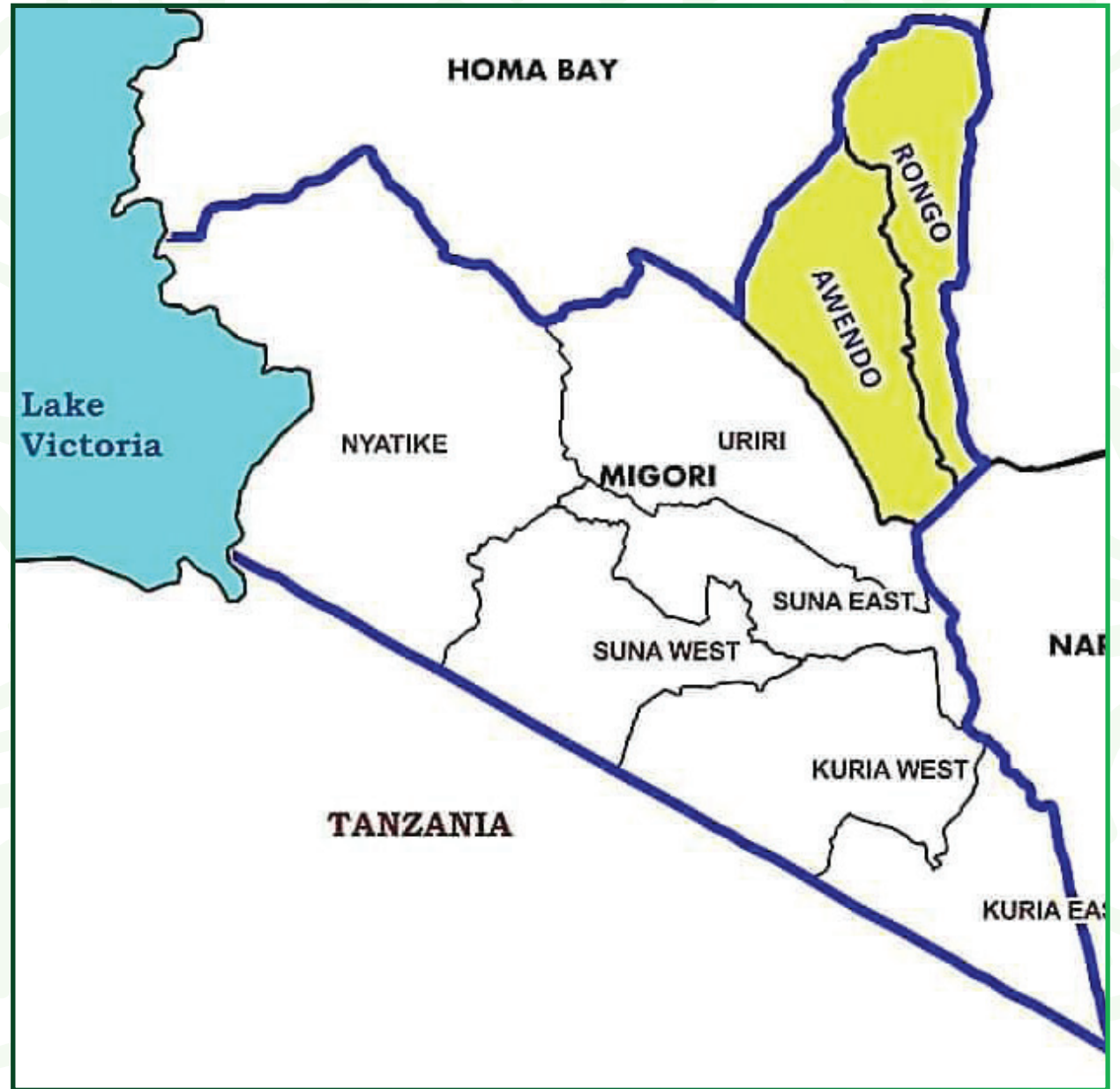
Along this trail, you will find resting places where you can stop, sip your water, or take some notes. Yes—you will definitely need a bottle of water.

Along the trail, you will also see different species of plants, insects, reptiles, and other animals. You may also encounter large herds of Vervet Monkeys. Be friendly to all of them, as they also enjoy this conservation area just as you do.



MIGORI COUNTY LOGISTICS, TRAVEL & VISITOR INFORMATION GUIDE

Migori County is located in southwestern Kenya, bordering Lake Victoria. It is known for its rich cultural heritage, agricultural productivity, diverse communities, and unique natural attractions. This guide provides key information to support visitors, delegations, and diaspora teams traveling to Migori.



1. COUNTY OVERVIEW



Migori County is cosmopolitan community, home to the Luo and many other communities e.g., Kuria, Luhya, Suba with vibrant cultural activities, fertile farmlands, and a strong fishing economy supported by Lake Victoria.

Key Economic Sectors

1. **Agriculture** – Key crops: maize, beans, vegetables, sugarcane. Large opportunities in irrigation, processing, and value addition.
2. **Fisheries** – Lake Victoria supports a major fishing industry, providing livelihoods and food security.
3. **Tourism** – Tourist attractions include Lake Victoria beaches, Gogo Falls, Got Kweru, Mugabo Caves, Macalder Goldmine, and more.
4. **Mining** – Migori has gold deposits. Responsible and regulated mining is encouraged.

2. WEATHER



Migori experiences warm tropical weather.

- Daytime temperatures: 31°C – 33°C
- Night temperatures: 18°C – 20°C
- Humidity: 70–80%
- Weather pattern: Mostly sunny with occasional light afternoon showers
- UV levels: High – sunscreen, hats, and hydration recommended

Weather is generally favorable for travel and outdoor activities.

3. HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION



Rongo & Uriri Sub-Counties

- Treathouse Resort – Quiet environment, excellent services
- Sunaton Hotel – Modern amenities, convenient location
- Good morning, Hotel – Popular with business travelers
- NdamaRosa River Park Resort – Scenic, family-friendly

Price Range: KES 2,000 – 10,000 per night

Suna East & Suna West Sub-Counties (Migori Town)

- Hotel Discretion – Accommodation, pool, restaurant, bar
- Calabash Hotel – Pool, dining, conference rooms
- NdamaRosa River Park Resort
- Legoland Residence Migori – Sauna, restaurant
- Florence Hotel – Pool, bar, restaurant
- Hotel Vannah – Lounge, conference, swimming
- Elegant Hotel
- Tolan Hotel
- Lake Junction Hotel
- Future Hotel
- Antel Mara Hotel
- Hotel Jofa – Pool, bar, restaurant

Price Range: KES 2,000 – 10,000 per night

Kuria East & Kuria West (Isebania Border Zone)

Fewer hotels but several reliable lodges:

- Sirare Border Lodge – Budget-friendly
- Isebania Transit Hotel – Convenient for cross-border travelers

- Kehancha Guest House
- BorderView Hotel

Price Range: KES 2,500 – 10,000 per night

Nyatike Sub-County (Lakefront Area)

- Lake Victoria Safari Village – Cottages and boat rides
- Muhuru Bay Beach Lodge
- Golden Beach Resort – Mid-range with conference facilities
- Nyatike Guest House – Budget friendly
- Victoria Sands Lodge – Premium lakeside facility

Price Range: KES 2,000 – 10,000 per night

A comprehensive list of Hotels in Migori and their Phone Contacts is provided on the Piny Luo Website, in the DOWNLOADS section:

www.pinyluo.migori.go.ke/downloads/

4. HEALTH FACILITIES



Suna East

- Migori County Referral Hospital
- St. Joseph's Ombo Mission Hospital
- Enokhan Hospital
- Lifecare Hospital
- Oasis Health
- Aga Khan Clinic

Suna West

- St. Akidiva Memorial Hospital
- Ojele Hospital



- Machage Hospital

Rongo

- Rongo Sub-District Hospital (Level 4)

Awendo

- Awendo Sub-District Hospital (Level 4)
- Oasis Care Centre (Level 2)

Uriri

- Uriri Sub-County Hospital (Level 4)

Nyatike

- St. Camillus Mission Hospital
- Muhuru Bay Sub-County Hospital
- Macalder District Hospital

Kuria East & West

- St. Akidiva Memorial (Mabera)
- Kuria District Hospital (Kehancha)
- Isebania Sub-District Hospital

5. SECURITY & POLICE STATIONS

Suna East & West

- Migori Police Station (Main) – Suna Central

Nyatike

- Macalder Police Station
- Muhuru Bay Police Station
- Kachere Police Post
- Nyatike AP Camp

Kuria West

- Isebania Police Station

Kuria East

- Kehancha Police Station

Rongo

- Rongo Police Station

Awendo

- Awendo Police Station

Uriri

- Uriri Police Station

6. EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- Emergency Hotline (Kenya): 999 or 112
- Migori County Referral Hospital (24/7) – Emergency desk available
- Kenya Red Cross – Migori Branch
- National Police Service – Available countywide

7. POWER & CHARGERS

- Socket type: UK Type G
- Voltage: 240V / 50Hz

Visitors should carry:

- Type G adapters
- Universal/dual voltage chargers
- A power bank (useful in rural areas)



8. AIR TRAVEL

- Migori Airstrip (Suna East) – 10 km from Migori Town
- Nairobi to Migori flight fare: KES 12,000 – 15,000 one-way
- Taxi from airstrip to Migori Town: KES 1,500 – 3,000

9. SIM CARDS & NETWORK COVERAGE



- Safaricom – Best nationwide coverage & M-Pesa
- Airtel – Affordable data bundles
- Telkom – Limited coverage in rural zones

Requirements: Passport or ID for SIM registration.

10. BANKING & MONEY EXCHANGE



Available banks in Migori:

- Equity Bank
- KCB Bank
- National Bank
- Absa Bank
- DTB
- Family Bank
- KWFT

Currency Exchange:

- At banks and authorized forex bureaus (Migori Town)
- Some hotels may offer exchange (rates vary)

Tips

- Carry both cash and mobile money
- Use ATMs with your bank network to reduce charges
- Check forex rates before exchanging
- Keep valuables secure

Local Currency: Kenya Shilling (KES)

11. TRANSPORT WITHIN THE COUNTY



Common means:

- Taxis

- Matatus (public minibuses)
- Boda bodas (motorcycles)
- Private vehicles
- Limited flights

Taxi Tips

- Agree on fare before the trip
- Ensure driver credibility
- Travel early if possible, during rainy seasons

12. LOCAL ETIQUETTE & SAFETY



Cultural Etiquette

- Dress modestly, especially in rural areas
- Use the right hand when giving/receiving items
- Ask permission before photographing people or sacred places

Safety Tips

- Avoid isolated areas at night
- Beware of pickpockets in crowded markets
- Drink bottled or boiled water
- Use insect repellent (mosquitoes are common)
- Respect local shrines and religious sites

13. CULTURE, FOOD & HERITAGE SITES



Culture

Migori is home to the Luo and Kuria communities. Highlights include:

- Luo Benga music
- Traditional wrestling
- Kuria pottery and storytelling
- Cultural festivals (Luo & Migori Cultural Festivals)



Local Cuisine

- Ugali
- Omena (fried small fish)
- Tilapia / Nile Perch
- Nyama Choma
- Aliya (dried meat)

Heritage & Tourist Sites

- Gogo Falls
- Ibencho Hills Sanctuary
- Ngege Kunge Rock Shelter
- Chinato Crying Stone
- Mugabo Caves
- Got Kweru (Legio Maria Headquarters)
- Thimlich Ohinga – UNESCO World Heritage Site

14. MARKETS

- Migori Market – Mondays & Fridays
- Sirare Market – Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Kehancha Market – Weekly
- Macalder Market – Weekly

15. USEFUL APPS

- M-Pesa App – Mobile money
- Google Maps – Navigation
- Bolt / Uber (in nearby cities) – Not widely available but can work in some parts
- Whatsapp – Main communication tool locally

16. BORDER CROSSING (KENYA–TANZANIA: ISIBANIA

Operating Hours:

- Kenya: 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Tanzania: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Requirements

- Valid passport
- Visa (depending on your nationality)
- Yellow fever certificate recommended
- COVID-19 rules may vary

Accepted Currencies

- Kenya Shilling (KES)
- Tanzanian Shilling (TZS)

Currency Exchange

- Available at border points
- Available in nearby towns (Isebania, Migori Town)



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