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Welcome to the 16th Edition of Bunyoro Magazine Post your trusted voice for news, development, and stories from the heart of Bunyoro Kingdom.

This edition captures the dynamic spirit of our region as we continue to witness significant strides in infrastructure, sports, health, agriculture, and local governance. From FUFA's high-level inspection of Hoima city hotels in preparation for the upcoming AfCON championship, to Kagadi District's ambitious budget and its clear priorities for the coming year, we bring you insightful coverage of the plans shaping our future.

We also spotlight Masindi's determined efforts to tackle poverty, alongside a deeply emotional farewell by district staff to their long serving Agricultural Officer who dedicated 28 remarkable years to the sector. In the area of health, we highlight EACOP's commendable

initiative in upgrading a health facility in Kitoba that promises to improve access to quality healthcare for our communities. These stories, among many others in this edition, reflect both the challenges and the progress unfolding across Bunyoro. They remind us of the resilience, ambition, and collective will that define our people.

As we continue to grow, we warmly invite our readers, leaders, organizations, and development partners to actively contribute to future editions. Whether it is a success story, a development project, an opinion piece, or key announcements from your institution, we welcome your submissions. Your contributions help us tell the authentic story of Bunyoro and amplify the voices that matter most. We hope you find this edition both informative and inspiring. Thank you for your continued readership and support.

Happy reading!

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Thank you for your unwavering support. Together, let's continue to chronicle the rise of Bunyoro

FUFA Begins Hotel Inspections in Hoima Ahead of AFCON 2027

By Brian Atuhura, Communication Officer, Masindi



The Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA) has launched assessments of hotel facilities in Hoima City as part of preparations for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), which Uganda will co-host with Kenya and Tanzania from June 19 to July 18, 2027.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) team, led by FUFA Marketing Executive Rogers Byamukama Araali, began the inspections on Monday at Miika Eco Resort Hotel. Officials toured guest rooms, dining areas, conference halls, recreational spaces, and other amenities to evaluate:

- Room capacity
- Cleanliness
- Security
- Service quality
- Proximity to match venues

Hoima City Stadium, a 20,000-seater venue recently commissioned by President Yoweri Museveni and granted CAF and FIFA approval, is one of Uganda's three designated hosting grounds for the tournament. It will accommodate group-stage matches and training camps.

The assessments address longstanding concerns about accommodation shortages in the Bunyoro region. In February, Sports Minister Peter Ogwang assured the public that government-led upgrades would ensure sufficient high-standard hotels for teams and fans.

“This is a very important exercise because AFCON is a major international tournament,” Byamukama said during the Miika Eco Resort visit. Inspections will

continue across Hoima and surrounding areas, with recommendations for any necessary upgrades to meet Confederation of African Football (CAF) standards.

Successful delivery of the tournament is expected to boost tourism and the local economy in western Uganda. Further venue and infrastructure checks by CAF are ongoing across the three host nations.

Hoima District and EACOP Near Completion of UGX 2 Bn Health Facility Upgrade in Kitoba

By Alex Tumuhimbise, Communication officer - Hoima City



Hoima District leaders, technical staff, and EACOP representatives convene for a planning meeting at the district headquarters

Hoima District Local Government and the East African Crude Oil Pipeline-EACOP are in final stages of implementing a 2 Billion Shillings Project of upgrading Mbaraara Health facility to a health center level in Kitoba Town Council.

Recently, a team of top officials from EACOP engaged Hoima District Chairman Uthuman Mugisha, Resident District Commissioner Rogers Mbabazi, Chief Administrative Officer Ssempala Emmanuel, District Executive Committee members and other technical officers

to harmonize on the final steps of implementing the project.

Hoima District Chairman Uthuman Mugisha says the upgrading of Mbaraara Health Center will bring huge relief to local communities in Kitoba and other places. He says other oil companies should also consider

putting up projects which support communities.

The Acting District Health Officer Dr Lawrance Tumusiime said the upgrade of the health facility will come with a fully-fledged maternity ward and staff quarters which will improve service delivery.

Hoima District Plants 300 Trees to Combat Climate Change

By Alex Tumuhimbise, Communication Officer - Hoima City



Hoima CAO Ssempala Emmanuel, Assistant RDC Shafih Ntuuyo, Hoima District Vice Chairperson and representatives from Good Forest Foundation during the tree-planting exercise recently in Kitoba Sub County

Hoima District, in partnership with the Good Forest Foundation, has planted more than 300 trees in observance of the International Day of Forests, district officials said.

The tree-planting exercise was carried out Thursday in Kitoba sub-county and parts of Hoima City. Collins Mugabi, project coordinator for the Good Forest Foundation, said the activity is part of ongoing efforts to curb environmental degradation and reduce the impacts of climate change.

The event was officially opened by the Hoima Resident District Commissioner's office, represented by Assistant RDC Shafih Ntuuyo, who praised the foundation and other development partners for supporting the initiative.

"Tree-planting initiatives like this are critical for restoring landscapes and

building climate resilience," Ntuuyo said.

Hellen Mulumba, speaking on behalf of Hoima District Chairman Uthumani Mugisha Kadiri, emphasized the role of tree planting in securing energy sources and protecting the environment from threats such as deforestation.

"Reforestation is essential for our communities' future – it safeguards water sources, improves soil health, and provides sustainable fuel and income options," Mulumba said.

Hoima Chief Administrative Officer Ssempala Emmanuel, District Natural Resources Officer Josephine Nyangoma, and other technical officers joined local stakeholders and community members in the exercise. Organizers said the saplings will be monitored to ensure survival and long-term growth.

Kagadi District Unveils Ambitious UGX 50 Bn Budget Proposal for 2026/2027

By George Gulyetonda, Communication Officer – Kagadi



Kagadi District council plenary

A total of 50,070,458,000 Draft Budget Estimates, Annual work plan and other mandatory policy Documents for Kagadi District Local Government for FY 2026–2027, have been laid before Kagadi District Council for further scrutiny and review.

The draft budget highlighted key areas in infrastructure, education, agriculture, and healthcare among others.

The Secretary for Finance, Planning, Administration, and Investment, Magezi Jamadah Francis, presented the motion during a council meeting held on March 24, 2026, at the JW Kate Hotel Conference Center in Kagadi Town Council./03/2026 at JW Kate Hotel Conference Center in Kagadi Town Council.

The Council Sitting was presided over by Rt.Hon.Magezi Muwonge the District Speaker.

Upon review and scrutiny, the draft budget will be approved in the subsequent council sitting scheduled for 7th/May 2026.

Other mandatory documents laid before council included Revenue

enhancement Plan, Recruitment Plan, Capacity Building Plan, Procurement and Disposal Plan, Operations and Maintenance Plan, Disaster Preparedness plan.

Vincent Kyaligonza the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Kagadi urged political leaders in the district to support the government in sensitising the public about the operations of the PDM programme and the need to ensure its effectiveness as a revolving fund.

He added that Parish Development Model (PDM) loans begin expiring, marking the start of the recovery phase for funds disbursed and urged beneficiaries to repay the funds to keep the revolving fund active.

In his address, District Chairperson Ndibwami B Yosia informed members that there has been steady progress in project implementation for FY 2025–2026.

He further said the district had developed a plan to commission and handover all completed projects for community use.

Kiryandongo: Baylor Uganda and UNICEF Provide Sewing Machines to Adolescent Girls

By Emmanuel Murungi, Communication Officer– Kiryandongo

Baylor Uganda, with support from UNICEF, has donated 40 sewing machines to adolescent girls in Kiryandongo District who recently completed tailoring training at the Bunyoro Presidential Industrial Hub and other vocational institutions.

The donation is part of ongoing efforts to empower vulnerable girls with practical skills and tools to improve their livelihoods and reduce their vulnerability to social challenges such as teenage pregnancies and school dropout.



Inasuku Natacha Gloria (L), the Assistant RDC, alongside Kiryandongo District leaders, presents a sewing machine to one of the beneficiaries

While officiating at the handover ceremony, the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of Kiryandongo, Morris Tumusiime, commended Baylor Uganda for its continued support to the district across multiple sectors, including health and education. He noted that the provision of sewing machines would significantly complement government interventions aimed at addressing the high rates of teenage pregnancies and early school dropout.

“This support comes at a critical time and will go a long way in equipping these young girls with sustainable skills to earn a living and build independent futures,” Tumusiime said.

Martin Kauta, a Program Officer at Baylor Uganda, urged district leaders to utilize existing administrative and community structures to effectively monitor and support beneficiaries. He emphasized the importance of follow-up to ensure the success and sustainability of the initiative.

“We call upon the district leadership to ensure these girls are supported beyond this point. Proper monitoring will help them translate these skills into meaningful livelihoods,” Kauta said.

He also cautioned the beneficiaries against selling the sewing machines for short-term financial gain, warning that such actions would undermine the long-term objectives of the program.

“Resist the temptation of quick money. These machines are your foundation for a better future,” he added.

The Assistant RDC, Inasuku Gloria Natacha, also applauded Baylor Uganda and UNICEF for their targeted support to vulnerable adolescent girls in the district. She expressed optimism that the initiative would transform the lives and welfare of the beneficiaries.

Natacha encouraged the girls to fully utilize the startup kits provided, stressing the importance of hard work, discipline, and commitment in building successful tailoring careers and small businesses.

“This is an opportunity to change your life story. Use these tools wisely and grow your skills into sustainable businesses,” she advised.

The beneficiaries, drawn from various parts of the district, expressed gratitude for the support, noting that the machines would enable them to start income-

generating activities and become self-reliant.

The initiative aligns with broader national and district-level efforts to promote youth skilling and economic empowerment as a pathway to social transformation and poverty reduction.

Masindi District Honors Abdul Mukasa: Celebrating 28 Years of Agricultural Service

By Brian Atuhura, Communication Officer – Masindi



Mukasa, cutting a cake in jubilation upon his retirement and accompanied by district staff and family members

Staff and officials of Masindi District on Friday paid tribute to Assistant Agriculture Officer Abdul Mukasa as he retired after 28 years of public service.

Mukasa joined the district in 1998 and

retires in 2026 after a long career providing agricultural extension services to farmers across the district. Colleagues say his work helped improve farming practices and strengthen rural livelihoods.

Speaking as chief guest at a farewell ceremony held at the district headquarters, Mukasa expressed gratitude for the recognition and noted that extension staff are often overlooked during retirement celebrations. "I am thankful for this day," he said. "Extension workers have long served in the background, and it means a lot to be acknowledged."

Reflecting on his early years, Mukasa recalled the challenges of limited transport and infrastructure that made reaching remote farmers difficult. Despite those obstacles, he said he remained committed to his duties and to improving conditions for the farming community.

Mukasa also praised the district leadership for creating a supportive work environment. "The harmonious working relationships here enabled me to serve diligently and support my family," he said, noting that he was able to provide for his children, including

paying school fees.

In remarks at the function, Principal Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Musa Kyamiza described Mukasa as a hardworking, dependable officer who consistently completed assignments on time and retires with a clean record.

District Agriculture Officer Job Byaruhanga commended Mukasa's discipline, respect for authority and steadfast dedication to service. "His professionalism and commitment have left an enduring mark on both colleagues and the farmers he served," Byaruhanga said.

Mukasa leaves behind a legacy of dedication and professionalism that district officials and the farming community will remember. A range of well-wishers and colleagues attended the ceremony to celebrate his career and contributions to agricultural development in Masindi.



Mukasa Abdul, holding the microphone with his family members during his farewell ceremony

Masindi Leaders Urged to Unite for Poverty Alleviation and Better Services

By Brian Atuhura, Communication Officer- Masindi

Masindi leaders have been urged to unite and intensify efforts to tackle poverty and improve public services, Senior Presidential Advisor for mobilisation retired Lt. Col. Kibrai Ambaka said at a recent service delivery meeting.

Addressing district officials, departmental heads, security personnel and other stakeholders at Masindi District headquarters, Ambaka called on elected leaders and technocrats to refocus on mobilising communities into

productive activities and encouraging participation in government programmes that boost household incomes. He also asked the Office of the RDC to work closely with heads of departments to create awareness and promote these programmes.

Ambaka urged the police to step up community sensitisation on crime prevention through regular community meetings, saying security engagement is key to enabling development.



Leaders of Masindi attending the service delivery meeting organized by Office of the President

Masindi CAO Samuel Ruhweza Kaija pushed stakeholders to mobilise farmers and producers to access the Agriculture Credit Facility (ACF) loans offered by the Bank of Uganda through partner institutions such as Pearl Bank Uganda. Ruhweza warned that about Shs 200 billion under the facility remains unutilised, despite its potential to support farmers and increase production.

Ruhweza also reported an uptick in local revenue collection since the introduction of the Integrated Revenue Administration System (IRAS), which he said has helped reduce leakages.

NRM District Vice Chairperson Kassim Kabagonza appealed for provision of a vehicle to help the party's district

leadership effectively monitor the implementation of its manifesto, citing transport challenges that hinder oversight of government programmes and projects.

Resident District Commissioner Darius Nandinda called on the central government to prioritise recruitment of key health cadres to strengthen health service delivery across the district.

The meeting, organised by the Office of the President, highlighted calls for coordinated action between political leaders, administration, security agencies and financial partners to translate policy into tangible improvements for Masindi residents.

Farmers in Masindi Voice Concerns About Faulty Irrigation System

By Brian Atuhura, Communication Officer- Masindi



Micro scale irrigation farmers attending the meeting

Farmers benefiting from the micro-scale irrigation program in Masindi District have raised concerns over the poor performance of some irrigation systems, citing limited impact on their agricultural productivity.

The affected farmers attributed the challenges to contractors who allegedly supplied sub-standard equipment or carried out incomplete and poor installations, rendering some systems ineffective on their farms.

The concerns were raised during a recent district meeting at headquarters to review the implementation progress of the micro scale irrigation program.

Responding to the issues, Senior Engineer from the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), Baker S Ogwang, who also serves as the cluster coordinator for the program, assured farmers that corrective measures

would be taken. He noted that the Ministry, in collaboration with the district, will compel contractors responsible for faulty installations to rectify the defects. In some cases, farmers may be required to make minimal contributions, particularly for materials not included in the original project scope.

Ogwang emphasized that the program is specifically designed for Small holder farmers to enhance productivity, with irrigation coverage limited to a maximum of 2.5 acres. He advised farmers intending to irrigate larger areas to independently acquire additional equipment.

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Jane Akiror praised the government for providing irrigation support to farmers, emphasizing that this initiative will facilitate year-round production and boost household incomes. She



Micro-irrigation farmers, district leaders, and MAAIF Senior Engineer Baker Ogwang pose for a group photo after an engagement session discussing the status of micro-scale irrigation

also encouraged extension workers to enhance their support to farmers to fully leverage the benefits of this technology.

Representing the District Chairperson, Vice Chairperson Kassim Kabagonza commended farmers for adopting irrigation technology, highlighting it as a crucial factor in boosting agricultural productivity within the district. He also urged the Ministry to sustain its efforts in providing technical support.

Closing the meeting, Secretary for Production Geoffrey Kiiza Bigabwa,

representing the RDC lauded the implementation of the program, noting that it's benefits are already encouraging more farmers to adopt the technology. He revealed that he personally earned over shs 10 million from vegetable farming supported by irrigation.

Kiiza further appealed to the Ministry to extend support to agro-processors to promote value addition and expand market opportunities for agricultural produce in Masindi District.

Bunyoro Farmers Encouraged to Enhance Quality for International Market Access

By Alex Tumuhimbise, Communication Officer – Hoima City



Farmers receiving free fertilizers from SR Fertilizer Company after the training on quality assurance by Ministry of Agriculture on Wednesday at Hoima Youth center

Farmers and traders in the Bunyoro region have been urged to prioritize product quality and certification if they are to take advantage of growing export opportunities linked to oil and gas development.

Niyetegeka Blair Emmanuel, Senior

Agriculture Inspector in the Department of Crop Inspection and Certification at the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries (MAAIF), made the appeal today during a training session at the Hoima Youth Center. Participants included agriculture

extension workers and farmers from Hoima City, Hoima District, Buliisa and Kikuube.

“International markets will only be open to producers who consistently deliver high-quality products,” Niyetegeka said, stressing that horticultural produce in particular has strong potential to break into export markets as oil and gas infrastructure expands in the region.

Businge K. Evelyn, Principal Assistant Secretary who represented the Chief Administrative Officer, called for greater mobilization of farmers around consistent production, value addition and the sustainable use of agrochemicals to meet export standards.

“Value addition and adherence to production standards are critical if farmers are to compete internationally,”

she said.

The training, coordinated by Dr. Kajura Charles, Hoima District Production and Marketing Officer, together with MAAIF, focused on phytosanitary inspection and certification with emphasis on fruits and vegetables. Organizers said the sessions aim to equip producers with the knowledge needed to meet phytosanitary requirements and improve market access.

Participants were encouraged to adopt good agricultural practices, proper use of agrochemicals and post-harvest handling techniques that support quality assurance and traceability – key factors for successful entry into international supply chains.



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