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Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

This edition of Katonga Post arrives at a time of visible progress across South and Central Buganda. Kalungu commissioned over a billion shillings in education infrastructure and honoured a retiring pioneer District Planner, while Kalangala closed out its four-year HEROES 4 GTA health programme and rolled out new classrooms and teacher housing across its island communities.

Health and sanitation remain central themes this month. Districts across the region — Butambala, Kalangala and Lwengo — received major mosquito net deliveries as part of the national malaria prevention drive, and communities in Kalangala and Lwengo embraced monthly national cleaning campaigns to safeguard public health.

We also celebrate stories of resilience and opportunity: Sembabule's university quota beneficiaries, Kyotera's poultry farmers and school tours, and Masaka's Rona Farm, a reminder of agriculture's power to create jobs and wealth. In Lyantonde, we trace Kijjukizo Parish's remarkable journey from a 19th-century refuge to a centre of faith and development.

To our dedicated communication officers across all seven districts: thank you for your consistent field reporting. We invite you to keep sending your stories for the next edition.

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KALUNGU: SHS1 BILLION EDUCATION PROJECTS COMMISSIONED

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LCV chairperson making remarks at the commissioning of a new Block Kasaka Primary School

Kalungu District Local Government has commissioned 12 education infrastructure projects worth more than UGX 1.057 billion, reaffirming the Government's commitment to improving access to quality education through better learning facilities across the district.

Implemented under the School Facility Grant (SFG) for the 2025/2026 financial year, the projects include newly constructed classroom blocks, renovated classrooms and a modern science laboratory at Kabukunge Secondary School. The investments are expected to reduce classroom congestion, improve learner safety and provide a more conducive teaching and learning environment.

The commissioning exercise, conducted

from July 7 to 9, brought together political leaders, technical officers, school management committees, boards of governors, religious leaders, parents and local communities to witness the completion of the projects.

Among the commissioned facilities were new classroom blocks at Bwesa COPE and Kapere Memorial Primary Schools, renovations at Kasaka C/U, Kisaana Muslim, Kabaale R/C, Kasaali, Namwanzi, St. Jude Lukaya, Kitabyama and Lugeye Muslim Primary Schools, as well as a newly constructed science laboratory at Kabukunge Secondary School.

District Chairperson Ahmed Mukiibi Nyombi commended the Government for prioritising education infrastructure, describing it as a long-term investment in the district's human capital. He urged

communities to support schools and ensure that children remain in class to benefit from the improved facilities.

Representing the Chief Administrative Officer, Principal Assistant Secretary Francis Matovu called on school management committees, parents and communities to safeguard the infrastructure to ensure it serves future generations.

District Education Officer Moses Isabirye encouraged parents to enrol more children in government-aided schools and provide meals and scholastic

materials to improve attendance and academic performance. District Engineer Marleek Ssebuggwawo confirmed that all the projects were completed according to approved engineering standards before recommending them for commissioning.

Community leaders and school administrators welcomed the new facilities, saying they would improve the learning environment, increase learner retention and contribute to better academic performance.

District leaders said continued



DEO making remarks at Kasaka Primary School

investment in education infrastructure remains essential to achieving equitable access to quality education and preparing learners with the knowledge and skills needed to drive socio-

economic transformation in Kalungu District.

BUTAMBALA: GOV'T DELIVERS 85,400 MOSQUITO NETS TO BOOST MALARIA PREVENTION

By Mariam Nalubwama, Communication Officer, Butambala District



More than 85,000 households in Butambala District are set to benefit from a major government malaria prevention campaign following the delivery of 85,400 long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito nets by the National Medical Stores (NMS).

The consignment was delivered through Klang Logistics and officially handed over at the Butambala District headquarters by Rose Ayago, representing National Medical Stores and Klang Logistics, to Resident District Commissioner (RDC) Hajji Dumba Moses. The intervention is part of the government's continued efforts to reduce malaria infections, particularly among children under five years and pregnant women, who are the

most vulnerable.

Receiving the consignment, RDC Dumba assured residents that district leaders would closely supervise the distribution exercise to ensure the mosquito nets reach intended beneficiaries in every parish.

He described the intervention as a significant boost to the district's malaria control efforts and urged residents to use the nets only for their intended purpose.

"These mosquito nets should protect families from malaria. They should not be used for fishing, fencing gardens or other non-intended purposes," he said.

District Health Educator Faridah

Nanyanzi encouraged every household to consistently sleep under the treated mosquito nets, emphasizing that prevention remains the most effective strategy against malaria.

She said proper use and maintenance of the nets would reduce malaria infections, lower treatment costs, ease pressure on health facilities and improve the overall health of communities across the district.

The consignment, delivered on three trucks, comprised 1,708 bales, equivalent to 85,400 mosquito nets, all verified by district officials before distribution. The verification exercise was witnessed by the RDC, District Internal Security Officer Ahmed Wandera, District Health Officer Samuel Ssekamatte, Assistant District Health Officer Winfred Namuli, Assistant RDC Kenneth Tunyumize and other district officials.

District leaders expressed confidence that the campaign will significantly reduce malaria cases by increasing household access to insecticide-treated mosquito nets. They urged residents to embrace the intervention as an important step towards protecting families and improving public health throughout Butambala District.



KALANGALA: DISTRICT COMPLETES PDM SACCO ELECTIONS UNDER REVISED GUIDELINES

By Ntabaazi Geoffrey Nsumba, Communication Officer – Kalangala District

Kalangala District has completed elections for leadership of Parish Development Model (PDM) SACCOs under revised government guidelines, a move expected to strengthen transparency, accountability and financial inclusion across communities.

The elections followed reforms introduced by the Government to improve governance of Parish SACCOs, including allowing individuals to join directly as members and requiring fresh elections for all leadership positions. The changes are intended to enhance accountability, eliminate cases of mismanagement and strengthen public

confidence in the programme.

The Parish Development Model is the Government's flagship programme for transitioning households from subsistence to the money economy through community-led wealth creation and access to affordable financial services. Under the programme, eligible SACCO members can access loans of up to UGX 1 million, repayable over three years, to invest in income-generating activities.

Implementation of the reforms involved Special General Meetings in all parishes, during which members elected vetting



committees, admitted new members and later elected Boards of Directors and Supervisory Committees in accordance with Uganda's cooperative laws. The newly elected leaders are expected to oversee prudent financial management, annual audits and transparent loan administration.

Community leaders welcomed the reforms, saying they had strengthened confidence in the management of Parish SACCOs. Beneficiaries noted that improved governance would enable more households to access affordable credit and invest in productive enterprises that increase household incomes.

The District Commercial Office said the next phase will focus on building

the capacity of the newly elected leaders through training in cooperative governance, financial management, record keeping, loan administration and leadership. Officials also encouraged SACCO leaders to uphold cooperative principles, maintain strong internal controls and promote transparency in the management of members' resources.

District leaders expressed optimism that the strengthened governance structures will enhance the effectiveness of Parish SACCOs and accelerate implementation of the Parish Development Model. They said improved financial inclusion and accountable leadership will play a critical role in expanding economic opportunities and reducing poverty across Kalangala District.

KALANGALA: DISTRICT LAUNCHES NATIONAL CLEANING CAMPAIGN TO BOOST PUBLIC HEALTH AND TOURISM

By Ntabaazi Geoffrey Nsumba, Communication Officer – Kalangala District



The community joining hands to have a clean environment at Lutoboka LC 1 where the activity was launched.

Kalangala District has joined the Government's National Cleaning Campaign with a renewed commitment to improving environmental sanitation, protecting public health and preserving the district's reputation as Uganda's premier island tourism destination.

The district-wide campaign was launched at Lutoboka Grounds in Kalangala Town Council, bringing together political and technical leaders, representatives of the Buganda Kingdom, security agencies, health workers, community leaders, market vendors, boda boda operators and residents in a collective effort to promote environmental stewardship.

The initiative forms part of the Government's nationwide programme

to encourage regular community participation in maintaining clean surroundings as a way of preventing disease outbreaks, protecting natural resources and improving the quality of life.

Leading the exercise, the Kweba of Buganda Ssesse, Augustine Kasirye, joined residents in cleaning streets, drainage channels, markets, public spaces and the Lutoboka landing site. He urged communities to embrace cleanliness as a shared responsibility and a foundation for sustainable development.

Representing the Chief Administrative Officer, Principal Assistant Secretary Christopher Sebuuma directed all district departments, sub-counties and lower local governments to integrate routine

cleaning activities into their monthly work plans and regularly report on their implementation.

Health officials said improved sanitation is critical to preventing communicable diseases common in island communities, including cholera and malaria. They encouraged households to maintain proper waste disposal practices, eliminate mosquito breeding sites and observe good hygiene to safeguard public health.

The Mayor of Kalangala Town Council, Lodovic Kiberu, noted that environmental cleanliness is essential to strengthening Kalangala's image as a tourism destination, calling on residents and business owners to maintain clean premises and support proper waste

management.

Security agencies pledged to support enforcement of sanitation by-laws, while community members welcomed the campaign and committed to participating in regular clean-up exercises to protect the environment and sustain the beauty of the Ssesse Islands.

District leaders announced that the National Cleaning Exercise will now be conducted on the last Friday of every month across all sub-counties and islands, describing the initiative as an important step towards creating healthier communities, promoting tourism and strengthening environmental conservation.



KALANGALA: DISTRICT PREPARES FOR MOSQUITO NET DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN

By Ntabaazi Geoffrey Nsumba, Communication Officer – Kalangala District

Kalangala District has stepped up preparations for the Government's 2026 nationwide distribution of Long-Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs), a major public health intervention aimed at reducing malaria infections and protecting vulnerable households across the island district.

The campaign, implemented by the Ministry of Health through the National Medical Stores (NMS), will provide free insecticide-treated mosquito nets to households in every parish, with priority given to children under five years, pregnant women and other vulnerable groups. The district received its first consignment of mosquito nets on July 9, marking the start of the distribution

exercise.

To ensure efficient delivery, NMS contracted Klan Logistics Limited to transport the mosquito nets directly to parishes. District leaders, health workers, local councils and community structures will oversee the distribution to ensure transparency and that every eligible household receives the required nets.

Chief Administrative Officer Richard Ssebandeke said the district had put in place the necessary coordination mechanisms to guarantee a smooth and accountable exercise, urging local leaders to mobilise communities and support the campaign.

Health officials described malaria as



Officials inspect the mosquito net consignment delivered by the National Medical Stores before distribution to parishes across Kalangala

one of the leading causes of illness in Kalangala, particularly in island communities where mosquito breeding sites are widespread. They encouraged residents to consistently sleep under treated mosquito nets and complement the intervention by maintaining clean surroundings and eliminating stagnant water to reduce mosquito breeding.

Local leaders welcomed the programme, describing it as a timely intervention that will reduce the financial burden of malaria treatment on households while improving community health. They pledged to mobilise residents to participate fully in the registration and distribution process and to promote

proper use of the mosquito nets.

District officials also called on residents to report any cases of diversion or misuse of the mosquito nets to ensure the exercise remains transparent and benefits the intended recipients.

Leaders said the campaign will contribute to lower malaria infections, improved school attendance, increased productivity and reduced healthcare costs, reinforcing government's commitment to strengthening primary healthcare and improving the wellbeing of communities across Kalangala District.

KALANGALA: GOV'T RELEASES 21 TONNES OF RELIEF FOOD FOR FISHING HOUSEHOLDS

By Ntabaazi Geoffrey Nsumba, Communications Officer- Kalangala District



The office of the CAO represented by Mr. Christopher Sebuuma handing over the relief items to the benefitters at the District HQs Kalangala.

The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) has released 21 tonnes of relief food to support vulnerable fishing households in Kalangala District whose livelihoods were disrupted by ongoing enforcement operations against illegal fishing on Lake Victoria.

The consignment, comprising 14,000 kilograms of maize flour and 7,000 kilograms of beans, was released following a request submitted by the district after many fishing communities reported food shortages resulting from intensified fisheries enforcement. The food is being distributed through the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer to affected households in designated fishing villages.

District officials said the relief is intended

exclusively for households directly affected by the operations and is not for general distribution. The Chief Administrative Officer has been directed to work with political leaders to ensure transparent distribution and submit accountability to the Office of the Prime Minister within 14 days.

As an island district whose economy depends largely on fishing, Kalangala has been significantly affected by the crackdown on illegal fishing practices. While the enforcement is intended to protect fish stocks and ensure sustainable fisheries, many families temporarily lost their primary source of income and struggled to meet basic food needs.

For beneficiaries such as Benitah Nassimbwa and Ssekiwele Medi, the food aid offers immediate relief as households wait for livelihoods to recover. Local leaders from the affected landing sites described the intervention as an important safety net for vulnerable communities facing difficult economic conditions.

District leaders welcomed the government's timely support but noted that transporting relief supplies to remote island communities remains a major challenge. They appealed to development partners and donors to complement food assistance with transport funding to ensure beneficiaries in hard-to-reach islands such as Mazinga,



The OPM delivery truck parked at the District headquarters

Bubeke and Kyamuswa receive relief without additional financial burdens.

Officials said strengthening logistical support will enable future humanitarian

interventions to reach all intended beneficiaries efficiently while reinforcing government's commitment to protecting vulnerable communities during periods of economic disruption.

KALANGALA: HEROES 4 GTA PROGRAMME LEAVES LASTING LEGACY IN HEALTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

By Ntabaazi Geoffrey Nsumba, Communication Officer – Kalangala District

Kalangala District has celebrated the successful completion of the four-year HEROES 4 GTA Programme, leaving behind stronger health systems, empowered communities and improved public service delivery through a partnership between government and international development partners.

The programme, funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (EKN), with support from the Government of Iceland, officially concluded on July 2, 2026 after transforming healthcare, livelihoods and community welfare across the island district.

One of its major achievements was the expansion of Results-Based Financing (RBF), which injected more than UGX 3.07

billion into seven health facilities and the District Health Office between 2022 and 2026. The initiative strengthened accountability and improved the quality of healthcare services, contributing to higher maternal health service utilisation, increased childhood immunisation coverage, improved family planning uptake and better performance by health workers. Supported facilities, including Kalangala Health Centre IV, Bukasa Health Centre IV, Bwendero Health Centre III and Mugoye Health Centre III, also recorded increased patient confidence and service utilisation.

Beyond healthcare, the programme strengthened the district's response to sexual and gender-based violence through community awareness



Government officials, development partners and community leaders pose for a group photograph during the official closure of the HEROES 4 GTA Programme at the district head quarters

campaigns, training and improved referral systems. It also invested in livelihood programmes that equipped women and young people with practical skills and income-generating opportunities, while supporting water infrastructure and community assets to enhance long-term resilience.

Representing the Resident District Commissioner, Deputy RDC Henry Sebunnya commended the HEROES Consortium and development partners for delivering interventions that had produced lasting improvements in people's lives, particularly in health, community protection and household resilience.

On behalf of the Chief Administrative Officer, Principal Assistant Secretary Christopher Sebuuma reaffirmed the district's commitment to sustaining the programme's gains by integrating successful interventions into district planning and budgeting processes.

District leaders said the programme demonstrates the impact that can be achieved through strong partnerships between government, development partners and local communities. Although the project has officially ended, its investments in healthcare, accountability, livelihoods and community empowerment are expected to continue improving the quality of life for the people of Kalangala.



Some of the beneficiaries of the HEROES 4 GTA Programme celebrate initiatives that have improved education

KALANGALA: NEW EDUCATION PROJECTS IMPROVE LEARNING ACROSS ISLAND COMMUNITIES

By Ntabaazi Geoffrey Nsumba, Communication Officer – Kalangala District

Kalangala District has commissioned a series of education infrastructure projects aimed at improving access to quality education, enhancing teacher welfare and creating better learning environments for learners across its island communities.

The projects, implemented by the District Education Department under the leadership of District Education Officer Emmanuel Nseko, are expected to address longstanding challenges associated with the district's unique geography, including difficulties in attracting and retaining teachers in remote island schools.

Among the completed projects is Gyagenda Memorial Seed Secondary

School, which expands access to secondary education for learners on the islands. Other investments include the renovation of a teachers' house at Busanga Primary School, construction of a new staff house at Bunyama Primary School, and the construction of a two-stance teachers' latrine alongside renovation of the kitchen at Bukasa Primary School. These facilities are expected to improve teacher welfare, sanitation and the overall learning environment.

The projects were implemented with oversight from district leaders and technical departments to ensure compliance with environmental standards and sustainable construction



Students, teachers and district leaders gather at Gyagenda Memorial Seed Secondary School during the commissioning of new education infrastructure

practices.

Representing the LC V Chairperson, Minister for Works Peruse Lwanga said the investments demonstrate the district's commitment to equitable service delivery and expanding educational opportunities for learners living on the islands.

Representing the Resident District Commissioner, Henry Lubulwa commended the Education Department, contractors and procurement team for completing the projects on time and in accordance with government standards.

Chief Administrative Officer Richard Ssebandeke said the district will continue

prioritising investments that improve teacher welfare and learner performance, particularly in hard-to-reach communities. District Education Officer Emmanuel Nseko added that providing conducive learning environments and decent accommodation for teachers remains critical to improving education outcomes in Kalangala.

District officials say the new facilities will improve teacher retention, strengthen sanitation and provide safer, more conducive learning spaces for pupils. The investments also reflect the district's commitment to ensuring that children in island communities have access to quality education comparable to that available on the mainland.



New Teachers' House at Bunyama Primary School.

KALUNGU: DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING EMPOWERS KALONGO COMMUNITY TO HARNESS TECHNOLOGY

By Baker Muwonge, Communication Officer – Kalungu District

Residents of Kalungu Village in Kalungu Sub-county have acquired practical digital skills through a week-long Digital Literacy Training Programme organised by the Uganda Communications Commission (UCC), marking another milestone in efforts to bridge the digital divide in rural communities.

The training targeted beneficiaries of the UCC Digital Inclusion Programme, who received more than 150 internet-enabled tablets in 2025. While the

devices introduced residents to digital technology, the latest training equipped them with the knowledge and confidence to use the devices effectively for communication, business, education and access to online services.

The initiative forms part of UCC's broader strategy to promote internet adoption and digital inclusion among underserved communities. Kalungu District was selected as one of the pioneer districts for the programme, with Kalungu Village identified as the pilot community.



Members attending a digital literacy session

During the training, participants acquired practical skills in internet browsing, email creation and management, password protection, online safety, social media management, content creation, e-commerce and responsible use of digital technologies.

Deputy Resident District Commissioner Hajji Noor Njuki commended UCC for extending the programme to Kalungu and encouraged participants to apply the skills to improve their livelihoods while embracing future digital opportunities.

The programme concluded with a graduation ceremony attended by UCC Regional Head Jude Mulindwa and District Chairperson Ahmed Nyombi Mukiibi, where participants demonstrated their newly acquired skills before receiving certificates of completion.

Mulindwa praised the enthusiasm shown

by participants and pledged continued collaboration with Kalungu District, including the possibility of supporting a secondary school with computer equipment to expand digital learning opportunities.

Speaking on behalf of the beneficiaries, Tonny Jjuuko thanked UCC and the district for equipping the community with practical digital skills, saying the training had increased confidence in using digital devices responsibly.

District leaders said digital literacy is essential for improving access to information, markets and government services, noting that empowering rural communities with digital skills will accelerate socio-economic transformation and enable more Ugandans to participate in the country's growing digital economy.



Some of the Beneficiaries posing with their certificates

KALUNGU: DISTRICT HONOURS PIONEER PLANNER FOR TRANSFORMING LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

By Muwonge Baker, Communication Officer – Kalungu District

Kalungu District Local Government has honoured its pioneer District Planner, Fausta Nalugwa, for her outstanding contribution to strengthening planning systems and guiding the district's development agenda as she retired after more than three decades of public service.

Nalugwa, who served as Kalungu's District Planner since the district's creation in 2010, was celebrated during a farewell ceremony attended by political leaders, technical officers, development partners, family members and friends. District leaders described her as a dedicated public servant whose professionalism, discipline and commitment to excellence helped shape the district's planning and budgeting processes.

Throughout her tenure, she played a

central role in coordinating District Development Plans, annual budgets and work plans, strengthening monitoring and evaluation systems, mobilising resources for development projects and guiding departments on evidence-based planning. She also mentored young professionals and supported the implementation of key government programmes across the district.

Among the projects associated with her technical leadership was the planning and coordination of the modern Kalungu District Council Hall, alongside several other infrastructure investments that have improved public service delivery.

Speaking during the ceremony, Nalugwa thanked district leaders and colleagues for their cooperation throughout her career, attributing the achievements



recorded by the Planning Unit to teamwork and shared commitment to serving the people of Kalungu.

"I am deeply grateful to God for granting me good health throughout my years of service and to everyone who has walked this journey with me. Whatever I have achieved has been possible because of teamwork. I therefore appeal to all of you to continue extending the same cooperation and support to the officers who remain in the Planning Department so that they can continue serving this District effectively."

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Obed Mugizi, representing the Chief Administrative Officer, described Nalugwa as one of the district's most dependable officers, noting that her commitment to quality work and timely delivery had contributed significantly to institutional growth.

Resident District Commissioner Seth Katabaazi commended her exemplary service and encouraged her to continue mentoring young planners, saying her knowledge and experience remain valuable to the district even after retirement.

District leaders said Nalugwa's retirement marks the end of a distinguished chapter in Kalungu's history but noted that the systems she helped establish will continue to guide planning, budgeting and development for years to come. They described her legacy as a reminder of the vital role that dedicated public servants play in advancing effective governance and sustainable local development.



Fausta Nalugwa giving a speech during her send off

KALUNGU: MODERNISED COUNCIL HALL TO ENHANCE GOVERNANCE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

By Muwonge Baker, Communication Officer – Kalungu District

Kalungu District Local Government has commissioned a modernised District Council Hall and a newly constructed five-stance VIP latrine, strengthening public infrastructure and creating a more conducive environment for governance and service delivery.

The upgraded council hall, completed at a cost of UGX 139 million, features a modern gypsum ceiling, air conditioning units, an integrated public address and sound system, improved lighting and other essential fittings designed to support efficient council proceedings and official engagements. The project was implemented by RB Mubiru Contractors.

The commissioning ceremony brought together district political and technical leaders led by District Speaker John Vianney Mugisha, Deputy Resident District Commissioner Hajji Noor Njuki, Principal Assistant Secretary Francis Matovu, District Engineer Marleek Ssebuggwawo and representatives of the contractor.

Before commissioning, district engineers tested the newly installed equipment, including the air conditioning, lighting and sound systems, confirming that all facilities were fully functional and ready for use.

District Speaker Mugisha said the



District leaders inspect the newly modernised Kalungu District Council Hall during its official commissioning

investment reflects the Government's continued commitment to strengthening local governance through improved public infrastructure. He urged staff and leaders to safeguard the facilities, noting that they represent a valuable public investment intended to improve service delivery.

Deputy RDC Noor Njuki commended the Government for financing projects that improve the working environment for public servants and called on contractors to maintain high standards of quality while completing projects within agreed timelines.

District Engineer Marleek Ssebuggwawo praised the contractor for delivering quality work and for installing a voltage stabiliser to protect the air conditioning system from power fluctuations,

despite it not being part of the original contract. He said the Works Department would oversee the management of specialised equipment to ensure proper maintenance and accountability.

The commissioning team also inspected and officially commissioned a newly constructed five-stance VIP latrine intended to improve sanitation for district staff, councillors and visitors. Minor defects identified during the inspection are expected to be rectified before the facility is fully opened for public use.

District leaders said the completed projects will enhance the district's capacity to conduct official business in a modern environment while improving sanitation and reinforcing Government's commitment to investing in quality public infrastructure.



District Chairperson Patrick Nkalubo (centre) poses with political leaders, technical officers, and residents at his Lwemiyaga home during a recent interactive gathering

LYANTONDE: KIJJUKIZO'S JOURNEY FROM REFUGEE SANCTUARY TO CENTRE OF FAITH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

By Brian Mugenyi, Guest Writer

Kijjukizo Parish in Lyantonde District has evolved from a refuge for Christians fleeing religious persecution in the late 19th century into one of the region's most influential centres of faith, education and healthcare.

The parish, whose name means "remembrance" in Luganda, was established to preserve the memory of the turbulent religious conflicts that rocked the Buganda Kingdom between 1888 and 1892. During the wars, thousands of Catholic and Protestant believers fled

southwest to the Kabula area in present-day Lyantonde, where they found safety and later established permanent settlements.

As peace gradually returned, the displaced communities transformed their place of refuge into a centre of worship and renewal. Around 1891, Catholic missionaries from the Missionaries of Africa, commonly known as the White Fathers, expanded evangelisation into the area, laying the foundation for what would become one



Father Ngobya, pilgrimage at lady of Fatima Kijjukizo

of the strongest Catholic communities in the region.

Over the decades, Kijjukizo Parish has grown into the headquarters of a deanery within the Masaka Diocese, overseeing three parishes and 34 sub-parishes that serve thousands of faithful across Lyantonde District.

Beyond its spiritual mission, the parish has become a catalyst for community development through investments in healthcare and education. Under the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima, it has embraced the missionary tradition of holistic development by expanding access to essential social services.

One of its landmark achievements is St. Elizabeth Health Centre Kijjukizo, established in 1992 by the late Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ngobya to improve access

to healthcare for rural communities. The health facility continues to provide affordable medical services, particularly for mothers and vulnerable families who previously travelled long distances to seek treatment.

The parish has also played a significant role in advancing education through institutions such as St. Gonzaga Secondary School, which has nurtured generations of professionals, community leaders and entrepreneurs.

Today, Kijjukizo stands as more than a place of worship. Its history reflects resilience in the face of conflict, while its continued investment in education, healthcare and spiritual growth demonstrates the enduring role of faith-based institutions in supporting community development and improving lives across Lyantonde District.



Lady of Fatima kijjukizo

KYOTERA: DISTRICT INTENSIFIES HEALTH FACILITY MONITORING TO IMPROVE PATIENT CARE

By Ambrose Musasizi, Communication Officer – Kyotera District

Kyotera District leadership has intensified routine monitoring of government health facilities as part of efforts to improve healthcare service delivery, strengthen accountability and address persistent challenges affecting patient care.

The district monitoring team, led by District Chairperson Peter Sasira Asimwe, visited Kakuuto Health Centre IV and Kalisizo General Hospital to assess service delivery, engage health workers and identify priority interventions needed to improve healthcare services. The exercise was conducted jointly with the District Health Officer, Dr Edward

Muwanga, members of the District Executive Committee and district health officials.

At Kalisizo General Hospital, Medical Superintendent Dr Emmanuel Ssekyeru said the facility continues to experience increasing pressure due to a growing number of patients from within and outside Kyotera District. He noted that the existing infrastructure is no longer sufficient to meet demand and appealed for expansion of hospital facilities and increased staffing.

The monitoring exercise also highlighted significant staffing shortages across



The District Chairperson (in black coat, front) DHO and hospital administrator during the inspection at Kalisizo Hospital

the district's health sector. According to District Health Officer Dr Edward Muwanga, Kyotera currently has 519 health workers, representing only 39.4 per cent of the 1,313 personnel required under the revised Ministry of Health staffing structure.

Dr Muwanga said ageing infrastructure, including deteriorating maternity and general wards at Kakuuto Health Centre IV, continues to affect service delivery. He further called for the recruitment of specialist medical personnel, including gynaecologists, physicians and paediatricians, to improve access to specialised healthcare within the district.

Despite the challenges, District Chairperson Peter Sasira Asimwe commended health workers for their dedication and professionalism in providing services under difficult

conditions. He assured them that the district leadership would continue engaging the relevant authorities to advocate for improved staffing, rehabilitation of health infrastructure and enhanced medical services.

He said routine monitoring remains an important tool for identifying service delivery gaps, strengthening accountability and ensuring that government investments translate into better healthcare outcomes for communities.

District leaders expressed optimism that continued investment in health infrastructure, recruitment of additional health workers and regular performance monitoring will improve the quality of healthcare services and contribute to a healthier, more productive population across Kyotera District.

KYOTERA: EDUCATIONAL TOURS INSPIRE LEARNERS THROUGH FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE

By Ambrose Musasizi, Communication Officer – Kyotera District



Pupils of Master Cares Christian School pose for a photo with their teachers after the tour at the district headquarters

Schools across Kyotera District are embracing educational visits to the District Headquarters as a practical learning approach that is helping learners understand local governance, connect classroom lessons with real-life experiences and inspire future career aspirations.

Throughout July, learners from Master Cares Christian School, Lammenais Secondary School, St. Kizito Mbuye Primary School and Kiteredde Primary School toured the district headquarters, where they interacted with public officials and learnt how local governments plan, budget and deliver essential public services.

During the visits, district officials introduced learners to the roles of key departments, including Administration, Education, Health, Production, Finance, Community-Based Services, Engineering and Natural Resources. The sessions provided practical insights into policy implementation, public resource management and service delivery.

Teachers described the initiative as an important complement to Uganda's competency-based curriculum, which encourages experiential learning and problem-solving beyond the classroom.

Molly Namatovu, Headteacher of Master Cares Christian School, said the visits gave learners a deeper understanding of government operations and enabled them to relate classroom concepts to real-life experiences. She noted that the interaction broadened pupils' appreciation of civic responsibility and public service.

Brother Bernard Opio, a Social Studies teacher at St. Kizito Mbuye Primary School, said exposing learners to public institutions helps strengthen their understanding of governance while motivating them to work hard and pursue careers that contribute to community development.

For many students, the experience was transformative. One learner, Stellah from Lammenais Secondary School, said interacting with district officials inspired her to consider a future career in public service and strengthened her determination to excel academically.

Kyotera District Local Government continues to welcome schools interested in educational tours, recognising that such visits help young people develop leadership skills, understand government systems and appreciate the role of public institutions in improving communities.

District leaders said strengthening partnerships between schools and public institutions will enrich learning, promote responsible citizenship and inspire the next generation of professionals who will contribute to Uganda's socio-economic development.



KYOTERA: POULTRY FARMERS TRAINED TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH BETTER FEEDING AND DISEASE CONTROL

By Ambrose Musasizi, Communication Officer – Kyotera District

Poultry farmers in Kyotera District have been encouraged to adopt improved feeding practices, strengthen disease prevention measures and make greater use of agricultural extension services to increase production and improve household incomes.

The advice was delivered during a farmer training organised through a partnership between Bukoola Chemical Industries, Welfed Animal Feeds, Bukoola Vet Pharmacy and Kyotera District Local Government. The engagement brought together poultry farmers, veterinary

professionals, extension workers and district production officials to share practical knowledge on modern poultry management.

The training focused on key aspects of poultry production, including balanced feeding, biosecurity, vaccination, proper housing, record keeping and early disease detection. Experts noted that while poultry farming remains one of Uganda's fastest-growing agricultural enterprises, many farmers continue to incur losses due to poor feeding, inadequate vaccination, poor sanitation



An employee of Bukoola chemical industries addressing farmers at the district headquarters during the training

and delayed treatment of diseases.

District Veterinary Officer Dr Noeline Nalwera urged farmers to continuously seek technical knowledge, noting that successful poultry farming depends on informed decision-making and timely consultation with extension workers.

She encouraged farmers to work closely with animal husbandry officers at sub-county level, saying early professional guidance helps prevent disease outbreaks and improves farm productivity.

Participants also received practical guidance on appropriate feeding schedules for chicks, growers and layers, maintaining clean drinking water, reducing overcrowding and observing recommended vaccination programmes against common poultry diseases such as Newcastle disease, Gumboro disease and Fowl Pox.

During the discussions, farmers welcomed the opportunity to interact directly with veterinary experts and appealed for more regular training sessions to keep pace with emerging technologies and best farming practices.

District Production Officer Geoffrey Lubinga commended the private sector partners for supporting farmer education and called for continued collaboration between extension workers and farming communities. He said strong partnerships and access to reliable technical information are essential for increasing agricultural productivity and strengthening household incomes.

District leaders expressed confidence that the skills acquired during the training will help farmers reduce production losses, improve flock health and transform poultry farming into a more profitable and sustainable enterprise across Kyotera District.

MINISTRY HANDS OVER LAPTOPS TO STRENGTHEN DIGITAL LEARNING IN LWENGO

By Ssekabira Peters, Communication Officer, Lwengo District

The Ministry of ICT and National Guidance has donated 20 laptop computers to Lwengo District to strengthen digital skills training and improve ICT education in secondary schools.

The laptops will be shared equally between Sseke Secondary School in Kinoni Town Council and Kyanukuzi Secondary School in Kisekka Sub-county, with each school receiving 10 computers.

The donation follows lobbying efforts by Lwengo District Woman MP Cissy

Namujju and is part of the Government of Uganda's drive to promote digital transformation in education and equip learners with practical ICT skills for the modern economy.

During the handover ceremony, Lwengo District Chairperson Kizito Abasi thanked the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance for supporting education in the district. He said the laptops would improve the quality of teaching and learning by giving students hands-on experience in computer studies.



Lwengo District Chairperson, Kizito Abasi with Sseke Secondary School students posing with the newly received Laptops during the Ceremony.

"These laptops are a valuable investment in the future of our children. They will provide learners with practical ICT skills that are essential in today's digital world," Kizito said, while also commending MP Namujju for lobbying for the equipment.

He urged the beneficiary schools to safeguard the laptops and ensure they are used strictly for educational purposes.

Chief Administrative Officer Beatrice Katusabe welcomed the donation, saying it complements the district's efforts to improve ICT infrastructure in schools. She noted that access to the laptops will enhance practical computer lessons and help students acquire the digital skills required in today's knowledge-based economy.

A student at Sseke Secondary School, Hamuza Kiyimba, said the equipment

would greatly improve practical computer lessons, which had previously been limited by inadequate ICT facilities.

"We are grateful to the Government for providing us with these laptops. They will help us gain practical ICT knowledge that is important for our studies and future careers," he said.

Administrators of both Sseke and Kyanukuzi secondary schools pledged to maintain the laptops and ensure they are effectively used to support teaching and learning.

The initiative underscores the Government's commitment to expanding access to digital education and equipping learners with skills needed in an increasingly technology-driven world.

LWENGO: DISTRICT LAUNCHES MONTHLY CLEANING CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH

By Namuddu Aminah, Communication Officer – Lwengo District



District leaders during the launch of the cleaning day at Kinoni Town Council

Lwengo District has joined the nationwide National Monthly Cleaning Day campaign, reaffirming its commitment to improving sanitation, preventing disease outbreaks and promoting environmental conservation through regular community clean-up exercises.

The campaign, spearheaded by the Ministry of Health, designates the last Saturday of every month as a National Cleaning Day, encouraging citizens to participate in activities that improve sanitation and protect the environment. The district officially launched the initiative at Kinoni Town Council, where district leaders, technical officers, security agencies, school representatives and community members took part in a large-scale clean-up exercise.

Participants collected and properly disposed of waste, swept streets and public spaces, cleared drainage channels, slashed overgrown vegetation and cleaned trading centres, demonstrating the importance of collective action in maintaining healthy

communities.

Speaking during the launch, Principal Assistant Chief Administrative Officer John Ssendagala said the campaign would strengthen efforts to improve sanitation standards and reduce the spread of preventable diseases caused by poor waste management. He urged residents to embrace environmental cleanliness as a shared responsibility rather than leaving it solely to local authorities.

District Chairperson Kizito Abasi described the initiative as a revival of Uganda's long-standing culture of communal responsibility, encouraging residents to participate voluntarily and make sanitation part of their daily lives. He also commended schools that participated in the exercise, noting that involving learners helps instil lifelong values of cleanliness and environmental stewardship.

Resident District Commissioner Emmy Kateera Turyabagyenye said the campaign complements the Government's preventive healthcare

agenda by encouraging proper waste disposal, good hygiene and clean surroundings to reduce disease outbreaks and healthcare costs.

Community members welcomed the initiative, expressing optimism that regular clean-up exercises would improve waste management in trading centres and create healthier living

conditions.

District leaders called upon households, businesses, schools and community groups to actively participate in the monthly campaign, saying sustained community involvement will be essential in building cleaner, healthier and more resilient communities across Lwengo District.

LWENGO: MINISTRY OF HEALTH DELIVERS 201,350 MOSQUITO NETS IN MAJOR MALARIA PREVENTION DRIVE

By Ssekabira Peters, Communication Officer -Lwengo

The Government of Uganda, through the Ministry of Health, has delivered 201,350 long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito nets to Lwengo District as part of the national malaria prevention campaign. The mosquito nets will be distributed across all 45 parishes to protect households, particularly children

under five and pregnant women, who are most vulnerable to malaria.

Malaria remains one of the leading causes of illness and death in Uganda and continues to place a heavy burden on health facilities in Lwengo District. The distribution of the treated mosquito nets



Lwengo district leadership with NMS staff during the flagging off mosquito nets at the district headquarters.

is expected to reduce malaria infections, hospital admissions, and related deaths.

The mosquito net distribution exercise was officially flagged off at Lwengo District Headquarters on July 10th 2026 in the presence of district leaders, National Medical Stores (NMS) officials, security agencies, technical staff, and local government representatives.

Representing the CAO, Principal Assistant Secretary Mr. John Ssendagala thanked the Government and the Ministry of Health for supporting the district's public health efforts. He assured residents that the mosquito nets would be safely stored, transparently distributed, and closely monitored to ensure they reach the intended beneficiaries.

District Chairperson Mr. Kizito Abasi welcomed the delivery, describing it as a timely intervention that many families had been waiting for. He pledged the district's commitment to ensuring the distribution is completed successfully and urged local leaders to mobilize communities so every eligible household benefits.

RDC Mr. Emmy Kateera Turyabagyenyi, praised the Government for prioritizing preventive healthcare and urged residents to use the mosquito nets every night instead of selling or misusing them. He also assured the public that security agencies would protect the mosquito nets throughout transportation and distribution.

District health officials appealed to Village Health Teams (VHTs), Parish Chiefs, Local Council leaders, and community mobilizers to educate communities on the proper use and maintenance of the treated nets. Residents were encouraged to cooperate with distribution teams and ensure every household member sleeps under a mosquito net every night.

The delivery of the 201,350 mosquito nets is expected to strengthen malaria prevention efforts in Lwengo District and contribute to lower infection rates, fewer malaria-related deaths, and healthier communities through continued collaboration between the Government, Ministry of Health, NMS, district leaders, and local communities.

MASAKA: RONA FARM DEMONSTRATES AGRICULTURE'S POWER TO CREATE JOBS AND WEALTH

By Brian Mugenyi- Guest Writer



What began as one man's transition from public service to commercial farming has grown into one of Masaka's emerging agribusiness success stories, creating employment, adding value to agricultural products and demonstrating the potential of modern farming to drive Uganda's economic transformation.

Situated on a 20-acre farm at Kabale Bugonzi Hill along the Kampala-Masaka

highway, Rona Farm has developed into an integrated agricultural enterprise comprising more than 50,000 layer birds, over 400 pigs, a three-acre coffee mother garden, maize processing facilities and a growing agricultural training programme. The enterprise currently employs more than 100 workers, making it a significant contributor to livelihoods in the area.

Founder Ronald Ssegawa Gyagenda says his vision extends beyond commercial farming to proving that agriculture can be a profitable business capable of creating jobs, improving food security and transforming communities.

The poultry enterprise forms the backbone of the farm's operations. More than 50,000 layer birds are reared in purpose-built housing designed to promote bird health and productivity. The farm produces over 900 trays of eggs daily, supplying households, traders and institutional buyers while maintaining strict feeding, hygiene and management standards.

Rona Farm has also invested heavily in improved piggery, rearing more than 400 pigs for breeding and pork production. Besides selling mature pigs, the farm supplies quality piglets and artificial insemination services to farmers seeking to improve livestock productivity.

Coffee is another key enterprise. Through its mother garden, the farm produces improved coffee seedlings, including KR4, KR5 and KR6 varieties, helping farmers access quality planting materials to boost coffee production and household incomes.

Beyond production, Rona Farm is expanding into agricultural education by establishing a practical learning centre where students, researchers and farmers can acquire hands-on skills in modern farming technologies. The enterprise also adds value through the production of Buddu Pure Maize flour and the manufacture of organic fertiliser using black soldier fly technology.

Ssegawa believes Uganda's future lies in productive investment that creates employment and strengthens local industries. By integrating livestock, crop production, value addition and skills development, Rona Farm demonstrates how commercial agriculture can become a catalyst for wealth creation and rural transformation.

As the enterprise continues to expand, it is positioning itself not only as a successful agribusiness but also as a demonstration centre inspiring more Ugandans to view agriculture as a modern, profitable and sustainable career.

SEMBABULE: DISTRICT COMMISSIONS UNIVERSITY QUOTA BENEFICIARIES

By Namuddu Aminah, Communication Officer – Sembabule District



RDC Sseruwagi Faizo, District Chairperson Nkalubo Patrick, Workers' Councilor Bamutorine Robert, Principal Assistant Secretary Najjingo Hellen, Education Officer Nabayizi Mary and students that were selected under the District Quota University Admission Scheme

Sembabule District Local Government has commissioned students admitted under the Government's District Quota University Admission Scheme, reaffirming its commitment to expanding access to higher education and nurturing future professionals to support local development.

The commissioning ceremony, held at the district headquarters, brought together district leaders, education officials, parents and students preparing to begin their university studies under the

government-sponsored programme.

District Chairperson Patrick Nkalubo congratulated the beneficiaries on earning the opportunity through merit and encouraged them to remain disciplined, work hard and uphold the values of integrity throughout their studies.

He described the District Quota University Admission Scheme as an important government intervention that continues to provide academically

talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds with access to university education, enabling them to contribute to national development upon graduation.

Deputy Resident District Commissioner Faizo Sseruwagi urged the students to remain focused on their academic goals and avoid activities that could jeopardise their future, noting that government had invested in their education because of its confidence in their potential.

Education Officer Mary Nabayizi said the programme promotes equitable access to higher education by giving deserving students from across the district an opportunity to pursue university studies through a transparent and merit-based selection process.

Principal Assistant Secretary Hellen Najjingo encouraged parents to continue

supporting their children throughout their university education, while Workers' Councillor Robert Bamutorine advised the students to remain committed to their studies and avoid negative peer influence.

Speaking on behalf of the beneficiaries, one of the students expressed gratitude to the Government and Sembabule District Local Government for the opportunity, pledging to work hard and represent the district with distinction.

District leaders said the quota scheme continues to strengthen human capital development by opening opportunities for talented young people to acquire higher education and eventually contribute skilled expertise to the socio-economic transformation of Sembabule District and Uganda.

SEMBABULE: DISTRICT TO HOST INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF DEAF PEOPLE 2026

By Namuddu Aminah, Communication Officer – Sembabule District



District Chairperson Nkalubo Patrick, MP for Persons with Disabilities, meets with district and national leaders of persons with disabilities.

Sembabule District has been selected to host the International Week of Deaf People (WDP) 2026, a landmark event that will bring together leaders, advocates, stakeholders, development partners, and members of the deaf community from across Uganda.

The announcement was made during a courtesy meeting held at the office of the LCV Chairperson at the Sembabule District Headquarters, where the

The meeting focused on Chairperson, Mr. Nkalubo Patrick, hosted the Member of Parliament representing Persons with Disabilities, together with district and national leaders of persons with disabilities. Preparations for the national event and highlighted the importance of strengthening collaboration to advance the rights, inclusion, and welfare of persons with disabilities.

Speaking during the meeting, LCV Chairperson Mr. Nkalubo Patrick welcomed the delegation and expressed appreciation for the confidence placed in Sembabule District.

"We are deeply honored that Sembabule has been chosen to host the International Week of Deaf People 2026. This is a recognition of our commitment to promoting inclusion and equal opportunities for all citizens. We shall work closely with all stakeholders to ensure the event is successful and leaves a lasting impact," he said.

The Member of Parliament representing Persons with Disabilities commended

the district leadership for its support towards disability inclusion and noted that hosting the event would provide an opportunity to showcase the district's commitment to accessible and inclusive development.

The International Week of Deaf People is an annual celebration that brings together the deaf community and its partners to celebrate achievements, promote awareness of deaf culture, advocate for equal rights, and encourage greater participation of persons with disabilities in national development.

District and national leaders of persons with disabilities applauded the leadership of Sembabule District for embracing the opportunity and pledged to work together to ensure the event is well organized and beneficial to all participants.

Hosting WDP 2026 is expected to attract participants from all regions of Uganda, creating opportunities for networking, learning, advocacy, and community engagement while raising awareness about the rights and welfare of persons with disabilities.

The selection of Sembabule District as the host district marks a significant milestone in promoting inclusivity, accessibility, and equal opportunities for all. District leaders expressed optimism that the event will strengthen partnerships and inspire continued efforts towards building an inclusive society where every person is valued and empowered.

SEMBABULE: NEW VEHICLE TO STRENGTHEN AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES

By Namuddu Aminah, Communication Officer – Sembabule District

Sembabule District has received a new double-cabin vehicle from the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), a boost expected to improve agricultural extension services and strengthen support to farmers across the district.

The vehicle, registered as UG 1200495, was handed over to the District Production Department during a commissioning ceremony held at the district headquarters. Officials said the new addition will ease long-standing transport challenges that have limited extension workers' ability to reach

farming communities.

District Production Officer Simon Byarugaba welcomed the support, describing it as timely for improving service delivery to farmers involved in both crop and livestock production.

He said inadequate transport had constrained field supervision and farmer advisory services for years, expressing confidence that the vehicle would enable extension workers to reach more farmers and provide timely technical guidance.



Deputy RDC Sseruwagi Faizo, DISO Xeviar Biraoro, District Chairperson Nkarubo Patrick, District Councilors and CAO Magumba Eria besides the new Double Carbin REG NO UG 1200495 at Sembabule District Headquarters

Byarugaba urged district officials to safeguard the vehicle and ensure it is used strictly for official Production Department activities in accordance with Ministry guidelines.

Chief Administrative Officer Eria Magumba said the new vehicle reflects government's continued investment in improving agricultural service delivery. He challenged extension staff to use the opportunity to increase their presence in farming communities and provide quality technical support to farmers.

He also reminded the department to adhere to operational guidelines issued by MAAIF to ensure proper management and long-term use of the vehicle.

District Chairperson Patrick Nkalubo described the handover as a significant

milestone for the district's agricultural sector. He encouraged agricultural officers to intensify extension services and help position Sembabule as a model district in both livestock and crop production.

The commissioning ceremony was attended by Deputy Resident District Commissioner Sseruwagi Faizo, District Internal Security Officer (DISO) Xeviar Biraoro, district technical staff and agricultural officers.

The vehicle is expected to improve farmer advisory services, project supervision, disease surveillance and monitoring of government agricultural programmes, ultimately contributing to increased agricultural productivity and improved livelihoods across Sembabule District.



District Chairperson Nkarubo Patrick handing over the Double Carbin REG NO UG 1200495 to the District Production Officer Byarugaba Simon at the District Headquarters.

SEMBABULE: SOLAR-POWERED WATER PROJECT EXPANDS ACCESS TO SAFE WATER

By Namuddu Aminah, Communication Officer – Sembabule District



Hon. Shartsi Musherure Kutesa, Hon. Soddo Aine Kaguta, RDC Jane Francis Kagayi, District Chairperson Patrick Nkalubo and technical officers inspect the solar-powered water facilities during the monitoring exercise in Lugusuulu Sub County.

Leaders in Sembabule District have conducted the final inspection of the newly completed Mijwala Solar Powered Piped Water Supply System, a major rural water project expected to transform access to safe and clean water for thousands of residents in Mijwala Sub-county.

The inspection, led by Members of Parliament Shartsi Musherure and Sodo Kaguta, brought together Resident District Commissioner Jane Francis Kagayi, District Chairperson Patrick Nkalubo, district councillors, technical officers and local leaders to assess the completed works before commissioning.

Implemented under the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Programme, the

project was funded by the Export-Import Bank of India and the Government of Uganda and executed by M/S Shakti Pumps India Ltd. Construction began in June 2022 and was completed in May 2026.

Project Manager David Bategenya said the scheme extends the National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC) network from Kyoloola to a 100-cubic-metre reservoir at Nambirizi Village using a solar-powered pumping system. The distribution network now supplies clean water to more than 16 villages, while an additional 60.5 kilometres of pipeline has extended services to other communities in the sub-county.

Local leaders described the project as



Solar-powered water projects that have transformed the livelihoods in mitima and lugusuulu sub-counties

a milestone in improving public health, sanitation and economic productivity. Mijwala Sub-county Chairperson Hajji Naziru Ddamulira said improved access to clean water would significantly enhance the welfare of rural households, while Nambirizi Village LC I Chairperson Zimula Sulaiman urged residents to safeguard the infrastructure for future generations.

Residents have already begun experiencing the benefits. Farmer Yasin Ntensibe said reliable access to water has eased domestic chores and farming activities that were previously constrained by water shortages.

Resident District Commissioner Jane Francis Kagayi encouraged households to invest in water storage facilities to ensure a reliable supply during temporary

interruptions, while District Chairperson Patrick Nkalubo called on communities to protect the infrastructure and support its long-term sustainability.

District leaders said the solar-powered water project marks a significant step towards achieving universal access to safe water in Sembabule and will contribute to improved health outcomes, agricultural productivity and socio-economic development across the district.



SEMBABULE TRAINS WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STAFF ON UGX35 MILLION WATER TESTING KIT

By Namuddu Aminah, Communication Officer – Sembabule District

The Sembabule District Water Department has trained 14 water and environmental health workers on the operation and maintenance of a newly acquired Ugx35 million spectrometer water testing kit to strengthen water quality monitoring and protect public health.

The training was held on July 1, 2026, at the District Water Department offices and brought together District Water Officer Ronald Like, District Environmental Health Officer Wilson Sebugwawo, District Water Manager David Bategenya, and technical staff.

Supplied by Jabba Engineering Ltd, the spectrometer was procured under the District Water and Sanitation Conditional Grant.

During the training, Jabba Engineering Ltd representative Joseph Kyeyune guided participants on water sample analysis, equipment operation, routine maintenance, result interpretation, and the use of approved reagents to ensure accurate testing.

“The spectrometer can test over 22 parameters, making it a comprehensive tool for water quality assessment. With proper operation and maintenance, it will serve the district effectively for many years,” he explained

Like described the equipment as a major boost to the district’s capacity to conduct timely and reliable water quality tests.

“This spectrometer will strengthen our

ability to ensure the water consumed by our communities meets national standards,” he said.

Sebugwawo said regular monitoring of water sources is critical in preventing water-borne diseases, while Bategenya reaffirmed the district’s commitment to procuring reagents to keep the equipment fully operational.

Bategenya revealed that the district will continue investing in the required reagents to facilitate regular testing exercises.

The training is part of Sembabule District’s ongoing efforts to improve water quality management, strengthen environmental health services, and ensure residents have access to safe and clean water.



The Spectrometer water testing kit, supplied by Jabba Engineering Ltd, being procured under the District Water and Sanitation Conditional Grant.



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