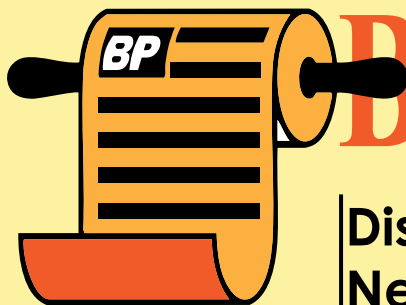




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rise of Bunyoro**

Editor's Note

Welcome to the Second Edition of The Bunyoro Post

To our dedicated readers and the people of Bunyoro,

It is with immense pride and a deep sense of responsibility that we present to you the second edition of The Bunyoro Post. This edition builds on our founding promise: to be your trusted lens on the developments shaping our beloved kingdom and region.

In these pages, you will find a comprehensive focus on the progress being made across Bunyoro. We have dedicated significant space to tracking the implementation and impact of key government development programs. Our contributors have been on the ground, bringing you detailed updates on the Parish Development Model (PDM), following the funds and the stories of transformation at the grassroots level.

Furthermore, we bring you the latest on the extensive infrastructure upgrades, including the construction of new roads aimed at boosting connectivity and trade. A special feature also delves into the remarkable progress of an Industrial Hub in Kibaale, a project poised to be a major catalyst for job creation and economic diversification in the region.

As we continue to grow, our mission remains rooted in serving you. To do this effectively, we need your voices. The Bunyoro Post is not just our paper; it is a platform for our community. We actively encourage contributions and opinions from our well wishers. Your perspective enriches our coverage and ensures we remain truly representative.

Gov't Aims for UGX 1 Tn in Local Government Revenue

By Brian Atuhura, Communication Officer, Masindi District

The government has set an ambitious target to increase local revenue collections by local governments across the country to UGX 1 trillion by the next financial year.

This goal was announced by Mariam Nalubega, Vice Chairperson of the Local Government Finance Commission, during a stakeholders' engagement on wildlife royalties held at the Masindi District Headquarters recently.

Nalubega expressed confidence that the target is achievable, largely due to the successful implementation of the Integrated Revenue Administration System (IRAS). This system has significantly boosted revenue collection in districts already utilizing it.

According to Nalubega, when the current Commission took office in 2023, local revenue collections stood at UGX 291 billion. With the introduction and adoption of IRAS, collections have since grown to over UGX 400 billion in 2025.

IRAS was deliberately introduced to streamline revenue collection systems

and promote transparency, efficiency, collaboration, and accountability. Nalubega emphasized the need for Local Governments to broaden their revenue sources by tapping into natural endowments, including expanding opportunities in game parks.

"The Commission is deliberate and intentional about growing Local Governments into sustainable financing autonomy by building their capacity and potential," she stated.

Nalubega stressed that Central Government grants alone cannot sustain Local Government operations, as many entities compete for the same funds. She, however, expressed disappointment over the absence of Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) officials at the meeting, noting that their presence was crucial for addressing stakeholders' concerns on wildlife royalties.

Representing the District Chairperson, the District Secretary for Finance, Pamela Nyakato, welcomed the LGFC delegation and applauded the introduction of IRAS, noting that Masindi's revenue has now surpassed UGX one billion.



During a presentation on Wildlife royalties, Johnson Gumisiriza, the Principal Financial Analyst at LGFC, highlighted that districts bordering major national parks such as Murchison Falls, Queen Elizabeth, Kidepo, and Mgahinga have high revenue potential. However, this potential is undermined by weak revenue estimation methods, limited follow-up on UWA transfers, and inadequate data on tourism activities.

Masindi District Chairperson, Cosmas Byaruhanga, inquired whether Masindi qualifies to benefit from royalties from oil and gas exploration and whether the district can tap into renewable energy generated by Kinyara Sugar Works.

Fred Andama, Director of Revenue and Research at LGFC, clarified that Masindi can only benefit from the 6% royalty share from oil and gas if it is directly affected as a frontline district. Regarding renewable energy from Kinyara, Andama advised the

district leadership to actively follow up to secure the royalty.

Vincent Businge, the Senior Community Development Officer, presented Masindi's report on UWA revenue-sharing funds, revealing that the district has received a total of UGX 989,201,561 over the last three financial years. The funds have supported livelihood projects that improved household income alongside infrastructure and community development initiatives, including measures to mitigate human-wildlife conflicts.

WWThe Assistant RDC, Patrick Asimwe, closed the engagement by expressing concern over persistent political divisions in the district, which he said are undermining the implementation of government programs. He emphasized the need for unity and constructive dialogue to strengthen revenue collection and drive development.



Kibaale District Leaders Conduct Land Inspections for Industrial Hub Development

By Muganzi Vincent Communications Officer Kibaale District



Kibaale district monitoring team shares a light moment during the land inspection in Kayanja

Following the inspection of over 100 acres of district land earmarked for an industrial park in Kikuuba-Mugarama Sub County, Kibaale District, this week the district leadership set off yet to another trek to inspect the district land in Kayanja Sub County Kibaale District during the quarterly joint monitoring exercise.

The activity mobilized under the Planning department saw a team of both political and technical staff led by the district leadership on the journey for development to better service delivery in the district.

Upon the inspection of the titled land measuring up-to over 42 acres, as the district sets its gaze on improved and better lives in the communities through job creation among others, some of the proposals that came up on how the land should be utilized among others was to annex the 42 acres to the already inspected land in Mugarama to compound on the to come opportunities with development of the Industrial park.

Given that the industrial park will be a game-changer for Kibaale, the monitoring team moves to work tirelessly to make it a reality, as they see the land free of any encumbrances, so that the intended development to be done by the district takes shape. The team was informed that vivid steps have been taken to see Kikuuba land transferred to Uganda Investment Authority for development as advised.

The industrial park is expected to house various industries, including manufacturing, processing, and logistics, among others. With the annexation of the additional 42 acres, the district is optimistic that it will be able to attract more investors and create a thriving industrial hub.

The monitoring exercise demonstrated the district's commitment to transparency and accountability, with leaders engaging with local communities and stakeholders to gather feedback and input.

Kagadi Agro-Input Dealers Trained on Safe Pesticide Handling

By Gulyetonda George, Communication Officer, Kagadi District



Agro input dealers from Kagadi District pose for a photo moment after the training at St Marys Catholic Church in Kagadi Town council

Kagadi District, Uganda – The Kagadi District Production Department, in partnership with Makerere University and the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries (MAAIF), recently concluded a five-day training program focused on safe pesticide handling for agro-input shop dealers in Kagadi District. The training, held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kagadi Town Council, aimed to address knowledge gaps regarding the safe and responsible use of pesticides.

John Sekitoleko, Coordinator of Agricultural Input Sellers in Midwestern Uganda, emphasized the program's importance in equipping participants with practical skills for safe pesticide handling. He stated that this training would significantly reduce risks associated with a lack of knowledge in this crucial area.

The training program culminated in participants receiving certificates, enabling

them to legally operate agro-input shops. Desire Mparana, the Principal Agricultural Officer, highlighted the anticipated positive impact of the training. He believes that the newly trained operators will be better equipped to guide farmers on the proper application of chemicals, ultimately leading to improved agricultural practices.

Mparana further stated that this enhanced knowledge will contribute to mitigating challenges associated with poor quality management, such as soil degradation, environmental pollution, and human health risks.

The training was open to all agro-input shop operators and interested individuals holding at least a Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) qualification. The initiative is expected to promote safer and more sustainable agricultural practices within the Kagadi District.

Kiryandongo District Launches New Initiatives to Boost Revenue Collection

By Emmanuel Murungi, Communication Officer, Kiryandongo District



Report for July-September 2025 during the Revenue Task force meeting held at the District headquarters

Kiryandongo District is grappling with revenue collection shortfalls as it strategizes to meet its ambitious targets for the financial year 2025/2026. The District Revenue Task Force convened recently to address the pressing issue after failing to achieve revenue goals set for its 13 lower local governments and District headquarters.

The District had projected a total of 2,877,879,000 UGX in locally raised revenue, with 810,981,066 UGX expected from the District headquarters and 2,066,897,934 UGX from the lower local governments. However, by September 30, 2025, only 391,638,346 UGX had been collected, significantly missing the quarterly target of 719,469,750 UGX.

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Deo Kabugo called on parish chiefs and revenue

collectors to identify obstacles affecting their performance. He emphasized the need for collaborative efforts to address these challenges and improve revenue collection. Revenue Officer Jennifer Tingiramurungi highlighted the positive impact of nomination fees for political leaders on first-quarter revenue but raised concerns over delays in transferring funds from the Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) to the District. These delays have disrupted essential services and hindered effective revenue collection.

To boost efficiency, Tingiramurungi proposed assigning quarterly targets to revenue collectors based on the available resources within their respective parishes. She also stressed the importance of community sensitization regarding the new integrated revenue administration system, aiming to foster understanding and acceptance

among residents.

James Michael Ociba, Assistant District Health Officer for Environmental Health, urged the task force to adhere to the Public Health Act, which outlines guidelines for generating local government revenue.

Locally raised revenue constitutes 6.9% of the District's total budget for the financial

year 2025/2026. Achieving the set targets is vital for improving budget performance and ensuring enhanced service delivery to the population.

As the District moves forward, the success of its revenue collection strategies will play a critical role in shaping its financial stability and capacity to meet community needs.

Masindi: BRAC's AIM Project Aims to Empower 21,000 Vulnerable Young Women

By Brian Atuhura, Communication Officer, Masindi District



Noreen Kyokushaba, the Masindi Branch Manager for the AIM program addressing key project stakeholders in Masindi

Masindi, Uganda - BRAC, with funding from the MasterCard Foundation, is implementing its "Accelerating Impact for Young Women in Africa" (AIM) project in Masindi District, targeting over 21,000 vulnerable girls and young women.

The five-year initiative, launched in 2022 and running until 2027, aims to empower young women aged 12-35 living in poverty by providing them with economic and social support.

Noreen Kyokushaba, the Masindi Branch Manager for the AIM program, emphasized that the project prioritizes providing scholastic materials to help disadvantaged girls remain in school. The AIM program also seeks to reduce gender-based violence within communities while equipping beneficiaries with livelihood opportunities.

The livelihood and cost-sharing component of the program, expected to roll out early next year, will provide support in agriculture, livestock rearing, entrepreneurship, and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) skills.

"We are currently implementing the program in eight Sub-Counties including Nyantonzi, Pakanyi, Kyatiri Town Council, Kabango Town Council, Budongo, Karujubu Division, Labongo and Kiruli Sub-County," Kyokushaba said during a district sensitization meeting held at Kolping Hotel in Masindi Town. "In February next year, we will roll out the livelihood package, where selected households will receive enterprise support."

Musa Kyamiza, the Principal Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer, commended BRAC for complementing government efforts through the livelihood support project.

"As government, we may not have all the resources required to implement everything we desire or reach everyone," Kyamiza noted. "The ultimate goal is to serve the community and ensure services reach the last person. BRAC has consistently supported the district, especially through financial literacy and entrepreneurship interventions."

Kyamiza encouraged individuals who may have missed benefiting from the Parish Development Model (PDM) to take advantage of BRAC's AIM program.

Hellen Tugume, the Assistant RDC, hailed BRAC for promoting girl child education through the provision of scholastic materials, which has helped many vulnerable girls stay in school. She also acknowledged the organization's efforts in supplementing government programs aimed at combating poverty.

During her closing remarks, Tugume appealed to stakeholders to support President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, citing his achievements in poverty reduction, health sector improvement, and road infrastructure development.



Kiryandongo District Launches Parish Training Centers to Empower Farmers

By Emmanuel Murungi, Communication Officer, Kiryandongo District



Dr. Kajura presenting the PTC model to Kiryandongo District PDM implementation team

Kiryandongo District has unveiled a major agricultural empowerment initiative with the launch of Parish Training Centers (PTCs) aimed at equipping farmers with practical skills in modern and sustainable farming practices.

The training centers, to be established in every parish, will offer hands-on instruction in good agronomic practices, as well as vital services including business development, financial literacy, extension support, and agricultural advisory services. The move is part of the government's broader Parish Development Model (PDM) — a flagship program designed to promote wealth creation and eradicate poverty at the grassroots level.

Speaking during the rollout, Deo Kabugo, the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, urged district technical officers to align their work plans with PDM objectives. He stressed that punctuality, consistent attendance at work, and adherence to meeting schedules are essential for delivering results.

"The PDM depends on discipline and commitment from all stakeholders. We must align all our activities to ensure tangible outcomes for the community," Kabugo said.

Dr. Kajura Charles, District Production Officer from Hoima, called on heads of departments to show unwavering dedication to all seven pillars of the PDM. He encouraged officials to fully understand the program's results framework to better support Parish Development Committees in implementing their mandates.

Kajura also underscored the urgency of disbursing funds to PDM beneficiaries and closely monitoring their enterprise performance.

"We must not only establish these centers but also walk with the farmers from funding to harvest and sales, ensuring they succeed," he noted.

Reflecting on four years of PDM implementation, Jonathan Akweteireho, Deputy RDC, praised Kiryandongo for overcoming early challenges to make significant strides. However, he warned parish chiefs against any misconduct that could derail progress, insisting that PDM principles must be cascaded down to every community member.

"The PDM must touch every household and sector. This initiative will provide the

tools, knowledge, and visibility needed to empower communities and eliminate poverty,” Akweteireho affirmed.

With the new PTCs in place, district leaders are optimistic that local farmers will

have the skills, resources, and support to increase productivity, improve incomes, and contribute to Kiryandongo’s socio-economic transformation.

Kibaale Famers Urged to Embrace Gov’t Programmes

By Muganzi Vincent, Communications Officer, Kibaale District



Rusenke residents at the launch of RTV-Rusenke Cluster operations

Farmers in the Kibaale District are being urged to actively participate in and take ownership of government programs designed to improve their livelihoods. The call came during the launch of Raising The Village (RTV) operations in the Rusenke-Kyebando Sub County, specifically the “Rusenke Cluster,” held at the Kyebando Sub County Headquarters.

Kibaale RDC, Stephen Byaruhanga Mfashingabo, emphasized the government’s commitment to serving its citizens through

initiatives like the Parish Development Model (PDM), Emyooga, and the Uganda Women Entrepreneurship Programme (UWEP). He stated that these programs are specifically designed to uplift the lives of those who actively engage with them.

“Your life will change if you embrace and benefit from these programs,” Mfashingabo told attendees.

The Rusenke Cluster, under the umbrella of Raising The Village, a community-based

organization (CBO) operating in Kibaale, will focus on the Kisaalizi and Rusenke parishes within Kyebando Sub County. The project aims to benefit over 700 households across 10 villages.

Brian Ahebwa, a Cluster Focal Person from RTV, outlined the support farmers can expect, including improved, climate-change-resistant seeds for beans, maize, and vegetables. The organization will also provide essential farming equipment such as hoes, pangas, wheelbarrows, tarpaulins, and water tanks. Furthermore, RTV plans to construct three shallow wells to improve water access.

Representing Chief Administrative Officer Joseph Matovu Waswa, the District Community Development Officer commended RTV for its positive impact on the district. He emphasized the importance of mindset change in achieving sustainable development, urging the community to embrace new approaches. While acknowledging RTV's successful work in Kirasa Parish, he requested the organization to integrate a mindset change component into their programs to ensure long-lasting

impact.

Matovu Hassan, the Acting District Production Officer and Parish Development Model focal point person, announced the release of a new batch of PDM funds. He encouraged farmers to organize themselves and participate in the government's development initiatives, supported by President Yoweri K. Museveni. He added that the selection process for the seventh phase of beneficiaries would commence soon.

RDC Mfashingabo reiterated the government's commitment to poverty reduction and highlighted the crucial role of women in Uganda's development. He emphasized their proven ability to effectively manage and implement government programs, contributing significantly to the nation's progress.

The launch concluded with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Raising The Village and local leaders, solidifying their partnership for the betterment of the Rusenke Cluster communities.



CEWERU Launched in Masindi to Strengthen Early Conflict Detection

By Brian Atuhura, Communication Officer, Masindi District

The Conflict Early Warning and Response Unit (CEWERU) was officially launched in Masindi District yesterday, aiming to equip key stakeholders with the tools to detect potential conflicts early and prevent their escalation. The rollout was announced during a district stakeholder's consultative meeting held in the council chambers.

Ben Turyahumura, National Head of CEWERU under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, highlighted the timeliness of the initiative, particularly in light of potential conflicts arising from compensation issues

related to ongoing oil and gas activities in the Albertine Graben.

CEWERU was established through the CEWARN protocol in 2001, endorsed in 2002, and operationalized in 2003. Currently active in eight Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) member states – Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, and Kenya – CEWERU monitors and responds to emerging conflict triggers.

"We have existed for over 20 years, covering



Head of CEWERU, Ben Turyahumura (in checked shirt), and district stakeholders celebrate the CEWERU rollout in Masindi with a group photo

about 60 districts where we conduct consultations to identify challenges on the ground,” Turyahumura stated.

He identified the increasing influx of refugees as a significant concern, noting that Uganda may host over two million refugees fleeing conflicts in neighboring countries. He warned that the integration of diverse cultures and behaviors could create tensions, emphasizing the importance of equipping district stakeholders with the necessary skills for early conflict detection and response. Turyahumura also announced plans for in-depth training for district actors on conflict management and early detection next year.

During the meeting, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO) Jane Akiror advocated for the establishment of peace committees in every village and stressed

the need for dialogue and mediation among conflicting parties. Geoffrey Kiiza Bigabwa, Secretary for Production, representing the District Chairperson, emphasized the importance of addressing minor conflicts before they escalate.

Assistant Resident District Commissioner (ARDC) Hellen Tugume concluded the engagement by urging Masindi leaders to prioritize conflict prevention as a key foundation for district development.

The Uganda CEWERU was established in 2003 and placed under the Ministry of Internal Affairs due to its role in providing internal security and enforcing law and order. The Ministry of Internal Affairs has designated the Uganda National Focal Point on Small Arms and Light Weapons as the coordinating agency.

Kikuube District to Benefit from Save Dialogue Project Targeting HIV/AIDS Prevention and Awareness

By Faridah Ndagano, Communication Officer, Kikuube District



Kikuube district Stakeholders attending a meeting on the Save Dialogue Project in Kikuube District

The Uganda Network of Religious Leaders Living with HIV/AIDS (UNRLA), in partnership with the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), is set to roll out a four-year Save Dialogue Project in Kikuube District. Funded by the Church of Sweden, the initiative will focus on HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness, targeting vulnerable groups through dialogue-based community engagement.

The project, which was initially launched in the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement, will now be extended to four additional sub-counties in the district. Priority groups include religious leaders, youth, women, students, teachers, and other community members.

Key interventions will involve training sessions and outreach on HIV/AIDS education, sexual and reproductive health, family planning methods, and prevention of gender-based violence, child abuse, and mistreatment. The dialogue approach aims

to encourage open discussions and foster behavioral change, especially among high-risk populations.

District leaders have hailed the project as timely, highlighting the urgent need for sustained health education and awareness to curb the spread of HIV/AIDS. "This initiative will not only save lives but also strengthen our community's resilience through informed health practices," noted local officials.

The Save Dialogue Project has previously been implemented in districts such as Kitgum, Pader, and the Lamwo Refugee Settlement, where it has contributed to a 61% reduction in new HIV/AIDS infections nationally, according to UNRLA data.

Community sensitization activities in Kikuube are expected to commence in early 2025, with the goal of enhancing knowledge, reducing stigma, and promoting healthier lifestyles.

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Kiryandongo District Kicks Off Major Road Rehabilitation to Boost Agriculture



CAO Anselm Kyaligonza addressing the residents of Ogengo during the commissioning of the Barudugu-Ogengo-Labolongo road

Kiryandongo District authorities have taken a major step to boost agricultural productivity and improve community access by officially launching the rehabilitation of 40.2 kilometers of roads, a strategic investment worth 1.16 billion shillings.

This project features two key roadways: the 10.2-kilometer Barudugu-Ogengo-Labolongo road, funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development through the National Oilseed Project at a cost of 871 million shillings, and the 30-kilometer Panyadoli-Kimogora-Kawiti road, which required an investment of 298 million shillings.

The rehabilitation efforts on the Barudugu-Ogengo-Labolongo road involved a

comprehensive scope of work, including bush clearing to improve visibility, careful shaping of the roadway for better drainage, and full graveling to create a durable surface.

Additionally, the installation of 31 culverts and drainage channels was undertaken to manage water flow and prevent erosion, while tree planting along the route serves as a proactive environmental safeguard. In contrast, the Panyadoli-Kimogora-Kawiti road improvements focused on bush clearing, strategic shaping, targeted spot graveling, and the installation of 28 culverts to facilitate efficient drainage.

Issa Byenkya Hassan, the District Production and Marketing Officer for Kiryandongo, emphasized the project's aim to significantly improve accessibility for agricultural areas,



Deputy RDC, District Chairperson and CAO launching the construction of the 30 KM Panyadoli-Kimogora-Kawiti road

effectively linking farmers to local and regional markets as well as value addition centers. He urged the farming community to adopt effective agronomic practices to maximize their yields, highlighting that market access is now securely facilitated by these newly rehabilitated roads.

Owengom Charles, the LCIII chairman of Diima Sub County, encouraged his community to invest in essential agricultural tools, such as hoes, and to expand their cultivated lands as a path to escaping poverty.

He expressed gratitude to the district leadership for prioritizing the Barudugu-Ogengo-Labolongo road, which had previously been a mere dirt track

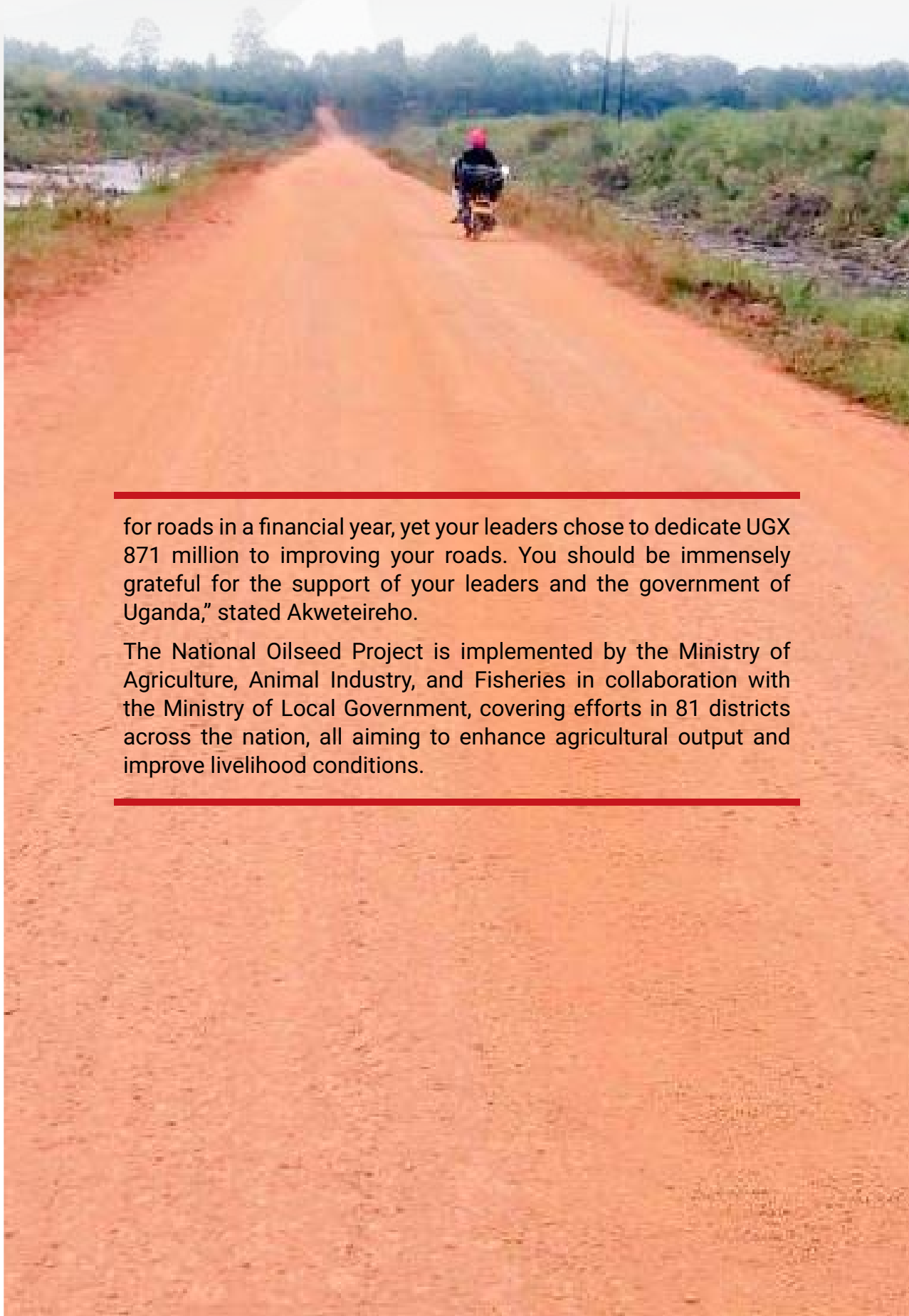
“There was no proper road here; just a small access point linking us to the markets. I am thrilled that the district responded to our concerns and has now brought this vital route to life,” said Owengom.

Anselm Kyaligonza, the Chief Administrative Officer of Kiryandongo, called upon residents living along the newly improved roads to seize the opportunity presented by the upgraded infrastructure and other government initiatives aimed at community development.

“Work diligently, generate income, and build more durable iron-sheet houses instead of relying on grass-thatched roofs,” Kyaligonza advised, encouraging long-term investment in their living conditions.

Jonathan Akweteireho, the Deputy RDC of Kiryandongo, urged local leaders to initiate a door-to-door wealth creation mobilization campaign designed to uplift residents from poverty. He reminded the community of the district leadership’s commitment to addressing the needs of the community rather than pursuing individual interests in the allocation of resources.

“The whole district is allocated UGX 1 billion



for roads in a financial year, yet your leaders chose to dedicate UGX 871 million to improving your roads. You should be immensely grateful for the support of your leaders and the government of Uganda,” stated Akweteireho.

The National Oilseed Project is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry, and Fisheries in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government, covering efforts in 81 districts across the nation, all aiming to enhance agricultural output and improve livelihood conditions.

Kibaale Launches Phase 7 of PDM with Focus on Modern Farming Skills

By Muganzi Vincent, Communications Officer, Kibaale District



Agricultural Officer Maria Gorett briefs participants during the selection exercise of intended beneficiaries

The government's flagship Parish Development Model (PDM) has entered Phase 7 in Kibaale District, aiming to accelerate grassroots socio-economic transformation and lift households from subsistence to commercial income generation.

Since its launch in 2022, PDM has benefited more than 17,545 residents in Kibaale, with over Shs 17.5 billion disbursed through the Parish Revolving Fund. This fund supports targeted groups including persons with disabilities, youth, women, and the elderly — all chosen through a rigorous beneficiary selection process.

The latest selection exercise, held at Katete Ward in Nyamarunda Town Council, was jointly led by Agricultural Officer Maria Gorett Nakyeyune and Veterinary Officer John Bwaise. A total of 50 individuals were added to Phase 7's beneficiary list, each reminded of the program's core principle: the funds are provided as a revolving loan, not a one-off handout. Beneficiaries are expected to invest in income-generating activities and

repay the money so it can help others in their communities.

Speaking during the exercise, Nakyeyune emphasized the broader goal of PDM — to eradicate poverty and promote equitable, sustainable economic transformation at the grassroots level.

"This is an opportunity to move beyond subsistence and invest in ventures that bring lasting returns," she said.

The launch was capped by a practical agricultural training session at Kibeedi Catholic Parish, designed to equip farmers with modern techniques to improve productivity. The training covered banana bacterial wilt control, coffee pest and disease management, soil fertility enhancement, and eco-friendly parasite control. Farmers also gained hands-on experience in fertilizer application and integrated pest management.

"Adopting better farming practices will boost banana and coffee production, both key income sources for this region," noted

Nakyeyune.

The event drew more than 50 farmers, many of whom expressed excitement about the skills gained. They highlighted the importance of pairing financial support with practical training, saying it increases the chances of sustainable success for the PDM initiative.

With Phase 7 now underway, district officials say Kibaale is poised to see a stronger shift toward market-oriented farming and community-based economic growth — a vision at the heart of Uganda's national development agenda.



Roadworks Begin on Key Route in Hoima District

By Alex Tumuhimbise, Communication Officer, Hoima District



Residents look on as work begins on the upgrade of the Bujwahya-Nyamirima-Kakindo road

Farmers and traders in the Hoima district are celebrating the launch of roadworks on the crucial Bujwahya-Nyamirima-Kakindo road. The project, spearheaded by the Hoima district local government, aims to improve transport and trade connectivity between Hoima city and the surrounding districts.

The official launch ceremony took place at Nyamirima Primary School and was attended by Assistant RDC Shafih Ntuyo, Hoima LCV Chairman Uthumani Mugisha Kadiri, local leaders, technical staff, and enthusiastic community members.

According to works supervisor Vincent Irumba, the UGX 80 million project will encompass a range of improvements along the 8-kilometer stretch. These include bush clearing, grading, shaping, spot gravelling, drainage construction (including the creation of offshoots), removal of rock outcrops, and the filling of deep gullies.

Assistant RDC Ntuyo praised the Hoima district leadership for their commitment to improving the lives of local residents. He emphasized the road's importance in facilitating the transportation of agricultural produce and trade merchandise to market, urging continued support for the National Resistance Movement (NRM) government and its focus on service delivery.

LCV Chairman Uthumani Mugisha acknowledged the patience and support of the Kyabigambire community and reaffirmed the district's commitment to utilizing available resources to address road infrastructure needs.

Representing the Hoima Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Senior Assistant Secretary Brian Atugonza encouraged residents to actively engage in agricultural production and support government programs such as the Parish Development Model to maximize the benefits of the improved infrastructure.

District Councilor for Kyabigambire, Hillary Tumusiime, echoed the call for support for President Museveni for his continued commitment to addressing the needs of the people.

Area LCI Chairman Kirungi Johnson expressed the community's relief, noting that they had long advocated for improvements to the road, which had previously hindered their production activities.

The improved road infrastructure is expected to significantly enhance the transportation of

agricultural produce, providing farmers with easier access to markets and opportunities to increase their income.

Furthermore, it will facilitate improved access to essential services, such as healthcare and education, contributing to a better overall quality of life for community members. The project is also anticipated to boost local trade and attract investment, further stimulating economic growth in the region.



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