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elcome to the edition third of the Bunyoro Magazine. **Post** This issue captures a region in dynamic motion. We delve into the tangible progress of key development projects reshaping our infrastructure communities, providing a detailed look at the work being done to propel Bunyoro forward. With the anticipation of a forthcoming Presidential visit, we also explore the preparations underway and the significance of this engagement for our region.

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Kibaale: UGX 300M Water Project Launched to Benefit Over 1,000 Households

By Muganzi Vincent, Communications Officer - Kibaale

abuhuna water supply system was officially launched, marking a significant milestone in the government's efforts to improve access to clean water and sanitation in rural areas.

The project, which aims to provide clean water to the villages of Kabuhuna, Rwamagambo, Hamiliro, and Kyabahinda/Mukikoona, is expected to transform the lives of over 1,000 households.

RDC Stephen Mfashingabo Byaruhanga, officially launched the project, urging residents to protect government investments and report any acts of vandalism.

Addressing the congregation the District Water Officer, Ben Sekuye said that the project, is Kabuhuna Mini Solar Water Supply System Phase I, and would be implemented by Karukaana Enterprises Limited, at a contract sum of UGX 327,000,000 with a contract period of 06 months.

The scope includes the construction of a pump house, attendant house, Eco-san latrine, and a 50,000-liter water reservoir, all to be raised on a 10m tower and secured within a fenced area.

Speaking the launch. at District Chairperson Godfrey Muhonge Kasanga, assured the community that the Kiyanja bridge, which had been a challenge development. to would be worked on in the current political term. He also informed residents that Kiyanja Primary School would receive another classroom block in the next financial year.

The community members were also informed that the water project would come with a cost, and they were encouraged to start income-generating projects to meet the water bills. The RDC emphasized the importance of unity and respectful dialogue between political factions.

Caroline Akot the Assistant District Waster Officer -Sanitation said that there was an ongoing sanitation improvement campaign, which aims to achieve 100% latrine coverage in the area and further stressed that the project is expected to have a positive impact on the health, education, and economic well-being of the community.

The launch was attended by government officials, local leaders, and community members, who gathered at Kabuhuna trading center to witness the commencement of the project.

As the community gathered to celebrate the launch, there was a sense of hope and excitement for the future. The Kabuhuna water supply system is more than just a project; it's a testament to progress and a collective step towards a healthier, more prosperous tomorrow for Kibaale District.



Buliisa Goes Digital: 264 Village Health Workers Get Smartphones for Enhanced Health Data Management

By Tibaijuka Hannington, Communications Officer, Buliisa District

uliisa District has taken a major step toward modernizing community healthcare by equipping 264 Village Health Team (VHT) members with smartphones loaded with a new Electronic Community Health Information System (eCHIS). The initiative. supported by the Global Fund through Uganda's Ministry of Health. expected to revolutionize how health data is collected. reported, and used for planning in the district.

The rollout of **eCHIS** replaces traditional paperbased registers with a digital platform that allows VHTs to submit real-time data directly from households to health facilities and district offices. Officials health say this shift will speed up decision-making, improve disease surveillance, and that ensure community health concerns are addressed more quickly.

"Health is made at home but only repaired at health facilities," emphasized Acting District Health Officer, Dr. Sabiiti Titus Nixon, while opening a training-of-trainers (TOT) session the Buliisa at

District Resource Centre. "Having two active VHTs in every village, equipped with the right tools, means we can strengthen community mobilization and empower families to make healthier choices every day."

From Paper Registers to Real-Time Reporting

Under the new system, VHTs will no longer rely solely on bulky notebooks and table registers. Instead, each smartphone is pre-installed with tailored applications for:

- Household demographic and population data collection
- Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) assessments
- Antenatal care (ANC) tracking
- Community TB screening
- Community HIV survey tools
- Nutrition assessment
- Patient referral and follow-up

This integrated digital approach will enable Buliisa to generate up-to-date village-level population

and health data, which district leaders say will be a game-changer for planning services such as immunization, maternal health, and disease control.

The eCHIS platform will also support immunization campaigns allowing by VHTs to register all eligible children. track their vaccination status. follow up with caregivers to ensure that every child completes the immunization schedule.

VHTs are the first point of contact for health services in many communities, especially in remote and hard-to-reach areas. They are trained to provide Integrated Community Case Management (ICCM), including:

- Management of uncomplicated malaria
- Treatment of diarrhoea, cough, and pneumonia in children under five
- Basic nutrition services and counselling

They also play a critical role in promoting maternal health by supporting pregnant women with antenatal and postnatal



VHTs pose for a photo moment with their brand new smartphones at Buliisa Town Council

information care home visits.

"With these smartphones, VHTs will not only treat: simple illnesses but also help us see, in real time, what is happening in every village. Accurate, timely data means we can respond: community : faster to health needs," said District Biostatistician Mr. Okot : Denish as he handed over phones to trainees.

He urged the VHTs to prioritize data quality and punctual reporting so that health interventions can be : promptly deployed where they are most needed.

During the training, District Health Educator Mr. Mugabe Robert reminded VHTs: of their responsibility to safeguard the new devices.

"Stop calling

during i 'government phones'," he i county (SC), Biiso Town told participants. "You are the custodians. These are your tools to serve your communities better. Guard them jealously and use them diligently."

> VHTs welcomed the upgrade from paper registers to digital tools, expressing appreciation to the district leadership and the Ministry of Health for recognizing their contribution to community health investing in their work.

District-Wide Training **Rollout**

eCHIS The training for VHTs conducted was simultaneously at five venues across Buliisa:

St. Mary's Primary School, Biiso Town:

Council (TC), and Kihungya SC

Buliisa Town Council venue:

52 VHTs from Buliisa TC, Kigwera SC, and Wanseko

Butiaba training centre:

44 VHTs from Butiaba SC and Butiaba TC

Ngwedo Sub-county:

and: 32 VHTs trained

Buliisa Sub-county (additional cohort):

24 VHTs trained

In total, 264 VHTs have now been oriented on the eCHIS system and equipped with smartphones ready for field use.

District officials believe the them 112 VHTs from Biiso Sub- digital transformation of



VHTs pose for a photo moment with their brand new smartphones at Buliisa Town Council

community health data will needs. not only improve service delivery but also give a clearer. more accurate picture of Buliisa's health

"As we move from paper to digital, we are moving from delayed decisions to timely action," Dr. Sabiiti noted. "This is how we bring quality healthcare closer to every household."

Bunyoro University One Step Closer as Kikuube Greenlights 100-Acre Campus Master Plan

By Bunyoro Post Editor

lans for the longawaited Bunyoro University have gained fresh momentum after the Kikuube District Council officially approved the institution's 100-acre master plan.

The master plan, developed by the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, details the full layout of the university's facilities and internal road network. It was presented to Kikuube District Council and subsequently endorsed by Buhimba Town Council on Friday. Earlier in the

week, the same plan was tabled before both the Hoima District and Hoima City councils.

According to Prof. Grace Kyomuhendo Bantebya. vice chairperson of the Bunyoro University Taskforce Management Committee and first Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of academic affairs, the blueprint outlines all critical infrastructure needed to launch the new public university.

"The plan shows locations the of kev

senate building, various schools, staff and student accommodation facilities. underground water power lines, sports facilities and the green spaces," Prof. Bantebya said.

With the local approvals now secured, Prof. Bantebya noted that the master plan will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education and Sports, which is expected to initiate the procurement for the process main contractor to develop the campus.

"With this approval in place, infrastructure, such as the the Ministry of Education



and Sports can now begin the procurement process the contractor establish the university's facilities," she explained. "This also means that the procurement process for things like furniture and equipment will start."

Buhimba Town Council Musa Mugisa, Mayor, said the community is already gearing up for university's arrival. the describing it as a catalyst for local economic growth

and service provision.

"As leaders, we are prepared for the university, and we are mobilising to formalise businesses if they want to provide services to the university." Mugisa said. "There is already a lot of work going on around the university block in terms of road construction."

The approval comes as the Government nears completion of opening and upgrading access roads leading to the proposed

university site. a move expected to ease future construction logistics and improve connectivity for students and staff.

Local leaders and residents Bunyoro University see as an investment that will expand access to higher education in the region, attract new businesses, and spur urban development around the wider Bunyoro sub-region.



Hoima District Prioritizes Agro-Industrialization, Education, and Infrastructure in 2026/2027 Budget

By Alex Tumuhimbise, Communication officer-Hoima



Hoima District stakeholders during a recent budget conference held at the Hoima Youth Center

s Uganda prepares for the 2026/2027 financial year, Hoima district is focusing its budget priorities on key enablers of growth and socio-economic transformation, particularly agro-industrialization. education. health. integrated infrastructure.

This announcement came during a recent budget conference held at the Hoima Youth Center. Chief Administrative Officer Ssempala Emmanuel stated that the district's budget will emphasize deepening the implementation of growth sectors, including agroindustrialization, tourism, mineral-based industrial development, and science,

technology, and innovation. "The budget strategy is anchored on increased value addition to agricultural products. increased investment in science and technology, investment in transport infrastructure. irrigation, industrial parks, education, health." and Ssempala explained.

Hoima LCV Chairman Uthuman Mugisha acknowledged the district's progress improving in education, health, and road infrastructure, but stressed the continued need to prioritize these crucial areas.

"We still need to construct schools in areas where children walking are

long distances, improve sanitation in schools by constructing more latrine facilities, and recruit more teachers to cater for the population increasing learners," Mugisha stated. He also highlighted improvements in maternal and perinatal health, but noted the need to establish more health center IIIs in sub-counties lacking such facilities, in accordance with government policy.

Dr. Kajura Charles, the Hoima District Production and Marketing Officer. outlined plans to boost agricultural production and market access by increasing fertilizer use among farmers and improving post-harvest management practices.

"We are going to improve fertilizer use by our farmers to increase their production capacities. Other countries are leaving us behind because they have high rates of fertilizer We are also strategizing on market access, postharvest management, improvement and on horticulture to target the export market," Kajura said. Kusemererwa. Ismael Executive Director for Mid-Western Anti-Corruption

Coalition (MIRAC), representing civil society organizations, urged for improvements in extension services for agriculture projects and emphasized the importance of providing financial literacy and mindset training to project beneficiaries.

"You need to help project beneficiaries with training on mindset change and financial literacy in order to realize their full potential. Other areas of concern include addressing climate change, pests and disease, creation of market and improving on the quality of works on roads," Kusemererwa added.

The budget consultations for the financial year 2026/2027 are guided by the theme: "Full monetization of Uganda's economy through commercial agriculture, industrialization, expanding and broadening services, digital transformation, and market access."

Kibaale District Launches UGX 100 M Classroom Block Construction

By Muganzi Vincent, Communications Officer Kibaale



Kibaale RDC Stephen Mfashingabo handing over the project documents to the contractor

onstruction of a twoclassroom block at Buhanda Primary School in Kibaale District has commenced, aiming to provide a better learning environment for over 500

pupils. Valued at over UGX 110 million, the project is set to be completed within six months.

Speaking at the function held at Buhanda Primary School in Kasimbi Sub County, RDC Stephen Mfashingabo, emphasized the importance of education, urging parents to prioritize their children's learning.

"It's time parents woke

up and realized the best inheritance they can give their children is education," he said, adding that the government is committed to supporting education but needs parental involvement and at the forefront of the fight against illiteracy.

The Acting District Education Officer. John highlighted Talagaboine, the pressing need for more classrooms, stating that the new structure will alleviate overcrowding in existing

facilities.

Godfrey Muhonge Kasanga, the district Chairperson, stressed that with proper guidance and well thought over efforts, the district decided allocate to classroom structure to Buhanda Primary School, to support the existing learning space for the learners.

Kasanga also reassured stakeholders that district is committed to infrastructure improving

through proper resource allocation and local revenue management, stakeholders to get involved with the mobilization of local revenue.

The launch was attended by parents, district officials, school staff. expressing optimism about the project's impact on the community.

PPDA Boss Warns Local Governments Against Violating Procurement Rules

By Brian Atuhura, Communication Officer – Masindi

Director of the Public Procurement and : Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA), Canon : Benson Turamye. has : warned local governments that continue to disobey amended procurement : regulations, saying Authority is prepared to ! take action against districts that fail to comply.

Canon Turamye issued the warning on Friday during a debrief meeting with district technocrats held in the Masindi District Council chambers.

He expressed concern over several stalled projects in Masindi District, attributing the delays to the repeated engagement of the same service providers, some of :

Executive: whom have a track record of: is maintained on record. failing to complete awarded contracts.

> According to Turamye, PPDA has documented cases where single а contractor is allowed to dominate multiple projects, resulting in chronic delays and poor-quality work. He cautioned district officials against conflicts of interest and underscored that transparency procurement is essential for restoring and maintaining public trust.

The PPDA Executive Director also stressed the importance of thorough documentation during bid evaluation. He instructed Procurement Officers to ensure that clear evidence of bidder participation :

notingthatanyprocurement process without valid participation should declared unsuccessful.

The PPDA audit team projects that this year's audit will show improved performance in contract management compared to the previous year. However, the team noted that several areas still demand strict adherence to procurement standards if service delivery is to be enhanced and value for money guaranteed.



Canon Benson Turamye, the Executive Director for PPDA (2nd right), addressing Masindi District technocrats during a PPDA audit debrief meeting

President Museveni Delivers on Promise with New Vehicle for District Chairperson

By George Gulyetonda, Communication Officer - Kagadi

Office of District Chairperson: in Kagadi has received : a brand new vehicle from : the central government, in what local leaders say is a concrete fulfilment of : President Yoweri Museveni's pledge to strengthen local government supervision: and service delivery.

Resident District: Commissioner (RDC):

34000 - 81, to the District : Municipal leaders. Ndibwami Chairperson, B. Yosia, at the district headquarters in Kagadi Town Council.

The vehicle is part of broader government initiative implemented through the Ministry of Local Government, which recently distributed 176 the grassroots. vehicles new to local Kagadi, Carolyn Kashaija | leaders across the country. | Muyambi said the delivery Muyambi, officially handed The beneficiaries include of the vehicle to Kagadi over a new Toyota Hilux, 135 District Chairpersons, was

the registration number UG\ 10 City Mayors, and 31

The rollout follows President : Museveni's pledge to equip ilocal government political heads with transport to enable them to effectively monitor government programmes, curb misuse of public resources, and improve service delivery at

: RDC Carolyn Kashaija overdue." "long



Kagadi RDC Carolyn Kashaija Muyambi officially hands over a brand-new Toyota Hilux to District Chairperson Ndibwami B. Yosia

noting that the District Chairperson's office has: for a long time operated without a dedicated means of transport, hampering effective field monitoring.

She urged the District : Chairperson and the technical team to ensure the vehicle is used transparently and strictly for official duties related to supervision of government programmes.

"We now have no excuse when it comes to following up on what government is implementing on the ground. Let this vehicle be used to serve the people of Kagadi, not for personal errands," she emphasized during the handover.

Kagadi Chief Administrative Officer, Epodoi Pauline Opio, said the new vehicle will be managed under the District Fleet Management Policy, alongside guidelines issued

Government, to ensure proper maintenance. accountability, and longevity.

"It will be booked, fueled, and serviced in line with the fleet policy, and every movement will be properly documented. This is public property meant to support service delivery," she noted. Receiving the vehicle. District Chairperson Ndibwami В. Yosia welcomed the fulfilment of the presidential pledge and expressed optimism that the new transport means significantly will boost monitoring and supervision of government projects in Kagadi.

"With this reliable vehicle, we shall intensify field visits, monitor ongoing projects, and ensure that every shilling allocated to Kagadi translates into visible results

by the Ministry of Local for our people," Ndibwami said, adding that the district leadership is committed to ensuring value for money in all government-funded interventions.

The handover function was attended by Deputy RDC Kagadi, Jeremy Namanya, Acting District Engineer Robert Bukenya, members of the media, and other district officials. who collectively hailed the move as a timely push towards accountable more and effective local governance. Local leaders say the arrival of the vehicle signals a practical step in turning President Museveni's commitments to local governments into reality, and they pledged to match it with improved oversight, transparency, and better service delivery to the people of Kagadi.

UNOC Brings Critical Doorstep Medical Services to Buliisa Communities

By Tibaijuka Hannington, Communications Officer, Buliisa District



Officials from TASO Masindi and UNOC pose for a photo moment during the medical camp held at Asili Power Landing Site in Kabolwa Village

he Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme, has supported the delivery of specialised medical services communities in the oil-rich Buliisa District.

Working through The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) Masindi office, UNOC backed an integrated community medical camp held at Asili Power Landing Site in Kabolwa Village, Kigoya Parish, Buliisa Subcounty. The one-day camp, conducted on Thursday, 27 November 2025, aimed to bring essential health

services closer to residents who have limited access to nearby health facilities.

outreach The was organised by TASO Masindi in partnership with Buliisa General Hospital and local community leaders.

Addressing hundreds of residents who turned up for medical check-ups, Lt. Col. Joseph Akiiki Kabalega, Security Coordinator for Oil and Gas, commended UNOC for supporting TASO, which he described as a renowned HIV prevention and management partner. He noted that such

community health initiatives complement the Ministry of Health's strategy to achieve universal health coverage for all Ugandans.

TASO Masindi Programmes Manager, Tayebuwokushaba Edmund, said the camp offered a wide range of critical services. These included cervical cancer screening for women of childbearing age, voluntary HIV counselling and testing, prostate cancer screening for men, screening for high blood pressure and hepatitis diabetes. screening and vaccination for both children and adults. antenatal and postnatal care, as well as general



Healthcare personnel offer free consultations, tests, and treatments for various health conditions at the Asili Power Landing site

medical consultations: supported by laboratory investigations.

Mr. Edmund explained that Kabolwa was specifically targeted due to its status as a busy landing site, with recent surveys indicating an influx of sex workers and a growing, transient population.

"One major strategy new HIV of preventing infections is for every individual to know his or her HIV status and then take the necessary measures to ensure personal safety," he said. "Those found HIV positive are immediately enrolled into care and referred to the nearest health facilities of their choice."

By the end of the camp, 126 women had been screened for cervical cancer, while by 59 men were screened for prostate cancer. In total, 689 community members were registered and received various medical services.

UNOC was represented by a 10-member delegation led by Mr. Robert Mukondo, who joined the teams on the ground to support the day's activities.

Medical teams were bolstered by staff from Buliisa General Hospital. including Senior Nurse Wokusiima Benadeta, who headed the cervical cancer desk. screening Clinical Officer Mr. Fred Muhumuza, together with a team of nurses, managed general medical services.

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of Buliisa District was represented

Assistant Secretary Mr. Katusiime Prisco. He challenged district health workers to plan and budget for more integrated outreach medical services and pledged the district's support for such initiatives. Local Council I Chairperson for Kabolwa, Mr. Muhereza, who also underwent a full medical check-up. expressed gratitude to **UNOC** He and TASO. appealed to **TASO** to make the medical camp a quarterly event to better serve his community.

The initiative showcases the role of partnerships between the public sector, civil society and the oil and gas industry in improving health outcomes in hard-toreach communities.

Exploring River Kafu: Uganda's Scenic 180km Waterway Rich in Wildlife and **Tourism**

By Brian Atuhura, Communication Officer - Masindi

iver Kafu, stretching approximately kilometers. stands as one of Uganda's most significant water bodies and the country's secondlongest river.

Located in the Mid-Western region of Uganda, the river flows eastward before curving north to join the Victoria Nile, approximately kilometers north Masindi Port. It is nourished by two major tributaries, the Mayanja and Lugogo Rivers, and winds its way through vast, permanent papyrus swamps. Originating from Kitoma Swamp in Kibale District, River Kafu forms the backbone of a river system that supports

vibrant wildlife and sustains surrounding communities.

The river is a renowned birdwatching haven for enthusiasts. Visitors often pause to marvel at a variety of bird species, including the vibrant Malachite Kingfisher, the colorful Rosy Bee Eaters, and the elegant African Jacanas. The African Jacana, notable for its unusually long toes. is particularly captivating as it gracefully strides across floating vegetation.

Beyond its natural allure, the area surrounding River Kafu is famed for its culinary delight-roasted cassava. Many travelers consider it the finest in Uganda, making it a cherished roadside

snack along the journey.

Bird lovers are treated to unforgettable experiences at sunrise, as the river's tranquil sounds harmonize with the melodic dawn chorus of birds. For the more adventurous, exploring the swampy source of the river offers a unique opportunity to witness its ecological connection to the larger Victoria Nile system and understand its critical role in sustaining interconnected river networks.

River Kafu is not just a scenic waterway but a treasure trove of biodiversity and cultural charm, making it a must-visit destination for nature lovers and travelers

Kikuube Launches Community **Engagements Ahead of Presidential Visit**

By Faridah Ndagano, Communication Officer - Kikuube

have launched a series of community engagement : meetings in subcounties and town councils ahead of President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni's planned visit and rally in the district.

The campaign was officially flagged off in Buhimba Town Council by the Kikuube Resident District Commissioner : (RDC), Owek. Angalia Godwin Kasigwa, as part of preparations for the President's rally scheduled for 13 December 2025 at Kiziranfumbi Secondary School playground.

Addressing thousands of residents in Buhimba Town Council, RDC Angalia urged

Kikuube District officials the community to turn up would in large numbers for the presidential event, noting that transport would be provided free of charge to facilitate attendance.

> He further appealed to residents to "unanimously vote for the NRM party," which he said has preserved peace and unity in Uganda for decades. According to the RDC, Uganda's longstanding stability has positioned the country as a regional refugee hub and safe haven.

> The RDC, together with the District Police Commander (DPC), also called for calm, peace and order during the election period, warning that security agencies

deal firmly with anyone intending to incite or cause violence. They emphasized that whoever wins the elections will be openly and transparently declared, in the spirit of upholding democracy.

Buhaguzi East Member of Parliament, Hon, Aseera urged Steven Itaza. supporters of the National Resistance Movement (NRM) to promote their party through good conduct and service to the people, acts that rather than contradict party principles. He cautioned individuals allegedly involved in tearing down opponents' campaign posters to stop immediately, describing the practice as



Residents of Buhimba Town Council attending a recent community engagement ahead of the Presidential Visit

both unlawful and contrary to NRM values.

Hon. Aseera also condemned what he termed "shameful acts" of extortion, particularly from citizens seeking to access government programmes services such and National IDs, the Parish Development Model (PDM), and land title processing. He stressed that such practices undermine public trust and deny vulnerable citizens opportunities intended for them

NRM Government Achievements in Kikuube

Kikuube District Woman Member of Parliament, Hon. Flora Natumanya, outlined several key achievements registered under the NRM government in the district. Among them is the ongoing construction of multibillion district administration block Kisambo. She said the first phase has been completed preparations and underway for the are commencement of the second phase, supported by the anticipated return of the Development Response to Displacement Impacts Project (DRDIP II).

Hon. Natumanya also highlighted the planned construction of the prestigious Bunyoro University campus Kikuube District. She noted that road works leading to proposed university site are already underway,

signaling concrete progress toward the institution's **F** establishment.

Additionally. she cited the issuance of 20,000 freehold land titles residents in the district, a process currently ongoing, aimed at enhancing land security and ownership. She further revealed that more development projects are in the pipeline, including support under the Uganda Support Municipal to Infrastructure Development (USMID) programme.

Community Priorities Ahead of Presidential Visit

Local leaders and residents of Buhimba Town Council, including the Mayor and the Woman Councillor, presented several key issues they hope President Museveni will address during his upcoming visit. These priorities include:

• Creation of more administrative units:

Community members argued that some existing parishes are too large, which they say hampers effective service delivery. They called for the subdivision and creation of additional administrative units within the town council.

• Rural electrification: Leaders expressed concern that the area hosting the upcoming university still lacks sufficient electricity infrastructure, which they say is stifling investment and development.

Upgrading Buhimba Health Centre III:

Residents requested that Buhimba HCIII be elevated to Health Centre IV status, expanded, and adequately equipped with medicine and personnel. They noted that the facility is located along a major highway and receives patients from both within and outside Kikuube District.

The community raised alarm over increasing incidents of theft, attacks by iron-bar wielding thugs, and frequent violent confrontations. They called enhanced security for measures to curb crime and protect residents and businesses.

Leaders reminded the central government of an outstanding presidential pledge to provide a school bus to Buhimba Secondary School. The pledge was reportedly made President Museveni during the launch of the university project in Nyantwe Cell, and the community is now seeking its fulfilment.

The ongoing community engagements are expected to continue across other subcounties and town councils Kikuube in as the district finalizes preparations to host the Head of State later this month.

Kikuube District Council Approves Land Allocation to Judiciary, Passes Supplementary Budget

By Faridah Ndagano, Communication Officer - Kikuube



Kikuube District Council in a recent sitting

ikuube District 1
Council has approved of the allocation of land at the district headquarters to key justice and security institutions, in a recent sitting held recently chaired by the Speaker, Hon. Christopher Nkalu.

In a motion tabled by the District Secretary for Production and Natural Resources, Hon. Tumusiime Silverous, and seconded by the Deputy Governor. Hon. Opio Vicent Alpha, councilors unanimously endorsed the allocation of land to three government entities. The Judiciary was allocated

1 acre, the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) received 0.5 acres, while a 100x100 plot was earmarked for the Internal Security Organisation (ISO) offices.

During the same sitting, the council approved a supplementary budget totalling UGX 1,433,255,177. includes **UGX** 1.029.000.000 from the Uganda Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfer (UGIFT) Programme for the completion of construction works at Kyangwali Seed Secondary School, and UGX 404,255,177 from Baylor to support HIV/AIDS project activities in the district.

Council also considered and approved a petition from the Kikuube Union of Persons with Disabilities. The petition was presented by Buhimba Subcounty Male Councilor, Hon. Deo Karubanga, and seconded by Hon. Edith, the District Councilor representing Persons with Disabilities.

District Governor Hon. Peter Banura commended the councilors for what he described as "important strides" in strengthening service delivery, particularly the allocation of land to the Judiciary.

"The Judiciary is a very strategicarmofGovernment and needs to be near the district administration. This building will not only enhance the beauty and infrastructure of Kikuube. also bring judicial services closer to our people," Banura said.

The Resident District Commissioner (RDC), Owek. Angalia Godwin, also applauded the: council for facilitating the establishment of justice and security institutions in the district, describing the land allocation as a strategic decision that enables:

government entities to: support one another.

With the country edging closer to election season, the RDC's representative used the platform urge political aspirants to conduct peaceful and issuebased campaigns.

"We are nearing election time," he said, imploring contestants to shun bad politics, tribalism, blackmail and lies. "Let everyone talk about his or her own manifesto and leave the rest to the voters. This will help maintain the peace and order that Kikuube has enjoyed for a long time."

The RDC further informed the council that the President of the Republic of Uganda, H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, is scheduled to visit Kikuube District on 13 December 2025 in the afternoon. The President will be hosted at Kiziranfumbi Secondary School playground. Residents were called upon to attend and show their support for the President during the visit.



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