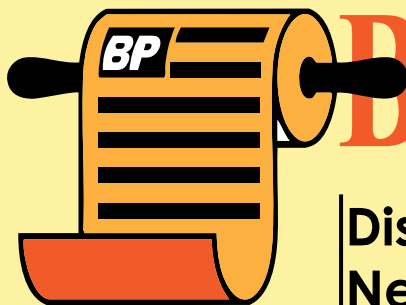




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Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Bunyoro Post Magazine! It is with great enthusiasm that we launch this platform, dedicated to celebrating the vibrant spirit of the Bunyoro community.

Our mission is to provide you with insightful news, engaging stories, and valuable resources that reflect the heart of our region.

This magazine is not just about reporting events; it's about fostering connections and amplifying voices within our community. We believe that every story matters, and we are committed to showcasing the diverse perspectives that make Bunyoro unique.

In this first edition, you will find a variety of topics, including updates on local government initiatives, investment opportunities, and the rich cultural heritage of our area. We hope these stories inspire you and encourage you to participate in the ongoing dialogue about our community's future.

We invite you to share your thoughts, ideas, and stories with us. Your contributions are vital to making the Bunyoro Post a true reflection of our community. Together, we can create a rich tapestry of experiences and insights that will benefit us all.

Thank you for joining us on this exciting journey. We look forward to growing together and making the Bunyoro Post a cherished part of our community.

EACOP Begins Construction of 7 Km Community Road in Hoima District

By Alex Tumuhimbise, Communication Officer, Hoima District

The East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project, in collaboration with the Hoima district local government, has officially launched the construction of a 7.5-kilometer road in Kabale sub-county. This new road will connect Katoke trading center, Kayera village, and Nyamasoga, significantly improving access for local communities.

During the launch event held at Katoke trading center, JB Habomugyisha, the EACOP Deputy Executive Director, expressed the project's commitment to benefiting local communities. He highlighted that EACOP is not only focused on oil extraction but also on corporate social responsibility initiatives. In addition to the road project, EACOP is upgrading Mbaraara Health Center II to Health Center III status, enhancing healthcare access for residents.

Habomugyisha emphasized the importance of local employment, stating that 90 % of the workforce for the EACOP project consists of Ugandans, and the company is utilizing Ugandan suppliers to foster local economic growth.

Swaibu Nyangabyaki, the Hoima District

Council Speaker, praised EACOP for the road project, noting that it will benefit thousands of people in the area. He committed to working with other leaders to upgrade the road's status from an access road to a feeder road, which will further enhance connectivity.

Samuel Mugisa, representing the Petroleum Authority of Uganda, urged local communities to ignore negative campaigns against oil extraction. He reassured residents that EACOP is a beneficial project for the region.

The Hoima District Chief Administrative Officer, represented by Atugonza Brian, the Senior Assistant Secretary, called on the Kabale community to cooperate with the contractors to ensure timely completion of the road. He also encouraged residents to engage in agricultural production to take full advantage of the improved infrastructure.

The project launch was attended by various stakeholders, including local leaders, technical staff, EACOP officials, and community members, all gathered to support this important development for the Kabale sub-county.



Prime Minister Nabbanja Calls for Strict Monitoring of Gov't Programs

By Alex Tumuhimbise, Communication Officer, Hoima District

Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Nabbanja Robbinah has appealed to local leaders to enhance their monitoring of government programs to ensure efficiency and maximize the value of public funds.

She made the call while addressing hundreds of National Resistance Movement (NRM) party supporters at a support drive held recently, at Dwoli Primary School in Kitoba sub-county, Hoima district.

Nabbanja emphasized that rigorous oversight by local leaders is fundamental to effective service delivery within local

governments. She specifically urged LCV Chairpersons, councilors, and lower local council chairpersons to take the lead in guaranteeing service delivery to the local population.

"As leaders, you should actively monitor government health facilities to ensure adequate drug supplies. Inspect schools, monitor road projects, and ensure transparent recruitment processes within your local governments," Nabbanja stated.

The Prime Minister highlighted the NRM government's strong performance in the



Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Nabbanja Robbinah engages with leaders in Hoima District at the NRM support drive event held at Dwoli Primary School, Kitoba Sub-County

Bunyoro region, citing tangible achievements such as completed oil roads, the Kabalega International Airport, the Hoima City Stadium, seed schools, and improved health facilities. She asserted that supporting the NRM party has been a cornerstone of

continuous development in the region.

State Minister for Public Service, Mary Mugasa, pledged to collaborate with leaders in Hoima district to expand access to safe water, particularly in Kitoba sub-county.

Bugahya County Member of Parliament, Hon. Pius Wakabi, emphasized the need to extend electricity powerlines to rural

areas of Hoima district to improve power connectivity for residents.



Some of the NRM Leaders in Hoima District attending a meeting at Dwoli Primary School in Kitoba Sub-County

Community Contributions Boost Water Source Construction in Buliisa District

By Tibaijuka Hannington, Communications Officer, Buliisa District

Local communities in Buliisa District have shown strong commitment to improving access to safe water by contributing towards the construction and maintenance of a new borehole.

During the commissioning of event, the District Vice Chairperson praised residents for their cooperative spirit and willingness to provide financial support. These contributions are aimed at promoting community ownership and will be saved for future operation and maintenance of the

water source.

The District Vice Chairperson urged community members to safeguard the new facility, stressing that “water is life” and that accessible safe water is vital for health and development.

District Water Officer, Engineer Wakame Maurice, introduced the contractor responsible for completing and fully testing the borehole before handing it over. He commended residents for meeting the



The District Vice Chairperson Buliisa Mr. Mukonyezi Vincent Centre in white shirt at the launch of constructing of a new borehole

requirements under the Rural Water and Sanitation Grant, including co-funding and forming a Water Source Committee. Maurice encouraged the committee to monitor construction closely to ensure quality work.

He highlighted that safe water coverage in Buliisa has dropped from 70.93% in 2024 to 68.02% in 2025 due to population growth linked to the Oil and Gas industry and a high birth rate. However, functionality of existing water sources remains high at 88.2%.

Senior Environmental Health Officer, Akugizibwe Juliet, announced plans to train the Water Source Committee on operation and maintenance. The District Health Inspector also promised to carry out quality

tests to check for safety before the water is used.

Two months after the project began, the borehole was completed and functioning. It is well-protected, with measures such as wooden guards to keep animals away, and a female caretaker ensuring cleanliness and order at the site.

Committee Chairperson Ms. Aida Nsungwa reported that local council authorities have passed a by-law requiring every household to contribute Shs 2,000 monthly for maintenance. She thanked the district leadership and the Government of Uganda for supporting the project and pledged to maintain high hygiene standards.



The completed borehole fenced off

Hoima District Receives Two Solar-Powered Water Supply Systems Worth Over UGX 1.2 Billion

By Alex Tumuhimbise, Communication officer, Hoima district

Thousands of residents in Hoima District are set to benefit from improved access to clean water following the commissioning of two new solar-powered water supply systems, valued at over UGX 1.2 billion.

The projects were officially handed over to the Hoima District Local Government in a ceremony attended by Resident District Commissioner (RDC) Rodgers Mbabazi, LC V Chairman Uthuman Mugisha, and other district officials.

The first of the two, the Kyarusuara Solar-Powered Water Supply System, located in Kyarusuara Village, Kibanjwa Parish, Kitoba Sub-County, was commissioned on Thursday, October 23, 2025. Constructed by Nexus Green UK Limited at a cost of approximately UGX 543 million, the project was funded by the Government of Uganda through a loan from the United Kingdom Export Finance (UKEF). The system features 10 yard taps serving the local community.



The handover of Kyarusuara solar powered water supply system in Kyarusuara village, Kibanjwa parish in Kitoba sub-county

The second project, the Kigoroby Solar-Powered Water Supply System, situated in Kigoroby Town Council, was also carried out by Nexus Green UK Limited in partnership with the Ministry of Water and Environment. Costing about UGX 626 million, the upgrade expands the existing water infrastructure to include six public taps and 20 yard taps. The system was subsequently handed over to the Western Umbrella Authority for sustainable management.

Chairman Mugisha noted that the Kigoroby system would supply water to five areas Kigoroby I, Kigoroby II, Kiryandongo, Kihesi, and Kisukuma and highlighted that Hoima's safe water coverage is steadily improving.

"Hoima District is steadily improving on safe water coverage, and the coming onboard of such systems will help us improve the lives of our people," Mugisha said.

Speaking on behalf of the Chief Administrative Officer, Senior Assistant Secretary urged residents to practice good sanitation and hygiene to preserve water quality.

RDC Mbabazi applauded the government and its development partners for mobilizing resources to implement such impactful projects. He also issued a stern warning against vandalism, describing it as sabotage.

"Let us protect these projects for sustainable use. People should access safe water and have the quality of their lives improved," Mbabazi emphasized.

According to the Hoima District Water Department's 2025 report, safe water coverage in the district has risen from 74.29% in 2024 to 75.07% in 2025, signaling steady progress toward universal access to safe drinking water.



Farmers in Hoima District Boost Crop Production with Microscale Irrigation

*By Alex Tumuhimbise,
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Hoima district*

Farmers in Hoima District are improving their crop production by using microscale irrigation systems. This initiative is part of the Uganda Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfer Program (UgiFT), which is funded by the World Bank. The program helps farmers grow crops more effectively, especially during dry seasons when rain is scarce.

One success story is Paul Mubangizi, a farmer from Kitegwa B in Kabale sub-county. He used to rely on rain for his coffee plantation, but drought last year damaged many of his plants. After receiving an irrigation system, he has been able to expand his coffee farm from 2.5 acres to 5 acres.

"Now I can water my crops whenever I need to," Mubangizi says. He encourages other farmers to adopt microscale irrigation to ensure their crops thrive.

Another farmer, Mbabazi Deogratius, from Isokoma Village, shares similar experiences. He invested in the irrigation system for his

coffee and vegetables. "This system is a game changer. It uses solar power, so I always have water available for my plants," he explains.

Recently, the Hoima district government launched 28 new irrigation projects that will benefit 28 farmers. The government contributed UGX 487 M, while farmers raised UGX 186 M to support these projects. This partnership shows how farmers and the government can work together to improve agriculture.

Officials are urging more farmers to join the microscale irrigation program. They also emphasize the importance of protecting wetlands to ensure a sustainable water supply for irrigation in the future.

With these initiatives, farmers in Hoima District hope to produce more food and improve their livelihoods, even as they face challenges from climate change. The community is optimistic about the future of agriculture in the region.



The Assistant RDC Hoima Shafih Ntuuyo and Hoima district technical staff commissioning the microscale irrigation system at the farm of one of the beneficiaries

Kikuube District to Boost Climate Resilience Through Woodlot Programme

By Faridah Ndagano, Communication Officer, Kikuube District

Kikuube District has welcomed the Investing in Forests and Protected Areas for Climate Smart Development (IFPA-CD) Programme, with three sub-counties of Kabwooya, Kyangwali and Kiziranfumbi selected to benefit from the initiative.

The programme, financed by the World Bank in conjunction with the Government of Uganda, aims to improve sustainable management of forests and protected areas, and increase benefits to communities from forests in target landscapes.

During the inception meeting held at the district headquarters, key stakeholders learned that the project will support the establishment of approximately 2,000 hectares of tree cover by about 8,000 farmers by June 2026.

The programme targets 19 districts in Western Uganda and Northwestern Uganda, focusing on areas hosting refugee settlements or within 5km of a settlement boundary.

Partners in the project include Green Life International, Ecotrust, NIRAS, and Havilah Co. Ltd, working alongside the Ministry of Water and Environment, Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, Uganda Wildlife Authority, and the National Forest Authority.

Steven Nsita Amooti, a Senior Consultant with NIRAS International, emphasized the importance of individual purpose in benefitting from the programme, saying, "The ultimate individual purpose should inform one's involvement as a beneficiary."

Peter Banura the District Chairperson pledged support and total commitment to the project, citing its timely arrival to address the rising climate change gaps in the district.

The Governor called upon his fellow leaders to sensitize the locals on the Project in order to create awareness.

The programme is expected to increase tree cover, enhance the supply of tree products, and benefit local communities, with no limitations on the tree species to be planted.



Key stakeholders from Kikuube district and NIRA team at the project inception meeting held at the district Headquarters

National Local Government Performance Assessment Begins in Kikuube District

By Faridah Ndagano, Communication Officer, Kikuube District



The assessment team, together with the District Governor Hon. Peter Banura and the CAO Can. Edward Musingye at the entry meeting

The National Local Government Performance Assessment (LGPA) officially commenced today in Kikuube District with an inception meeting held at the district Council hall.

The three-day evaluation, running until November 20, 2025, aims to guide resource allocation, reward effective practices, and address areas needing improvement within the local government.

The assessment team, led by Dr. Esau Willy Nshabiirwe, was welcomed by Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Can. Edward Musingye and his deputy. CAO Musingye encouraged technical officers to actively engage in the process, share information transparently, and learn from the evaluation team's expertise. He emphasized the district's capable and motivated staff's

willingness to improve.

Dr. Nshabiirwe explained that the evaluation, conducted under the Local Government Management of Service Delivery (LGMSD 2025) framework, will encompass the district council, lower local governments, primary schools, and health facilities.

Assistant RDC Mr. Ahaabwe Tobias, representing the President's Office, lauded Kikuube for its consistent achievements, describing the district as a highly effective team. He highlighted the assessment's role in clarifying goals and objectives.

District Governor Hon. Peter Banura expressed confidence in the technical team, emphasizing strategic investments like the Kingfisher Oil Field, Kabwooya Wildlife Reserve, Hoima Sugar, and the Kisaru and

Bugambe tea estates that are driving Kikuube's progress.

Deputy Governor Hon. Opio Vicent Alpha recalled a past benchmarking visit to Ibanda District that spurred Kikuube's improvement after a period of lower performance. He also acknowledged the CAO's efficient coordination and noted the upcoming presidential visit of H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, emphasizing the assessment's importance in ensuring readily available information across all departments.

The results of the LGPA are expected to inform future development planning and resource distribution for Kikuube District.

Masindi: Your Gateway to Ugandan Adventure and Murchison Falls National Park



Masindi District, a vibrant hub in western Uganda, isn't just a place to pass through; it's your official gateway to the majestic Murchison Falls National Park, the country's largest and oldest wildlife sanctuary. Just a short 20-minute drive from Masindi Town, the adventure begins the moment you arrive

at the Kichumbanyobo gate, promising an unforgettable journey into the heart of African wilderness.

Your Murchison Falls experience begins on the southern side of the park. Be prepared to be greeted by the playful antics of baboons and the intriguing presence of chimpanzees at Kanio Pabidi in the lush Budongo Forest

reserve. As you venture deeper, prepare to be captivated by the awe-inspiring Murchison Falls themselves. A rewarding hike to the top of these powerful falls, arguably the most powerful waterfalls in the world, offers breathtaking views and the chance to witness a permanent rainbow dancing in the mist – a truly magical sight.

Day two in Murchison Falls beckons with an early morning game drive across the bridge to the northern side of the park. Focus your exploration around Paraa, a prime location for spotting the park's most iconic residents. Keep your eyes peeled for majestic elephants, regal lions, graceful giraffes, sturdy buffaloes, playful zebras, elegant Uganda Cobs, waterbucks, and

comical warthogs – a true safari spectacle!

The adventure continues in the afternoon with a leisurely boat ride on the Victoria Nile. Starting around 2:00 pm, this cruise offers a unique perspective on the park's diverse ecosystem. Keep your camera ready for incredible wildlife sightings along the riverbanks and witness the power of the falls from a new and unforgettable angle.

Murchison Falls National Park offer a truly immersive Ugandan experience, blending breathtaking landscapes, abundant wildlife, and unforgettable adventures. So, pack your bags, grab your binoculars, and get ready to explore the wonders that await you!



Elephants at the Murchison Falls National Park



Kichumbanyobo-Gate

Discover the Charm of JOWATE Agrotourism Center in Masindi

By Brian Atuhura, Communication Officer, Masindi District

Escape the ordinary and immerse yourself in the vibrant world of sustainable agriculture at JOWATE Agrotourism Center, nestled in the heart of Kyabikule village, Masindi district, Uganda. Spanning over 250 acres, this haven of agricultural innovation offers a captivating glimpse into the diverse and rewarding

practices of modern farming.

JOWATE Agrotourism Center Limited boasts an impressive array of enterprises, showcasing the potential of integrated farming systems.

As Geoffrey Kagoro Wamara, a Director at JOWATE, proudly states, the farm is a



The Director JOWATE Agrotourism Center Kagoro (R) chatting with a team that had come to purchase one of the products recently

tapestry woven with diverse crops and livestock. Visitors can explore:

Lush Orchards: Wander through an 8-acre demonstration orchard garden bursting with a variety of fruit trees.

Coffee and Nut Plantations: Immerse yourselves in the aroma of 10 acres of coffee and 8 acres of macadamia plantations.

Avocado Groves: Discover the delights of 6 acres dedicated to Hass avocados.

Diverse Fruit Collection: Admire a collection of over 100 assorted fruit trees, offering a rainbow of flavors.

Herbal and Spice Garden: Uncover the secrets of traditional medicine and culinary delights with 20 species of herbal trees and 15 spice varieties.

Fish Farming: Witness the art of aquaculture with 21 fish ponds, 7 of which are currently teeming with life.

Dairy Farming: Observe the process of dairy farming and learn about the 30 cows

producing approximately 100 liters of milk daily.

Sugarcane Plantation: Tour through the extensive 100 acres of sugarcane plantation.

JOWATE Agrotourism Center is more than just a farm; it's an experience. It's a place where visitors can:

Learn about sustainable farming practices: Witness firsthand how JOWATE is committed to eco-friendly agriculture.

Enjoy recreational activities: Relax and reconnect with nature amidst the beautiful surroundings.

Sample local cuisine: Indulge in delicious meals prepared with fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

Engage with the community: Learn about the local culture and contribute to the sustainable development of the region.

Kagoro emphasizes JOWATE's model farm

as a beacon of innovation, inspiring the promotion of domestic tourism and offering a unique opportunity to connect with the land.

JOWATE Agrotourism Center is an ideal destination for families, students, researchers, and anyone seeking an authentic and educational agricultural experience. Whether you're interested in learning about organic farming, enjoying the tranquility of the countryside, or simply seeking a unique getaway, JOWATE promises an unforgettable adventure.

Experience the vibrant heart of Ugandan agriculture at JOWATE Agrotourism Center – where education, entertainment, and community come together in a celebration of sustainable living.

Security Officials Seek End to DRC Militia Attacks on Lake Albert Fishing Communities



Min. Mary Mugasa poses for a photo moment with Albertine region officials after a high-level security meeting

Public Service State Minister Mary Mugasa convened a high-level security meeting with Albertine region officials to address the ongoing threat posed by Congolese militias to fishing communities along the shores of Lake Albert. The meeting, held recently, aimed to find a lasting solution to the insecurity plaguing these communities, who rely on the shared natural resource for their livelihoods.

Minister Mugasa expressed deep concern over the persistent challenges faced by the fishing communities, citing constant attacks

from Congolese militias, extortion, a lack of alternative income sources, illegal fishing practices, and exploitation by political actors with vested interests.

The closed-door security meeting included representatives from the National Security Mobilisation Task Force, senior Uganda People's Defence Force (UPDF) officers, regional and district police commanders, Resident District Commissioners (RDCs), district chairpersons, and officers from the Fisheries Protection Unit (FPU) from districts bordering Lake Albert, including



Kagadi, Hoima, Buliisa, and Kikuube.

A key outcome of the meeting was a call for the UPDF to strengthen its efforts to combat the DRC-based insurgents, who have been regularly attacking and seizing fishing communities, stealing their boats, nets, and engines, and demanding ransom for their return. Mugasa emphasized the need to put an end to these attacks and protect the livelihoods of Ugandan citizens.

Furthermore, Minister Mugasa called for a total ban on the importation of illegal fishing gear, a measure aimed at curbing unsustainable fishing practices that further threaten the already vulnerable fishing communities.

The government hopes that by addressing both security concerns and environmental issues, a more sustainable and secure future can be built for the residents of the Lake Albert shoreline.

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