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Welcome to the 4th Edition of Wamala – Savannah Times that fills us with pride and gratitude.

What began as a simple effort to share what's happening in our districts has grown into something truly meaningful. Each edition has become a voice for our communities, a platform to recognize progress, and a space to celebrate the people behind the headlines you, our readers, and the tireless teams working on the ground.

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In this edition, we bring you stories that capture the heart of regional development:

- From Luwero, a game-changing training centre is set to elevate machine operator skills with

regional certification.

- In Kassanda, newly commissioned classrooms are changing the learning experience for hundreds of pupils.
- Kiboga farmers are preparing to benefit from a renewed phase of irrigation support, designed to boost productivity and climate resilience.
- And in Kyankwanzi, young girls are rewriting sports history with back-to-back national netball triumphs.

These stories, and many others, remind us that change is happening one effort, one investment, and one community at a time.

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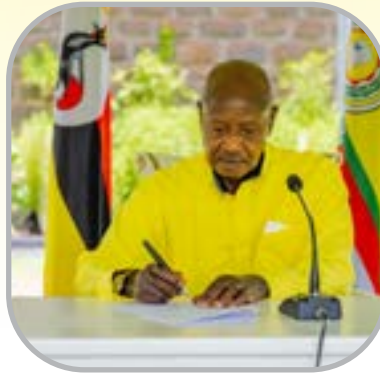
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"The path to peace and prosperity is through producing and selling a good or service. That is how we will unlock Africa's potential and secure lasting peace."

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Thank You

President Museveni Hails Peaceful NRM Primaries, Vows Crackdown on Electoral Malpractice



Saturday, July 26, 2025

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni has commended members of the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM) for conducting peaceful and largely fraud-free party primaries for Local Council V chairpersons, mayors, and councillors held on Thursday, July 24, 2025.

In a statement released Saturday, the President praised the high turnout, with reports indicating that over 7.95 million NRM members participated in the elections despite it being a midweek working day. He noted that some districts had yet to submit final tallies, and others like Kyiruhuura saw candidates go through unopposed.

"This is not bad at all," President Museveni said. "It shows increasing political maturity among our members, especially the Bazzukulu."

The President attributed the improved

conduct to the government's tough stance on electoral offenses, following irregularities that marred the NRM parliamentary primaries held earlier on July 17. So far, 333 individuals have been arrested, with 48 formally charged in court, including 13 NRM district registrars accused of altering results. The crackdown continues, particularly against those involved in voter bribery.

Addressing criticism from MP Muhammad Kivumbi, who equated voter bribery with presidential donations, Museveni strongly rejected the comparison.

"Hon. Kivumbi, the brown envelope Museveni gives is not a bribe it is Kurongoora, a reward given for merit, such as to musicians or elderly citizens," the President explained. "I recently gave Shs. 5 million to a group of Bwola dancers in Patongo

for their exceptional performance. That is a presidential honor, not a political transaction.”

He added that personal donations made in his official capacity are legitimate and publicly accounted for. “When I become a private citizen in Rwakitura, I will not Kurongoora members of the public,” Museveni stated.

The President also defended the ethos of the NRA/UPDF, saying the army has fought for decades without seeking financial gain, in service of national peace. He warned against the growing culture of monetized politics, which he blamed on the expansion of political participation post-1996.

“We have always warned against money-based politics,” he said. “Now the dangers are clear to all. Let us work together to eliminate this mistake.”

The President urged Ugandans to report any remaining electoral malpractices, assuring them that the integrity of NRM’s internal processes remains a national priority.

Gen. Katumba Wamala, Japanese Ambassador Visit New Machine Operators' Training Centre in Luwero

By Abdul Mazinga – District Communications Officer, Luwero District

“With certifications recognized across East Africa, Ugandan operators will now have a competitive edge beyond borders.” H.E. Takyuka Sasayama, Japanese Ambassador

Luwero, Uganda – The Minister of Works and Transport, Gen. Edward Katumba Wamala, and the Japanese Ambassador to Uganda, His Excellency Takyuka Sasayama, on Monday made an official visit to the newly established Machine Operators' Training Centre in Butuntumula Subcounty, Luwero District.



Second from left: Luwero District Chairperson Erasto Kibirango, Japanese Ambassador H.E. Takyuka Sasayama, and Gen. Edward Katumba Wamala pose for a commemorative photo during the visit



Gen. Edward Katumba Wamala, Minister of Works and Transport giving his key note speech



Japanese Ambassador, H.E. Takyuka Sasayama gives his speech at the event

The visit marked a milestone in Uganda–Japan bilateral cooperation, with the center standing as a flagship project supported by the Government of Japan. The facility is designed to provide refresher courses and certification for machine operators, aligned to East African regional standards. Already, the center is attracting participants from various districts and is poised to become a regional hub for training in heavy machinery operation.

During his tour of the facility, Gen. Katumba Wamala commended the enduring partnership between Uganda and Japan, which dates back to 1990. He highlighted key infrastructure achievements made possible through Japanese support, including the Source of the Nile Bridge in Jinja, the Kampala Flyover Project (Lot 1), upgraded urban lighting systems, and the forthcoming Flyover Lot 2. He also mentioned future collaborations such as the proposed Karuma Bridge project.

“The grant from Japan has enabled the Ministry to acquire modern and reliable equipment, which is critical to improving Uganda’s road infrastructure. This training centre here in Luwero is a testament to that support,” said the Minister. “We thank the people and Government of Japan for standing with us.”

He underscored the role of skilled machine operators in executing the Parish Development Model (PDM), particularly under Pillar Two, which focuses on infrastructure and economic services. Gen. Katumba called on district leaders to invest in training their machine

operators and issued a warning against using public machinery for private gain.

“I want to thank H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni for the continued support to the Ministry of Works and Transport. The establishment of centers like this is a direct result of that commitment,” he added.

Ambassador Sasayama lauded the center’s strategic location and expressed optimism about its regional impact.

“This centre is located at the heart of East Africa and will offer certifications recognized across the region, thereby increasing employment prospects for machine operators from Uganda and neighboring countries,” he said.

Luwero District Chairperson, Mr. Erasto Kibirango, expressed appreciation to both governments, describing the center as a game-changer for the local community.

“This initiative will boost skills development, create employment opportunities, and support the rehabilitation of key access roads like the Nalongo–Kakabala–Namatogonya road,” Kibirango said. He also appealed for an additional road unit for the district, citing the need to cover Luwero’s extensive road network.

With modern equipment and regional recognition, the Luwero Machine Operators’ Training Centre is expected to significantly contribute to the professionalization of road works and national development.

Kyankwanzi Rising: How the Parish Development Model is Transforming Lives from the Grassroots

By Nabukenya Christine, District
Communication Officer – Kyankwanzi

Kyankwanzi District, Uganda – As Uganda rolls out one of its most ambitious poverty eradication initiatives the Parish Development Model (PDM) communities at the grassroots are beginning to experience the impact, and the stories emerging are nothing short of transformational.

Launched nationally in February 2022 in Kibuku District, the Parish Development Model was designed to uplift an estimated 3.5 million Ugandan households (representing 39% of the population) from subsistence to a monetized economy.

Built on seven core pillars, the PDM is a decentralized strategy that brings services directly to the parish level the country's lowest administrative unit. Its central goal is to

empower local populations through financial inclusion, support to local enterprises, and increased access to government services.

This week we bring you one of the success stories in Kyankwanzi where PDM was rolled out in the 2022/2023 financial year. With vigor and community engagement, the district established Savings and Credit Cooperative Organizations (SACCOs) in each of its 119 parishes. These SACCOs became the vehicles through which community members could access PDM support.

By the 2023/2024 financial year, the fruits of these efforts began to ripen. Over UGX 30 billion had been disbursed to beneficiaries across Kyankwanzi. Farmers, small traders, and youth- and women-led groups began investing in their ventures from agriculture and livestock to crafts and trade.

“These funds are not just statistics they are stories. Stories of mothers starting businesses, of youths returning to farming with purpose, of communities rising together,” said a district official involved in the implementation.

At the center of this transformation is Nassolo Fausta, a resilient woman from Kasanje in Gayaza Subcounty. At an age when most are winding down, Nassolo chose to start anew. With her children grown and a long-held dream



Nassolo Fausta tending to her poultry project in Gayaza Subcounty

in her heart, she ventured into poultry farming.

Through the Kasanje PDM SACCO, Nassolo received a loan of UGX 1 million that helped turn her vision into reality. She began by purchasing 100 broiler chicks and constructing a secure, well-ventilated chicken house in her backyard. The rest of the funds went into acquiring nutritious feed ingredients, carefully mixed to promote healthy growth.

“Every morning, I wake up excited. I feed my chicks, clean their house, and watch them grow stronger,” she shared with a proud smile. “My neighbors began to notice. They encouraged me, and some are now planning to start their own projects.”

From the initial sales chickens going for UGX 30,000 each Nassolo reinvested into expanding her poultry house. A construction project that had stalled due to lack of funds is now complete, financed entirely by proceeds from her business. The venture has reached

its fifth phase, and Nassolo has her sights set higher: expanding production and mentoring other women.

Nassolo’s story is just one of many. Across Kyankwanzi, PDM is igniting a spirit of enterprise, resilience, and empowerment. Farmers are now planting with a purpose, traders are restocking with confidence, and youth are discovering alternatives to urban migration.

The district’s success offers a compelling case for how community-centered development, when matched with political will and citizen participation, can transform Uganda from the ground up.

While challenges remain ranging from capacity building to continued financial With continued support, transparent operations, and shared ownership, more stories like Nassolo’s will emerge across the country.



District Officials, including DISO, LCIII Chairperson, SAS, and Production Officers visit Nassolo’s thriving poultry project in Kasanje Parish.

Kassanda District Boosts Education Infrastructure with UGX 360 Million Investment

By Katwesige Janet – Communication Officer, Kassanda DLG

Kassanda, Uganda –Kassanda District has commissioned three new classroom blocks complete with staff offices, collectively worth UGX 360 million. The structures, funded by the central government through the School Facilitation Grant (SFG) and the Discretionary Development Equalization Grant (DDEG), are part of the district's education infrastructure development plan for FY 2024/2025.

The newly constructed blocks are located at Mweya Primary School, Ntuuma Primary School, and Ndeeba Primary School. Each block, valued at UGX 120 million, aims to reduce overcrowding and enhance the learning environment for pupils in underserved communities.

While officiating the commissioning ceremonies, Kassanda Assistant Resident District Commissioner (RDC) Mr. Puis Bitakaramire applauded the government for its continued investment in essential public

services.

"Our roads are now accessible, health centers are improving, and our schools are getting facilities with teachers. Let's be patient—more is coming," Bitakaramire assured the gathering.

District Education Officer (DEO) Hajji Lukooya Abdul commended the government for prioritizing education infrastructure and expressed optimism that the new classrooms would significantly reduce pupil absenteeism and improve performance.

"These structures will address congestion and ensure more learners stay in class. However, it is our collective responsibility—teachers and parents alike—to take good care of these facilities," Lukooya emphasized.

He further cautioned that failure to maintain the new classrooms may delay future government interventions, as several other schools across the district are still in need of similar support.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Ms. Jessica Ndagire echoed the DEO's sentiments, calling the new buildings a major achievement for the district.

"This development addresses the critical issue of overcrowding in our schools. We are grateful to the central government and pledge to lobby for more funds to cater for schools that still lack proper infrastructure," she stated.

Vice Chairperson Ms. Nampera Flavia, who represented the LCV Chairperson during the events, praised the district's leadership and project management teams.

"During District Executive Committee monitoring visits, we consistently found the construction work to meet



The newly constructed two-classroom block with an office at Ndeeba Primary School, commissioned under the FY2024/2025 government education infrastructure program



District officials join members of the community during the commissioning ceremony of the newly constructed classroom blocks

acceptable standards. This is evidence of proper supervision and commitment," she noted.

With this boost in educational

infrastructure, District now with renewed to advocate

Kassanda looks ahead with determination for further

investments, aiming to extend similar benefits to other schools in need of renovation or expansion.

Kiboga Farmers to Benefit from Second Phase of UGIFT Irrigation Program

By Bamukyaye Alex, District Communication Officer – Kiboga District

Kiboga, Uganda – July 2025

Farmers in Kiboga District are set to reap big as the Government, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), prepares to roll out the second phase of the Uganda Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers (UGIFT) Small-Scale Irrigation Program.

The initiative, which aims to enhance agricultural productivity through affordable irrigation solutions, is now in advanced stages of planning, according to Kiboga

District Agricultural Engineer, David Ssentongo.

"We have received good news that there is likely to be a second phase of the program. Once all the procedures are finalized, we shall embark on implementation immediately," Engineer Ssentongo revealed. He has coordinated the UGIFT Small-Scale Irrigation initiative in the district for the past three years.

"The program transformed the lives of many farmers in the first phase, and we are optimistic about an even greater impact in the second rollout," he added.

In the previous financial year, 40 farmers across the district benefited from the initiative, which promotes co-funding to make irrigation technology accessible and sustainable. Under the scheme, the Government contributed 75% of the cost of



From Left: Deputy RDC Namanya Jeromy on behalf of the District receiving a consignment of irrigation equipment from suppliers at the District head offices.

irrigation systems, while farmers covered the remaining 25%.

The Government released UGX 540 million to support the first phase, with farmers contributing a collective UGX 7.8 million to meet their co-funding requirement. This partnership enabled smallholder farmers to install various irrigation technologies, including solar-powered surface irrigation systems, drag hoses, and direct pumping solutions tailored to their specific terrains and financial capacities.

As part of the application process, farmers were required to pay UGX 1 million as an “expression of interest” fee before fulfilling their 25% contribution towards the equipment costs.

A consignment of irrigation equipment for phase one was officially received at the

district headquarters by Deputy Resident District Commissioner Jeremy Namanya on behalf of the local government.

“This program is critical in building climate resilience and sustaining agricultural livelihoods in drought-prone sub-counties, especially within the cattle corridor,” noted Engineer Ssentongo.

With the announcement of the second phase, district officials are urging eligible farmers to begin preparations and mobilize early to seize the opportunity once implementation begins.

If successfully implemented and widely embraced, the program is expected to further boost crop yields, improve food security, and stabilize household incomes across the district.

Kiboga RDC Warns New Civil Servants Against Divisive Politics

By Bamukyaye Alex, District Communication Officer – Kiboga District

Kiboga, Uganda – The Resident District Commissioner (RDC) of Kiboga, Haji Moses Ddumba, has issued a stern warning to newly appointed and recently promoted civil servants, cautioning them against engaging in divisive politics that could derail service delivery and public trust.

Haji Ddumba made the remarks while officially closing a two-day induction training organized by Kiboga District Local Government at the Council Hall last week. The training aimed at orienting 107 staff members 60 new appointees and 47 promoted officers on ethical conduct and public service standards.

“I want to warn everybody here that you have not got the job to join politics. Be patient, and possibly join active politics after 2031,” the RDC cautioned.

He expressed concern that a growing number of public officers are spending more time on political schemes and social media instead of focusing on their professional duties, at a time when the nation urgently needs efficient service delivery.

“Some of you are more committed to politicking than serving our people. Yet the Central Government has invested heavily in

transforming livelihoods through programs like the Parish Development Model (PDM), Emyooga, UPE, USE, and GROW,” he added.

Deputy RDC Jeremy Namanya echoed similar concerns, pointing out increasing inefficiency in several government departments, particularly in schools and health facilities.

“We know that some of you report for duty but spend most of your day on social media. That’s betrayal not just of your oath, but of the people of Uganda,” Namanya said. He stressed the urgent need for renewed commitment, especially among frontline workers whose roles directly impact service delivery.

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Mr. Nsubuga Zirimenya, advised the inductees to stay apolitical, disciplined, and committed to the principles of public service.

“No amount of money will solve all your problems. Avoid get-rich-quick schemes. Grow gradually, stay professional, be relevant, and steer clear of corruption and drug abuse,” Zirimenya urged.

He encouraged all staff to regularly consult key government documents including the Public Service Standing Orders (2023), Local Government Regulations, and District Clients’ Charters to guide their day-to-day work.

The induction had the highest number of newly inducted and promoted staff in recent years. The event concluded with an oath of secrecy ceremony, presided over by the RDC, CAO, and District Speaker, Ssalongo Kyomya.

“With the right attitude, knowledge, and discipline, you are all destined to thrive in your professional calling,” Zirimenya concluded.



From left: CAO Nsubuga Zirimenya, District Speaker Ssalongo Kyomya, and RDC Haji Moses Ddumba prepare to administer the oath of secrecy during the staff induction ceremony



Newly appointed and promoted civil servants take the oath of secrecy at the conclusion of a two-day induction training held at Kiboga District Council Hall

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YOUTH SPECIAL EDITION



Top 10 tips & appeals to uganda's youth in 2025



"Skilling is Liberation" – H.E. Yoweri Kagame Museveni



Choose Skills Over Mere Schooling

“These hubs are not just training centers—they are battlefields for wealth creation.”

The President urges youth to embrace hands-on vocational skills like welding, tailoring, carpentry, baking, and mechanics as equal or superior to academic credentials. Skilling hubs offer free training, meals, and certification.

Create Jobs, Don't Wait for Them

“You don't need to beg for jobs if you can create them yourself.”

Museveni challenges youth to stop waiting for public service jobs (only 470,000 exist) and instead become entrepreneurs and job creators in the private sector.



Engage in Wealth Creation at Home

“What comes to your home is wealth not development.”

The President clarifies that infrastructure like roads and hospitals is development, but true transformation happens when households generate wealth through farming, small-scale industry, and services.



Join the Money Economy with Calculation (Ekibaaro)

“You must enter the money economy with a plan.”

He encourages every youth to deliberately plan for income, by choosing profitable activities and measuring returns, especially in agriculture, services, and small-scale manufacturing.

Stop Blaming Government for Every Job

“Being stuck on the idea that government must give you a job is confusion.”

Instead of protest or dependency, youth are called to seize existing opportunities through PDM, Emyooga, Innovation Funds, and skilling programs.

Turn Dropouts into Change-Makers

“These hubs are more impactful than UPE and USE.”

Acknowledging that many youth have dropped out of formal education, Museveni stresses that practical training offers a dignified, empowering alternative to rebuild futures.

Demand Accountability, Fight Corruption

“We want to be your ambassadors in fighting corruption.”

Museveni supports youth taking a stand against corrupt leaders and mismanaged programs. He welcomes young voices in the accountability space from SACCO management to public service.



Use Technology to Leapfrog into the Future

“ICT is one of the four wealth creation sectors.”

The President encourages youth to tap into the digital economy through innovation, freelancing, e-commerce, and content creation as tools for personal and national transformation.

Embrace Patriotism and Reject Identity Politics

“It's not tribe or religion that matters it's interest.”

He warns that tribalism and religious extremism are regressive, and urges youth to rally around national unity and economic development, not divisions.

Think Regionally Push for East African Integration

“Gen Z should not be rioting locally, but agitating for East African integration.”

Museveni believes youth should look beyond Uganda's borders to tap into the Pan-African market, industrial collaboration, and collective security for long-term prosperity.



Kyankwanzi Girls Dominate Netball in Consecutive UPSSA Editions

By Nabukenya Christine, District Communication Officer, Kyankwanzi District

Kyankwanzi District is fast emerging as a netball powerhouse in Uganda's primary school sports arena, with back-to-back impressive performances in the Uganda Primary Schools Sports Association (UPSSA) Ball Games.

In 2023, the district's Under-16 girls' netball team stunned the nation with a commanding 27–2 win over hosts Mbarara District, one of the most decisive victories in the tournament's history. The emphatic performance earned Kyankwanzi widespread media attention and cemented its place among the country's rising stars in school sports.

Building on this momentum, the Under-14 girls' team carried the district's flag high again in 2024 during the largest edition of the UPSSA Ball Games, held in Soroti. Out of over 6,100 athletes from 154 local governments, Kyankwanzi made headlines with a remarkable 19–3 triumph over Sheema



Kyankwanzi team in Gulu

District, reaffirming their status as serious contenders in youth netball development.

Although detailed reports on the district's performance in other disciplines such as football, handball, and volleyball were not made public, Kyankwanzi's netball achievements stood out prominently in national coverage.

These victories reflect more than just raw talent; they are a testament to the district's sustained investment in grassroots sports development and mentorship of young

athletes. The district's education and sports leadership continue to prioritize physical education as a tool for both character building and academic discipline.

As the 2025 UPSSA Ball Games phase unfolds, all eyes will be on Kyankwanzi. Will they extend their netball dominance? Could they break new ground in other sports disciplines? Either way, the district has already carved out a growing legacy that promises to inspire future generations of young athletes.

Luwero District Launches Fresh Drive to Curb Maternal and Newborn Deaths

“We can no longer afford to normalize preventable deaths. Every mother counts, every newborn matters.”

— Dr. Innocent Nkowa, District Health Officer, Luwero

By Bamukyaye Alex, District Communications Officer, Kiboga DLG



Participants actively engage during the Luwero District stakeholder meeting on maternal and perinatal health interventions

LUWERO – The Luwero District Health Department has intensified efforts to curb maternal and perinatal deaths by convening a high-level stakeholder meeting focused on strengthening health systems and emergency response across the district.

The meeting, which brought together health facility in-charges from government and Private Not for Profit (PNFP) institutions, aimed to assess the causes of maternal and newborn deaths especially those occurring within the first week of life and chart practical, coordinated solutions to prevent further loss of life.

While addressing participants, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. Innocent Nkowa disclosed that the district had recorded 15 maternal deaths this year alone, most of which were attributed to postpartum hemorrhage.

“These deaths are largely preventable. The majority of mothers are dying due to excessive bleeding after childbirth,” Dr. Nkowa said. “We must strengthen our ability to detect complications early and respond decisively.”

He urged health workers to be especially vigilant during and after delivery, calling for improved case monitoring and risk assessment, particularly for high-risk mothers. Dr. Nkowa also proposed a centralized coordination system for ambulance services in the district to eliminate delays in referrals and emergency transport.

The District Chairperson, Mr. Erasto Kibirango, also attended the meeting alongside the Vice Chairperson, Hon. Nakamanya Christine. He raised concerns over patients being transported over long distances in unsafe vehicles due to lack of ambulance access.

“Ambulances must not be locked away or mismanaged. They are not for show; they are for saving lives,” Kibirango emphasized.

The meeting acknowledged the important role of Community Health Extension Workers (CHEWs) in tracking pregnancies at community

level and ensuring timely referrals. Dr. Nkowa emphasized their deployment as a frontline strategy to prevent complications before they escalate.

Dr. Nkowa further noted that blood supplies are currently available at several key facilities in the district, including Bishop Ceaser Asili Hospital, Luwero Hospital, Nyimbwa Health Centre IV, Holy Cross Kikyusa, Kalagala Health Centre IV, and Bombo Military General Hospital. This, he said, should enhance emergency care if health workers act promptly.

The meeting comes at a time when national data highlights the urgency of the crisis. According to the FY2022/2023 National Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR) Report, Uganda registered 1,276 maternal deaths and over 25,000 perinatal deaths. Although the national maternal mortality ratio has dropped to 189 per 100,000 live births, institutional maternal deaths increased to 90.3 per

100,000 deliveries last yearan alarming reversal from the previous year.

Nationally, the leading causes of maternal death remain postpartum hemorrhage, hypertensive disorders, and infections, while perinatal deaths are driven by birth asphyxia, sepsis, and prematurity.

In his concluding remarks, Dr. Nkowa cautioned health facility managers about the accountability for medicine and supplies under their watch.

“Any mismanagement of medical supplies is not just negligenceit’s a matter of life and death,” he said. “We must uphold the trust our communities place in us.”

With both technical and political leaders committed, the meeting marked a significant step toward safer motherhood and improved newborn survival in Luwero.



R–L: Dr. Innocent Nkowa, District Health Officer (DHO) Luwero, emphasizes the need for early detection and response to maternal complications during the stakeholder meeting on maternal and perinatal health

Ministry of Public Service Trains Kassanda District Civil Servants on New Performance Management System

By Janet Katwesige, Communication Officer, Kassanda DLG

"You are here as Trainers of Trainers. Go back and teach others. The Balanced Scorecard is now our new standard for appraisal." — Francis Xavier Ssenyondo, Deputy CAO



Mr. David Otumu, Assistant Commissioner for Human Resource at the Ministry of Public Service, addresses participants during the Balanced Scorecard training in Kassanda District

Kassanda, Uganda – The Ministry of Public Service on Monday, 28th July, 2025 conducted a one-day training for Kassanda District civil servants on the use of the Balanced Scorecard (BSC) a newly adopted strategic performance management tool in bid to improve public sector performance and accountability.

The training, held at the district headquarters, brought together Heads of Departments, Sector Heads, Deputy CAOs, Education

Officers, and Health In-Charges. The aim was to equip these senior officers with practical skills on how to implement and roll out the BSC within their respective departments.

The Balanced Scorecard is a comprehensive management system that links an organization's vision and mission to individual and departmental performance targets. It emphasizes objectivity, transparency, accountability, and results-based management by aligning goals across all

levels of government.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Francis Xavier Ssenyondo, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, thanked the Ministry of Public Service for the timely intervention and urged participants to take the training seriously.

"This is a hands-on training. Pay close attention to every step. You are here as Trainers of Trainers (ToTs), and we expect you to go back and pass on this knowledge. The use of the Balanced Scorecard is now a requirement for all

public servants,” he emphasized.

The training was led by Ms. Sophia Nakazzi, Commissioner for Human Resource at the Ministry of Public Service. She emphasized the importance of regular performance data collection and proper documentation. She also urged department heads to provide written schedules of duties to their subordinates to enhance accountability.

“One person’s failure affects the entire department. Everyone must understand their role in the bigger picture,” she said. She further demonstrated how the scorecard is to be filled and reiterated that its adoption is now mandatory for all civil servants.

Participants welcomed the new system, albeit with some reservations.

“The system is a bit complex, but we will strive to understand it since it’s now required,” said one of the departmental heads.

Mr. David Otumu, Assistant Commissioner

at the Ministry, noted that the Balanced Scorecard officially replaced the traditional performance appraisal tools in July 2024.

“With BSC, government reporting and communication will improve significantly. It helps districts align their strategic plans with the mission and vision of the entity, cascading down to individual officers,” he explained.

Ms. Jessica Ndagire, Chief Administrative Officer of Kassanda District, commended both the Ministry and the participants for their commitment. She acknowledged existing gaps such as the absence of a Client Charter and Development Plan, and pledged the district’s efforts to address them.

“This training is timely. Let’s all go back and ensure this system is embraced and implemented. It is no longer optional,” she concluded.



Ms. Jescia Ndagire, Chief Administrative Officer of Kassanda District, delivers her closing remarks following the Balanced Scorecard training session

Mityana RDC Launches UGX 74 Million Makoba- Kabega Road Project

By Godfrey Mayengo, Communication Officer,
Mityana DLG

The Resident District Commissioner (RDC) of Mityana, Drake Joseph Mukiibi, has officially launched the construction of the Makoba-Kabega Road, a 10.6-kilometre project valued at UGX 74 million, in Ssekanyonyi Town Council, Mityana South Constituency.

The launch event attracted a cross-section of local leaders, residents, and government officials who welcomed the development as a critical step toward unlocking economic potential and easing transportation challenges in the area.

Jackson Kabanda Maggwa, the LC1

Chairperson of Nakasero Village, expressed gratitude for the road project but highlighted pressing needs still facing the community. "We are grateful for the government's interventions, but we also request urgent support in areas like electricity, water, and especially a Health Centre III," Kabanda said, pointing out that residents currently trek long distances to health facilities in Busunju Town Council or Health Centre IVs.

Senior District Engineer Livingstone Mwanuke explained that the works will follow three main phases: bush clearing, road widening to district standard, and murram surfacing on 4 kilometres. The project also includes the installation of five culvert lines one at 900mm and four at 600mm.

He advised locals to remove any structures or trees located within the road reserve to avoid potential loss or delays. "This is not just a road it's a community asset. We need everyone's cooperation," Mwanuke added.

Jack Byaruhanga, the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO), reassured



RDC Drake Mukiibi, Area MP Richard Lumu, and community members during the official launch of the Makoba-Kabega Road project in Ssekanyonyi Town Council, Mityana District

residents of the district's focus on transparency and value for money. He acknowledged logistical constraints such as limited machinery and delayed road fund disbursement to Ssekanyonyi Town Council, but emphasized that the district was working closely with authorities to address these gaps.

District Vice Chairperson Annie Mariam Nassali urged residents to take ownership of the project. "Let's revive Bulungi Bwansi community service to maintain our roads. And let's use this road to reach markets, access services, and build our economy," she said. Nassali also applauded women who have effectively utilized and repaid government funds and encouraged others to seek support from community development officers.

Mityana Woman MP Joyce Bagala Ntwatwa, who chairs the district Roads Committee, pledged to ensure that road works are equitably spread across all constituencies. She clarified that delays on the Makoba-Kabega road were caused by machinery breakdowns, but new equipment had since been hired to advance the work.

Area MP Richard Lumu Kizito echoed calls for increased logistical support. "I've personally facilitated work on 10 roads and plan to add two more," he stated. He also announced the construction of 10 boreholes, with plans for five additional ones to tackle the clean water crisis.

In his keynote address, RDC Mukiibi lauded the community's involvement and underscored the government's broader development agenda through programs like the Parish Development Model (PDM), SAGE, and Youth Livelihood Programme (YLP). He revealed that Kabega Parish has so far received UGX 300 million under PDM in three phases.

While acknowledging challenges like vandalism of water systems, he assured the community that efforts were ongoing to restore them. Mukiibi emphasized the road's strategic role in connecting villages, reducing travel time, and enhancing local trade. He also instructed the CAO to integrate a tree-planting initiative to mitigate environmental impact caused by the clearing of road reserves.



Area MP, Hon. Richard Lumu addressing residents during the launch of the Makoba-Kabega Road project

Nakasongola Hosts Historic Launch of Musevenomics to Boost Parish-Led Economic Transformation

By Matwarwa Samuel, Communication Officer,

Nakasongola District

Nakasongola – July 29, 2025

The Government of Uganda has officially launched Musevenomics, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni's homegrown economic philosophy, during a landmark ceremony at Sasira Technical Institute in Nakasongola District.

The event drew hundreds of stakeholders, including government officials, cultural and religious leaders, youth groups, development partners, and community members, all united in support of this grassroots economic model that underpins the Parish Development Model (PDM).

Hon. Wilson Muruuli Mukasa, Minister of Public Service and Guest of Honour, formally declared Musevenomics launched in the region. He described it as a proven formula to deliver inclusive growth by transforming Uganda's economy from the parish level upwards.

"Musevenomics is not just theory. It is President Museveni's tested and trusted economic pathway for turning Uganda into a middle-income country. I urge all Ugandans to adopt its principles and support the President, the sole author and brain behind this vision," he said.

The launch was followed by a high-level PDM Action Planning Dialogue, where key leaders discussed implementation strategies and progress made under the Musevenomics framework.

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Mr. Muramira Aggrey Winston, presented the district's performance, citing significant achievements aligned with national priorities: Construction of 144 primary schools and 11 secondary schools, Upgrade of Nabiswera Health Centre III to Health Centre IV, building of over 2,002 kilometers of community access roads across Greater

Nakasongola, Provision of seven service tractors to boost agricultural productivity, UGX 600 million support to Buruuli Kingdom for palace construction among others.

"Public expectations continue to rise," said CAO Winston. "I believe this dialogue will address the challenges facing our youth and special interest groups to drive inclusive development."

Assistant Resident District Commissioner (ARDC) Musinguzi Gordon Mbatia emphasized the critical need for mindset change to unlock the benefits of Musevenomics and the PDM.

"Let's appreciate the visionary leadership of H.E. President Yoweri Museveni. Musevenomics is built on logic, innovation, and realism. It speaks to the actual needs of Ugandans. We must change our thinking if we are to transmit development to the masses," he said.

Kaweesi Henry, the Musevenomics District focal person revealed that Nakasongola District was recognized as a regional hub for PDM, setting the pace for other regions in implementing parish-based planning and economic empowerment.

"The Musevenomics philosophy is grounded in seven core pillars: Rationality, Reasonability, Realism, Adaptability, Logic, Creativity, and Innovation", Kaweesi emphasized.

During the dialogue, the District PDM Implementation Action Plan (PDMIAP) was unveiled, with the following priorities: Community mindset re-orientation to foster productivity, structured financial inclusion through parish SACCOs, Timely provision of enterprise toolkits to households, Robust monitoring and data validation frameworks, Political, cultural, and religious mobilization to ensure community ownership and sustainability.

The event was coordinated by the National Development Forum (NDF) in partnership with the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance, Nakasongola District Local Government, and Operation Wealth Creation (OWC). Present were top district officials, security agencies, political and religious representatives, and development partners.

Citizens were called upon to leverage government programs, embrace innovation, and work collectively to build a prosperous nation parish by parish.

Obukama Bwa Buruuli Receives Government Vehicles as Isabaruuli Urges Political Participation for Cultural Empowerment

By Matwarwa Samuel, Communication Officer, Nakasongola District

“When you are in leadership, you can promote our culture and advocate for development programs that benefit our communities.”
— HRH Isabaruuli Constantine Mwogezi Butamanya



His Royal Highness Isabaruuli Constantine Mwogezi Butamanya seated on the royal throne during the vehicle handover ceremony at the Buruuli Palace in Nakasongola

Nakasongola, Uganda – July 2025
The Obukama Bwa Buruuli has received two brand-new government-issued vehicles as part of a national initiative by the Government of Uganda to support gazetted traditional and cultural institutions. The vehicles one for the King and another for royal escorts were officially handed over to His Royal Highness Isabaruuli Constantine Mwogezi Butamanya

at the Royal Palace in Kalemere-Kanyamusuba.

This handover is part of a broader effort by the government, under the leadership of President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM), to strengthen cultural heritage across the country. A total of 34 vehicles were distributed to 17 recognized cultural institutions nationwide.

Speaking to his subjects at the Kibira Palace in Nakasongola Town Council, Isabaruuli Constantine expressed gratitude to the President and applauded the government for its continuous support toward restoring and empowering traditional leadership structures.

“I thank the Government and H.E. the President for remembering the cultural institutions. This shows that our role in community transformation is recognized,” he said.

He used the occasion to rally the Baruuli community to actively participate in Uganda’s political processes as a pathway

to cultural preservation and grassroots development.

"I urge all Baruuuli to contest for elective positions, including leadership roles in associations so long as they are constructive. When you are in leadership, you can promote our culture and advocate for development programs that benefit our communities," Isabaruuli advised.

The Isabaruuli underscored the importance of occupying leadership spaces from village level (LC1) to the national stage, noting that such representation is critical to securing the future and prosperity of the Buruuli people.

He also weighed in on recent reports that the Buganda Kingdom had declined to accept similar vehicle donations and was instead demanding compensation.

"If government is considering compensating Buganda, let them also think about Buruuli and other cultural institutions in this region. That money comes from all taxpayers," he stated.

Owek. Samuel Kasirye, the Buruuli Prime Minister, echoed the monarch's sentiments

and commended the government for supporting the kingdom since its official secession from Buganda on December 10, 2004. He also called for fairness in the implementation of the 2013 Agreement signed between the President and the Kabaka of Buganda.

"That agreement stipulated that all properties in Nakasongola and Kayunga be left to the local institutions. However, to date, that clause remains unfulfilled," Kasirye noted.

He further revealed that the government has earmarked UGX 4.4 billion for the construction of a new royal palace for the Buruuli Kingdom, with works already underway in phases.

The Buruuli cultural leadership reaffirmed its commitment to unity, cultural preservation, and collaborative development as it continues to engage government institutions and local communities.



Community members and cultural leaders of Buruuli attend the official handover ceremony of government vehicles at Kalemere-Kanyamusuba Palace

Seeta Seed Secondary School Construction Hits 95% Completion

By Godfrey Mayengo – Communication Officer, Mityana District

“We are almost done with the project just a few finishing touches remain. Within a month, we’ll be ready for handover.”
– Edward Muyingo, Contractor, Neim Establishment

Bbanda Subcounty, Mityana – Construction works at Seeta Seed Secondary School in Bbanda Subcounty, Mityana District, have reached 95% completion, with the contractor optimistic about finalizing the remaining activities within a month.

Edward Muyingo of Neim Establishment, the firm contracted to undertake the works, revealed this during a site inspection by district officials and a local community oversight



Main Block Housing the Computer Lab and Library

committee.

“We are almost done with the project. What remains is painting some classrooms, installing electricity, and leveling the compound,” said Muyingo. He added that all the necessary furniture and equipment

have already been delivered and are ready for installation.

Muyingo emphasized that the only major activity left is leveling the playground and planting grass, which he said would be completed within a month. “Once the playground is complete, we will be ready for a formal handover,” he noted.

During the site meeting, the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO) of Mityana District, Mr. Jack Byaruhanga, applauded the team for the excellent work and effective supervision.

"We are in a political season, and it is important that we deliver quality infrastructure. When the President visits Mityana, we want him to receive a positive report about the seed school," said Byaruhanga. He urged the contractor to maintain high-quality work standards and ensure the compound is properly cleaned and grass planted in time.

Mr. Jack Katende, the Mityana District Engineer, confirmed that the contractor is on track to hand over the project by August. "Most of the work is already done, and the remaining tasks are minimal. Even after handover, the contractor will remain liable for a 12-month defect liability period during which any arising issues must be resolved," Katende explained.

He also mentioned that a snag list would be developed with the contractor to ensure all outstanding items are tracked and addressed.

Lawrence Mwanje, Chairperson of Bbanda Subcounty, expressed gratitude to the government for the seed school but highlighted some urgent needs. "The school currently lacks a fence, which poses a security challenge. We appeal to the district to support us in erecting one," he said.

Mwanje also stressed the need for electricity to power equipment such as computers in the science laboratories and to enhance security.

Representing the District Chairperson, Sulait Mambo Ssengendo, Secretary for Health and Education, thanked the government and President Yoweri Museveni for the initiative.

"This seed school is a blessing to our district. We request for more of such schools to cater for our growing student population," Ssengendo stated. He also highlighted the need for residents to take full advantage of government development programs such

as the Parish Development Model (PDM), Emyooga, and wealth creation initiatives.

"People must learn to utilize these opportunities to lift themselves out of poverty," he urged.

Ssengendo proposed that the district consider installing a solar system as a backup power source. "When electricity is off, students should still be able to study using solar energy. We must invest in sustainable solutions," he said.

He further encouraged the community to begin plans for building a student hostel, especially for those who travel long distances. "However, anyone planning to construct within school premises must first seek approval," he advised.

Finally, Ssengendo called on local politicians to actively monitor government projects. "It is not just the duty of technical officers. Politicians must play their role in overseeing service delivery and ensure programs are implemented as planned," he concluded.



Uganda Unveils National Framework to Professionalize Rural Water Management

By Josephine Nnabbaale, Communication Officer – Mubende DLG

Mubende, Uganda – The Ministry of Water and Environment has launched a new National Framework for Operation and Maintenance of Rural Water Infrastructure, aimed at professionalizing rural water supply management and ensuring sustainable access to safe water across Uganda.

Unveiled during a recent meeting of District Water Supply Service Board (DWSSB) members in Mubende District, the framework replaces the traditional Community-Based Management System (CBMS) with an upgraded model, CBMS Plus (CBMS+). The move marks a shift from voluntary, community-run systems to a more accountable and performance-driven

approach.

“Challenges like irregular fee collection, misuse of funds, and lack of skilled maintenance have long threatened the sustainability of our rural water systems,” said one official at the launch. “This framework changes the game.”

At the heart of the new system is the CBMS+ model, which introduces a formal partnership between DWSSBs and Area Service Providers (ASPs) entities such as NGOs, private companies, or trained Hand Pump Mechanics Associations. These ASPs will be contracted to manage the day-to-day operations, maintenance, and repairs of water facilities under performance-based agreements.

“The Ministry’s commitment is unwavering in ensuring that once water facilities are established, they continue to serve their intended users for the long term,” said District Water Officer, Mr. Dickson Katerega.

According to Mr. Sam Tumusiime, Senior Sociologist at the Ministry, the framework also establishes DWSSBs as service managers at the district level. These boards are composed of representatives from the community, NGOs, technical experts, and



Mr. Ssali Edison, Principal Assistant Secretary of Mubende District, addresses participants during the District Water Supply Service Board (DWSSB) assembly

government officials, creating a balanced and inclusive structure.

DWSSBs are tasked with key responsibilities, including:

- Procuring and supervising ASPs
- Reviewing and approving service work plans
- Hiring liaison officers for field-level coordination
- Organizing annual review forums
- Reporting to District Local Councils

“The voluntary nature of the old Water User Committees often led to inconsistent service delivery,” Mr. Tumusiime noted. “We need

professionalism and entrepreneurship to ensure rural water sustainability.”

In Mubende, the district has already constituted its DWSSB, with members like Teopista Bindu from Buwekula and KabahumaHawa from Kasambya joining forces with NGOs such as Wells of Life. Their appointment is a key step toward implementing the new framework on the ground.

“We’re embracing professionalism because we know it works,” said one DWSSB member. “This is how we guarantee water for our children’s future.”

With this move, Uganda positions itself to revolutionize rural water management ensuring that access to clean, reliable water is not just a promise, but a lived reality.

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Press Release**Activities under the Roadmap for the 2025/2026 General Elections**

The Electoral Commission wishes to remind stakeholders of the planned activities under the Roadmap for the conduct of the 2025/2026 General Elections as follows:

No	Electoral Activities (Milestones)	Activity Period
1.	Nomination of Municipality/City Division SIG Committees Candidates: Older Persons; Persons with Disabilities; Youth	24 th – 25 th July 2025
2.	Conduct of candidates' campaign meetings (OP; PwD and Youth)	28 th – 29 th July 2025
3.	Polling for Municipality and City Division Older Persons Committees	30 th July 2025
4.	Polling for Municipality and City Division PwDs Committees	1 st August 2025
5.	Polling for Municipality and City Division Youth Committees	4 th August 2025
6.	Holding Sub-county Conferences to elect Non-unionised Workers Delegates to the District/City	5 th August 2025
7.	Holding of District Conferences to elect Non-unionised Workers Delegates to the Regions	7 th August 2025
8.	Nomination of District and City SIGs Committee Candidates: Older Persons; Persons with Disabilities; Youth	11 th – 12 th August 2025
9.	Conduct of candidates' campaign meetings (OP; PwD and Youth)	13 th – 17 th August
10.	Polling for District and City Older Persons Committees	15 th August 2025
11.	Polling for District and City PwDs Committees	18 th August 2025
12.	Polling for District and City Youth Committees	19 th August 2025
13.	Holding of Regional Conferences to elect Non-unionised Workers Delegates to the National Level	25 th August 2025
14.	Holding of Regional Conferences to elect regional Older Persons Delegates to the National Level	27 th August 2025
15.	Nomination, Campaigns, and Polling for the National Youth Council Committee	27 th – 29 th August 2025
16.	Nomination of Candidates for Local Governments, including SIGs, in line with Section 119 (1) of the Local Governments Act, Cap 138	3 rd – 12 th September 2025
17.	Nomination of Candidates for Parliamentary Elections in line with Section 9 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, Cap 177	16 th – 17 th September 2025
18.	Nomination of Candidates for Presidential Elections in line with Section 9 (1) of the Presidential Elections Act	23 rd – 24 th September 2025
19.	Conduct of candidates' campaigns (Presidential) in line with Section 22(1) of the Presidential Elections Act	4 th October 2025 – 12 th January 2026

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No	Electoral Activities (Milestones)	Activity Period
20.	Conduct of candidates' campaigns (Parliamentary) in line with Section 21 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, Cap 177	23 rd September 2025 – 12 th January 2026
21.	Conduct of candidates' campaigns (Local Governments, including SIGs)	13 th September 2025 – 12 th January 2026
22.	Polling Period for Presidential, Parliamentary, and Local Government Councils (City/District; Municipality/City Division; and Sub County, Town, Municipal Division), including SIGs Representatives, in line with Article 61(2) of the Constitution	12 th January – 9 th February 2026

The Commission calls on all stakeholders to take note of the above timelines and to participate in the respective activities following the guidelines for the elections.

A soft copy of the Roadmap is available on the Electoral Commission website: www.ec.or.ug.



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