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**D**ear Valued Readers,  
Welcome to the 17th edition of the Bunyoro Post, your trusted window into the heartbeat of the Bunyoro sub-region.

As always, we are honoured to bring you stories that matter – stories of progress, community, and the people who shape our beloved region.

In this edition, we shine a spotlight on the government's continued commitment to grassroots welfare, with the donation of iron sheets and sewing machines reaching youths across three districts – a gesture that speaks directly to the livelihoods and dignity of our people. We also bring you an update on the much-anticipated Kingfisher Oil Project, as developments continue to unfold in what promises to be a transformative chapter for Bunyoro and Uganda at large. Alongside this, we report on a significant milestone for healthcare in our region, as Masindi General Hospital receives a long-overdue

boost in modern medical equipment – a step forward in ensuring quality care for all.

On the infrastructure front, we track the progress of the Kijunjubwa Major Water Project, which holds the promise of safe, clean water for thousands of our residents. Additionally, we celebrate the spirit of womanhood a little later than the calendar dictates, as we cover a belated International Women's Day celebration graced by the Minister, Hon. Mugasa – a reminder that honouring women's contributions is never out of season.

These stories, and many more, fill the pages of this edition with the resilience and ambition that define the people of Bunyoro.

As we continue to grow this platform, we remain deeply grateful for your readership, your feedback, and your trust. This publication exists because of you and for you.

**Happy reading.**

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# Gov't Injects UGX 102 Bn into Bunyoro's Hospitality Sector Ahead of AFCON 2027

*By Farida Ndagano, Communication Officer, Kikuube District*



The Government of Uganda has earmarked UGX102 billion to expand and upgrade hotel infrastructure. The investment, announced by

Rogers Byamukama, FUFA Vice President in charge of Marketing and Communication, aims to ensure Hoima City meets international standards

for accommodating teams, officials, and thousands of visitors expected at the newly commissioned Hoima City Stadium.

The funding breaks down as follows: UGX 52 billion will finance the construction of a brand-new 100-bed, five-star hotel strategically located between Kabalega International Airport in Kabaale Sub-county and Hoima City Stadium. An additional UGX 30 billion will be provided as low-interest “friendly” loans to support the upgrade of existing hotels to four- and five-star levels. The remaining UGX 20 billion will go toward qualifying facilities and related hospitality support. This initiative comes as government teams, led by Byamukama, continue inspections of hotels in Hoima and surrounding districts to identify facilities suitable for AFCON teams.

“We have been directed to ensure that Bunyoro is ready to host with world-class standards,” Byamukama stated during recent engagements with local stakeholders.

For Bunyoro, the announcement carries deeper significance beyond the 2027 tournament. The region, already experiencing rapid transformation due to oil and gas developments in the Albertine Graben, is now positioning itself as a diversified economic hub. The new hotel and upgraded facilities are expected to create hundreds of direct and indirect jobs in construction, hospitality, transport, and related services—opportunities that will extend well past the final whistle of AFCON.

Local business leaders have welcomed the move enthusiastically. Wakisa James, Chairperson of the Bunyoro Hotel Owners Association, described the investment as “a chance for us to

grow and to put Hoima on the map.” Harrison Musinga, Chairman of the Bunyoro Sports Association, echoed this sentiment, noting that high-quality accommodation is not only a CAF requirement but a vital factor in ensuring player comfort and performance.

The timing is particularly strategic. Kabalega International Airport and the Hoima City Stadium—both flagship infrastructure projects—now gain a critical hospitality complement. Once the tournament concludes, these upgraded hotels are poised to serve a growing stream of tourists drawn to Bunyoro’s rich cultural heritage and natural attractions, including Murchison Falls National Park and the historic Kibiro Hot Springs.

Experts project that the combined effect of oil-driven business travel and post-AFCON sports tourism could significantly increase visitor numbers and revenue for the region. This UGX 102 billion commitment highlights a broader government vision: turning AFCON 2027 into a lasting legacy for Bunyoro.

As the sub-region prepares to welcome the continent, the investment promises not just temporary excitement but sustained economic growth, job creation, and global visibility for one of Uganda’s most promising areas.

Bunyoro Magazine will continue to track developments as hotel upgrades progress and the countdown to AFCON 2027 intensifies. For local hoteliers interested in the loan facilities, further details are available through the Ministry of Finance and the Local Organizing Committee.

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# EACOP Secures Community Spring to Ensure Continued Clean Water Access for 900 Kijumba Residents

*By Bunyoro Post Editor*



**M**ore than 900 residents of Kijumba village in Kabaale sub-county have been assured continued access to clean water after project teams protected a community spring during construction of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP).

The shallow spring well at Kilometre Point 2.5 along the pipeline route was found during pre-clearance work to sit inside the pipeline right-of-way and close to where welding would take place. The well, built in 2008 under the Poverty Action Fund, has long been the main water source for households in the area.

To avoid contamination, crews left the spring area undisturbed during vegetation clearance and topsoil stripping in October 2025. When trenching, welding and pipe lowering began in February 2026, the main contractor, China Petroleum Pipeline Engineering Co. Ltd (CPP), worked with community leaders and technical teams on a lasting solution.

They built a new water collection point outside the right-of-way that is identical in design to the original, but still draws from the same natural spring. Officials say the change kept the spring's water quality and flow the same while allowing

construction to continue safely.

Kijumba Village Local Council chairperson Robert Mucunguzi welcomed the move. "This spring is very important to our community because many families depend on it every day. We appreciate that the project team listened to our concerns and found a solution that allows construction to continue while protecting our water source," he said.

Residents expressed similar relief. "This well has supported our families for many years," said local resident Mariam Akiiki in late March 2026. "When construction started nearby, we were worried it

might affect us. We are grateful that the water source has been preserved and that a new collection point has been provided."

CPP also rehabilitated a nearby community borehole about 50 metres from the right-of-way, which had been non-functional. The restored borehole is now operational and provides an additional source of clean water for residents.

Officials say the work will ensure Kijumba residents have safe, reliable water during the construction period and afterward.

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## Kijunjubwa Water Project Set to Begin Design Phase

*By Brian Atuhura, Communication Officer -Masindi*



The members of the District Water and Sanitation Coordination Committee attending the quarterly meeting

Residents of Kijunjubwa Town Council can finally look forward to improved access to safe water as the district prepares to initiate a feasibility and detailed design study for a piped water supply project in the upcoming financial year. This announcement was made by Acting District Engineer Alfred Ocen during the quarterly District Water and Sanitation Coordination meeting held on Monday at the district headquarters.

The feasibility study, estimated to cost UGX 40 million, represents a significant step toward resolving the longstanding water challenges faced by the community. In his report, Eng. Ocen outlined several interventions aimed at enhancing access to safe water in the district.

Among these initiatives, four spring wells will be protected at a total cost of 21,037,860 shillings. The selected springs are located in Rwangware, Ekarakaveni, and Siiba villages in Nyantonzi Sub-County, as well as in Kisambo Village in Bwijanga Sub-County. Additionally, a deep borehole will be drilled at Kinumi Seed Community Secondary School for 28 million shillings, benefiting both the school and surrounding communities.

The district also plans to rehabilitate four existing boreholes at a total expenditure

of 41,194,820 shillings. These facilities are located at Muro Primary School, Kisoga Village, Rusangura Primary School in Bwijanga Sub-County, and Marongo Catholic Church in Bulima Town Council.

Simon Mugume, WASH Manager for Water Trust, reported substantial progress from development partners, highlighting that Water Trust has successfully drilled 16 out of the targeted 25 boreholes, rehabilitated five boreholes, and tested over 335 water points to ensure the provision of safe and clean water.

Lambert Tabu, Area Manager for the National Water and Sewerage Cooperation, added that the entity has extended water services to over 86,519 households and public facilities, achieving an impressive 86 percent coverage this financial year.

Closing the meeting, Principal Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Musa Kyamiza urged the district planning department to integrate the work plans and budgets of implementing partners to avoid duplication of efforts. He commended the collaboration between partners and the government, emphasizing that the district alone cannot meet the growing demand for safe water services.

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## Masindi District Sanitation Coverage Falls Well Below National Average

*By Brian Atuhura, Communication Officer – Masindi*



Assistant DHO Patrick Baguma presents the district sanitation report alongside Health Assistants and Dr. Rogers Musinguzi (fifth from left)

**M**asindi District leaders have expressed concern after a recent district report showed household sanitation coverage at 74.8 percent – well below the national average of 88 percent.

The findings were unveiled yesterday during the climax of sanitation week celebrations at Kimengo Primary School in Kimengo Sub-County. Patrick Baguma, Assistant District Health Officer in charge of Environmental Health, urged intensified efforts to raise standards, particularly in poorly performing areas.

The report singled out Kimengo Sub-County as the lowest performer, with latrine coverage at 55 percent and hand-washing facilities present in only 14.7 percent of households. By contrast, Kijunjubwa Sub-County recorded the highest coverage, with 97.3 percent of households having latrines and 28 percent equipped for hand washing.

Overall, just 27.4 percent of households in Masindi have basic sanitation facilities, while safely managed sanitation is available to only 12 percent. Safe water coverage averages 70 percent across the district, but this masks a

stark rural-urban divide: rural areas report 94 percent safe water coverage compared with only 20 percent in urban settings.

In schools, 67.5 percent have hand-washing facilities, yet the pupil-to-latrine stance ratio stands at 54:1, indicating persistent pressure on sanitation infrastructure and the need for more investment.

Baguma highlighted the public health implications, noting that up to 75 percent of the disease burden is preventable and that 60 percent of this is linked to poor sanitation and hygiene. His comments underscored the urgency of improving facilities and behaviour change across the district.



Participants pose for a group photo after the two day training on conflict detection and prevention

praised progress in some communities but called for greater action in underserved areas. District leaders urged stricter enforcement of sanitation requirements — including ensuring building plans provide for latrines — and closer collaboration between local

officials and health teams to promote household hygiene.

This year's sanitation week carried the theme: "Accelerating Safely Managed Sanitation for a Healthier Uganda."

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## Bunyoro Affairs Minister Delivers Iron Sheets and Sewing Machines Across Three Districts

*By Brian Atuhura, Alex Tumuhimbise, George Gulyetonda*



Minister Jenipher Namuyangu joins Hoima District leaders to distribute iron sheets and sewing machines, to community members during a ceremony at the district headquarters

The State Minister for Bunyoro Affairs, Hon. Jenipher (Jennifer Kacha) Namuyangu, has rolled out a major support programme in the Bunyoro region, distributing iron sheets to schools and sewing machines to youth and women groups in Hoima, Kagadi, and Masindi districts.

In Hoima District, Namuyangu

commissioned 450 iron sheets and 16 sewing machines. Kabale Public Primary School received 200 sheets while Kigoroby Primary School got 250. She urged beneficiaries to use the materials to improve the learning environment and promote self-employment through the sewing machines.

In Kagadi District, the minister handed over 500 iron sheets and 35 sewing machines to 19 groups. Bwikara SSS, Bishop Kyamanywa SSS, and Kihemba Primary School shared the roofing materials (200, 200, and 100 sheets respectively). Two women's nursery-bed groups in Kyenzige and Burora sub-counties also received Shs18 million to

boost their income. Namuyangu said the initiative aims to increase prosperity, reduce poverty, and improve quality of life. Kagadi CAO Epodoi Pauline Opio noted that since 2020 the district has received Shs206 million, 2,300 iron sheets, and 20 heifers under the same programme.



Bunyoro Affairs Minister Hon. Jennifer Kacha Namuyangu and District Councilor Wahid Juma Babyesiza present sewing machines to local beneficiaries.

In Masindi District, over 500 iron sheets went to four schools: Nyantonzi and Isagara primary schools (150 each), and St. Mary's Kyatiri and Ntooma primary schools (100 each). Fifteen sewing machines were given to graduates of the Bunyoro Industrial Hub.

The minister warned against misuse and directed the RDC and CAO to monitor utilisation. Deputy CAO Jane Akiror said the items would enhance academic

performance and livelihoods.

Namuyangu emphasised that Bunyoro Affairs will continue supplementing the Presidential Zonal Industrial Hub by supporting micro-projects that improve homestead income and infrastructure across the region. Local leaders in all three districts welcomed the gesture, describing it as a timely boost to education and poverty eradication.

# Masindi General Hospital Receives UGX 147M Medical Equipment Boost

By Brian Atuhura, Communication Officer- Masindi

**M**asindi General Hospital recently received a major boost after the Rotary Club of Bweyogerere Namboole, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Masindi, donated medical equipment worth USD 32,800 (about UGX 147.2 million) to improve health service delivery at the facility.

The equipment was recently handed over to hospital management during a ceremony held on the hospital grounds. At the same event, the Rotarians launched a Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) project valued at USD 64,000 (approximately UGX 294.4 million) to address the facility's persistent water challenges.

The donated medical equipment included C-section instruments, a sterilizer, surgical lights, an oxygen concentrator, an instrument cupboard, an operating table, weighing scales, and three delivery beds with mattresses, among other items.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Peace Flavia Lukabya, the President of the Rotary Club of Bweyogerere Namboole, said the donation fulfills a pledge the club made to support improved health services at the facility.

She noted that saving lives requires health workers to have the right tools, adding that providing the equipment



will empower medical staff to work more effectively and ensure mothers deliver safely.

Geoffrey Martin Kitakule, the District Governor of Rotary in Uganda, applauded the Rotarians for identifying the need for the medical equipment, noting that the support will save many lives and make a significant impact in the area.

He explained that the equipment worth USD 32,800 was secured through a grant from Rotary International.

Brenda Mugisa, the President of the Rotary Club of Masindi, said that under the WASH project, the club will install a solar powered water system to address the hospital's water shortage.

According to Mugisa, the project will include the installation of six 10,000 litre water tanks at different wards and rehabilitation of existing water facilities at the hospital.

Dr. Rogers Musinguzi, the Acting Executive Consultant for Masindi General

Hospital, said the facility handles about 420 deliveries every month, with over 120 mothers undergoing caesarean sections despite having limited equipment such as few delivery beds and only one operating table.

He emphasized that the donation would significantly enhance service delivery at the hospital and expressed his sincere gratitude to the Rotary Club of Bweyogerere Namboole for their invaluable support.

Dr. Musinguzi added that the WASH project, including the installation of a solar powered water system, will improve hospital operations and reduce expenditure on water, which is essential for the hospital's daily activities.

Jane Akiror, the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Masindi, commended the Rotary Club of Bweyogerere Namboole for both the medical equipment donation and the WASH project, noting that the hospital had been facing major changes.



# Masindi Leaders Urged to Champion Patriotism to Drive National Development

By Brian Atuhura, Communication Officer- Masindi



Front row Senior Presidential Advisor Bakalikwira J.J. (6th left), Mayor-elect Rogers Amanyire (center), Assistant RDC Hellen Tugume (6th left), and Chairperson-elect Patrick Wobusobozi (5th left) pose with ICT Ministry and district officials.

Leaders in Masindi District have been urged to embrace patriotism and appreciate the country's history as a foundation for sustainable national development.

The call was made during a one day training on national guidance held yesterday at the district headquarters and organized by the Ministry of Information, Communications Technology and National Guidance, bringing together political leaders, technocrats, religious leaders and civil society actors.

Delivering a presentation, Senior Presidential Advisor on Special Duties and Acting Commissioner for National Guidance Bakalikwira J.J said Uganda's

nation building agenda is anchored on achieving socio-economic transformation for all citizens. He noted that since 1986, the NRM has driven this transformation through four ideological pillars named patriotism, pan-Africanism, democracy and economic transformation.

He said these pillars have guided programs aimed at modernizing the country, fostering unity and promoting prosperity at the grassroots.

In a separate presentation, Richard Ssali Ssango from the ICT Ministry, outlined key principles underpinning vision 2040, including ownership by stakeholders, strong political will, good governance, efficient resource utilization, balanced

development and accountability.

Assistant Resident District Commissioner Masindi, Hellen Tugume urged leaders to work together to drive development in their respective areas.

On his part, the District Male Councilor for Central Division, Issa Balinda who represented the District Chairperson, called for unity and

he appealed for more trainings to strengthen leadership capacity.

Closing the training, the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Jane Akiror, described the training as timely, especially for newly elected leaders, and emphasized the importance of civic education in building responsible citizens and advancing development.



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

## Minister Mugasa Commends Women for Their Pivotal Role in National Development

*By Alex Tumuhimbise, Communication Officer – Hoima City*

The State Minister for Public Service Hon Mary Mugasa has commended women for their immense contribution to the development of the country.

Mugasa made the remarks on Friday

while officiating as a chief guest at the belated women's day function for Hoima District at Butema COU Primary School in Buhanka Sub County.

Mugasa said the NRM government has labored to support women development

through different interventions including UWEP, PDM and other projects. She has appealed to women to remain strong pillars of family building and the alleviation of poverty in households.

The newly elected Hoima District Woman MP Wembabzi Beatrice has pledged to continue lobbying and supporting women's development initiatives.

The Hoima District Chairman Uthuman Mugisha Kadiri who was represented by Secretary for social services Hillary Tumusiime has said that the district has been able to oversee the disbursement of UWEP funds to different women groups. He says the district should

continue to provide support on proper use of the funds.

The Chairperson of Women Council for Hoima District Margret Ruhigwa has commended the district leadership for supporting women. She said women development initiatives like UWEP have positively impacted the lives of many women who are now improving on household income.

The day was celebrated with a number of activities including an exhibition of different projects by women, cervical cancer screening, HIV testing and entertainment from several schools and drama groups.



Hon. Mary Mugasa, State Minister for Public Service, inspecting exhibition stalls featuring various products organized by local women at Butema COU Primary School

# MTN Uganda and Partners Establish 12-Acre Forest in Bunyoro

By Faridah Ndagano, Commucations Officer – Kikuube District

**M**TN Uganda, in partnership with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and the Bunyoro Kingdom, has officially inaugurated a 12.4-acre sustainable woodlot in Kikuube District. This initiative, launched during Earth Hour events at St. Joseph Vocational Training Institute, integrates youth skills development with environmental conservation in one of Uganda’s key oil-producing regions.

The project aims to rehabilitate degraded land while embedding climate-conscious practices into

vocational training curricula. Ibrahim Senyonga, General Manager of MTN Uganda’s Enterprise Business Unit, remarked on the significance of this collaboration:

“When WWF Uganda approached us, we recognized an opportunity to create a lasting impact. This woodlot reflects our commitment to the youth, our forests, and the future of Uganda.”

The woodlot serves as a practical learning environment, enabling students to acquire technical skills



Bunyoro Kingdom Prime Minister Andrew Byakutaka plants a tree during the Earth Hour commemoration in Kikuube District, joined by MTN’s Ibrahim Senyonga, and staff

while participating in environmental stewardship. This initiative aspires to transform young individuals into proactive advocates for climate solutions.

Uganda is currently grappling with severe challenges related to deforestation and land degradation, exacerbated by population growth and increasing energy demands. Conservation experts assert that community-based woodlots not only facilitate forest restoration but also generate economic opportunities for local populations. The Kikuube initiative builds on Uganda’s distinguished role as the host of the world’s first

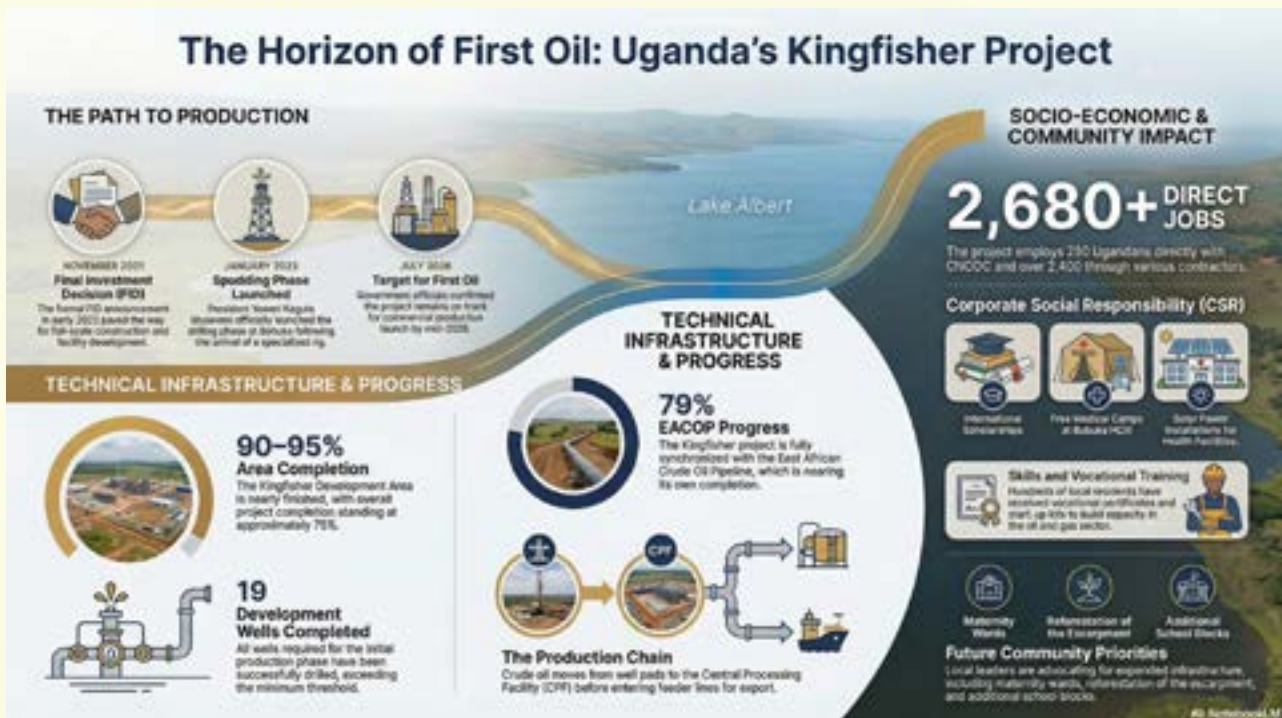
Earth Hour Forest in 2013, reinforcing its reputation as a regional leader in grassroots climate action.

Situated in the Albertine Graben oil zone, Kikuube is a vital area for Uganda's economic development. Annet Proscovia Mugisa, the District Natural Resources Officer, emphasized, "This district represents the country's economic future, but that future must be sustainable."

The woodlot exemplifies responsible development and MTN's commitment to sustainability, ensuring that economic growth is aligned with ecological

preservation. Other collaborators, including the Uganda National Oil Company, Uganda Red Cross Society, and Roofings Group, underscore the growing involvement of the private sector in climate-focused initiatives.

Local communities and students will play a crucial role in maintaining the woodlot, which is expected to enhance biodiversity and improve air quality over time. MTN Uganda is committed to expanding such partnerships, particularly in rapidly developing regions, to align environmental sustainability with national development objectives.



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