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Dear Readers,

This edition highlights government efforts aimed at improving livelihoods, strengthening service delivery, and promoting socio-economic transformation across districts. From the distribution of hand hoes in Mubende and Nakaseke to support smallholder farmers, to the extension of piped water systems and the emphasis on effective communication of government programmes, the stories presented reflect a shared commitment to development at the grassroots.

Agriculture remains the backbone of Uganda's economy, and the provision of essential tools such as hand hoes demonstrates the government's focus on empowering farmers, improving food security, and increasing household incomes. These interventions are designed to ensure timely land preparation, higher productivity, and better livelihoods for rural communities.

Access to clean and safe water continues to be a priority for public health and development. The expansion of piped water systems underscores the importance of investing in sustainable infrastructure

that reduces disease, saves time, and enables communities to engage in productive activities.

This edition also underscores the vital role of communication officers in informing citizens about government programmes, protecting development gains, and promoting transparency and accountability. Clear and consistent communication helps communities understand, appreciate, and participate in national development initiatives.

Finally, the coverage of electoral outcomes in Mityana District provides insight into Uganda's democratic processes and the responsibility entrusted to elected leaders to deliver inclusive and people-centered development.

As you read through these stories, we encourage citizens to actively participate in government programmes, protect public investments, and work together to build a more prosperous and stable Uganda.

We hope you feel inspired.



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Thank You



Government Extends Piped Water to Five More Villages in Wattuba Town Council

By Nabukenya Christine-District Communication Officer Kyankwanzi.

Kyankwanzi District Launches Extension of Wattuba Piped Water System

Kyankwanzi District on 12th January 2026, officially launched the extension of the Wattuba piped water system to five more villages in Wattuba Town Council. This marks an important step toward improving access to safe and clean water for rural communities. The beneficiary villages are Kiremeera, Katuugo, Nakitembe, Kakoola, and Wattuba B. The project is valued at UGX 272 million and is expected to be completed within three months.

Speaking at the launch, the District Water Officer, Mr. Philbert Odongo, commended the people of Wattuba Town Council for their strong support of government programmes and projects. He explained

that water provision is demand-driven and that, due to limited government resources, priority is given to communities that show readiness, unity, and commitment. He added that district technical teams had already visited the area, sensitized the community, assessed the project site, and confirmed that all necessary preparations were in place.

Mr. Odongo informed residents that although the project is funded under the Uganda Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers programme, which officially ended in the 2024/2025 financial year, government has secured adequate funds to ensure completion of the works. He emphasized that the Government of Uganda is gradually moving away from reliance on boreholes toward household-based piped water systems. This shift, he said, will save



CAO, Fred Kizito Mukasa handing a Project Document to the LCV during the launch

residents time previously spent fetching water and allow them to engage in more productive and income-generating activities.

The District Water Officer reminded residents that piped water services come with costs. He urged the community to honor the agreed minimum maintenance fees, explaining that Water User Committees will be responsible for collecting the fees on a monthly basis. The funds will be managed by committee treasurers to ensure proper maintenance and long-term sustainability of the water system. He also noted that the district is benefiting from several water projects supported by development partners such as the World Bank, EXIM Bank, World Vision, and JICA. He explained that many of these projects are funded through loans, which citizens will ultimately repay, making proper care of the facilities very important.

Mr. Odongo further called on the contractor to prioritize local content by employing residents where possible. He clarified that water pipes will be laid strictly within road reserves, assuring farmers that there will be no destruction of crops and therefore no compensation. He appealed to residents to cooperate fully with the contractor to ensure smooth implementation. He assured the community that water will start flowing within three months and revealed that 50 subsidized household water connections are available. These will be shared among the five villages and will benefit households located within 100 meters of the main pipeline.

Addressing concerns about Kyaddembe water, Mr. Odongo explained that high mineral content had affected its quality, leading some donors to withdraw support. He reassured residents that once another funding partner is secured, the area will also benefit from piped water services.

The Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Fred Kizito Mukasa, thanked residents for turning up in large numbers and urged them to separate politics from development. He stressed that government programmes are meant to serve all citizens regardless of political affiliation. He thanked the LCV Chairperson, Dr. Mpuuga John, for his constructive leadership and

noted that launching and commissioning government projects is mandatory to promote transparency and accountability.

Mr. Mukasa cautioned residents against vandalism and theft of project materials. He urged them to protect government investments by paying water user fees and supporting the contractor. He also called on the contractor to deliver quality work, use approved materials, install HIV and AIDS awareness signposts, and comply with environmental and social safeguards. He highlighted improvements in the health sector, noting that the Ministry of Health has delivered equipment to several health facilities in the district.

On the Parish Development Model, the CAO warned residents not to pay money to anyone, urging them to report any cases of extortion to the RDC, DISO, LCV Chairperson, or his office. He also encouraged residents to participate in the 15th January 2026 elections as part of their civic duty.

The LCV Chairperson, Dr. Mpuuga John, described water as a key driver of development. He said access to clean water reduces disease, saves time, and improves safety, especially for women and girls. He highlighted other government achievements, including the construction and renovation of schools, the establishment of seed secondary schools in every sub-county, and the need for residents to educate their children and use Parish Development Model funds wisely.

Other leaders, including district councilors and local council chairpersons, praised the district leadership for improvements in infrastructure, health facilities, schools, and water services. They urged residents to fully embrace the project, noting that access to clean water will greatly improve health, livelihoods, and overall quality of life.

The extension of the Wattuba piped water system demonstrates the Government of Uganda's continued commitment to improving service delivery, promoting public health, and advancing socio-economic development in Kyankwanzi District.

Mubende District Receives 50,000 Hoes to Boost Agricultural Productivity

By Josephine Nnabbaale, Communication Officer, Mubende District.



RDC Mr. Nayebare Fred (grey shirt) vice chairperson Hon Besigye Kellen (yellow dress) Mr ssali Edison (blue coat) receiving the hoes.

In a significant move to empower small holder farmers, Mubende District Local Government has received 50,000 hoes from the Government of Uganda, delivered through the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF). The consignment arrived in several trucks and was officially handed over at the district headquarters by Resident District Commissioner (RDC), Mr. Nayebare Fred Kyamuzigita.

The initiative targets the district's backbone smallholder farmers aiming to ease access to essential tools, expand cultivated land, boost crop yields, improve household incomes, and enhance food security.

Speaking during the handover, RDC Nayebare

expressed gratitude to the government for prioritizing farmers' welfare. "This timely intervention will enhance farming activities and improve livelihoods for thousands of households dependent on agriculture," he stated. "The tools will enable farmers to cultivate more land, increase yields, and raise their incomes."

Adhering to national guidelines, the RDC directed immediate distribution at a rate of one hoe per household, with strict transparency measures. "Beneficiary records must include each individual's National Identification Number (NIN), telephone number, village, parish, sub-county, and district. "A clear and verifiable record of all beneficiaries must be maintained to ensure accountability," he

emphasized.

Distribution will commence right after the elections to allow for smooth coordination, with the district technical team tasked to oversee a fair process for rightful recipients.

District leaders warmly welcomed the support. LCV Chairperson Hon. Besigye

Kellen, Principal Assistant Secretary Mr. Ssali Edison, and District Production Officer, Mr. Kisakye Fred highlighted how the hoes will lighten farmers' burdens, drive productivity, and fuel economic growth in Mubende. This boost aligns with Uganda's broader wealth creation agenda, promising tangible gains for rural communities.

Nakaseke Flags Off Distribution of Over 40,000 Hand Hoes to Boost Crop Production

Thursday /08/2026.

By Mugeere Emmanuel, District Communication Officer, Nakaseke.

The Nakaseke District Agricultural Officer, Mr. Titus Lwera, officially flagged off the distribution of 40,430 hand hoes to farming households across the district in a move aimed at boosting agricultural production and ensuring timely land preparation.

The hand hoes will be distributed to households engaged in crop production, covering over 75 percentage of farming households in Nakaseke District. The intervention is part of the government's efforts to support smallholder farmers, enhance food security, and improve household incomes.

Speaking during the flag off ceremony, Mr. Titus said the provision of hand hoes is intended to help farmers prepare their gardens in time for the planting season, thereby increasing productivity and reducing delays caused by lack of basic farm tools.

'Agriculture remains the backbone of our district's economy. By supporting farmers with essential tools like hand hoes, we are enabling them to prepare their gardens early and increase production at household level,' Mr. Titus noted.

Each beneficiary household will receive one hand hoe, with the distribution exercise being coordinated through agricultural extension



workers, parish chiefs, and Local Council (Lc1) leaders to ensure transparency and equitable reach.

Mr. Titus emphasized the importance of proper use of the tools, urging farmers to put the hand hoes to productive agricultural use and avoid selling them. He also called on local leaders and extension workers to

closely monitor the distribution process and ensure that the tools reach the intended beneficiaries.

The distribution is expected to strengthen crop production across Nakaseke District and support government efforts aimed improving livelihoods through agriculture.

PS Kumumanya Cautions Communication Officers to Protect the Country's Gains

By Mayengo Godfrey Communication Officer, Mityana

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government, Mr. Ben Kumumanya, has urged

Local Government Communication Officers to actively and consistently communicate government programmes and interventions to the public. He said effective communication is key to improving service delivery, transparency, and accountability across the country.

Mr. Kumumanya made these remarks on 7th January during a quarterly meeting of Local Government Communication Officers held at Imperial Royale Hotel in Kampala. He emphasized that communication plays a strategic role in helping citizens understand government policies, programmes, and development initiatives implemented at the local government level.

He noted that the current national theme of "protecting the gains" applies to all sectors,



PS Ministry of Local Government Mr Ben Kumumanya

especially during the election period. He encouraged communication officers to take this message seriously and ensure that people clearly understand what government has achieved. He reminded them that they are professional communicators by training and by duty, and therefore must always communicate factual and positive information about government work.

Mr. Kumumanya specifically called on officers to highlight programmes such as the Parish Development Model, newly constructed schools and health centres, improved road networks, and other government investments. He said these developments are real gains that should be explained to the public in a simple and timely way.

He further stated that Uganda's focus is now on socio-economic transformation and urged communication officers to be active contributors to this agenda. He encouraged

them to serve the country with dedication, patriotism, and professionalism, stressing that their work contributes directly to national development.

During the meeting, Mr. Kumumanya also explained that laptops given to communication officers were part of a pledge made during the previous meeting held last year. He said the government remains committed to equipping officers with the tools needed to do their work effectively. He advised them to use the equipment responsibly and creatively to strengthen public engagement and promote a positive image of government service delivery.

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance, Hajati Amina Zawedde, also addressed the meeting. She welcomed the officers and reminded them that during the previous quarter, they had agreed to improve reporting standards. However, she expressed concern that little



Communication Officers posing for a photo with officials from Ministry

improvement had been seen so far.

She emphasized that government fulfils its promises, which is why the message of protecting the gains is very important. She said government promises, delivers, and

must protect what it delivers through clear and consistent communication.

Hajati Zawedde advised communication officers to make better use of digital platforms. She encouraged them to join or

create local community WhatsApp groups to share information, educate communities, and interact directly with citizens. She also mentioned the use of voice notes for easier communication. She added that platforms like X, formerly Twitter, are useful for engaging journalists and political leaders.

She further encouraged the use of TikTok to reach young people, noting that many youths are active on the platform and can easily access government messages there.

The Director of Media at ISO, Major Edmund

Turyatunga, warned that negative media poses a threat to Uganda's development and socio-economic transformation. He described communication officers as the eyes and ears of government and stressed that peace and stability are the country's greatest assets.

Major Turyatunga also advised officers to carefully embrace artificial intelligence in their work. He encouraged them to first understand how to use AI tools properly, warning that misuse of unreliable AI systems can cause serious problems.

Mityana Electro Commission declares Minister Nabakooba as Mityana Woman MP

20/01/2026

By Mayengo Godfrey Communication Officer Mityana.

The Minister for Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Judith Nabakooba Nalule, has been declared the winner of the Mityana District Woman Member of Parliament race, marking her return to Parliament after losing the seat in the previous general election.

According to official electoral results, Nabakooba, who contested on the National Resistance Movement ticket, secured 55,035 votes, defeating her closest challenger, Prossy Mukisa of the National Unity Platform, who polled 40,579 votes while Joyce Bagala Ntwatwa current women member of Parliament Mityana District finished third with 10,179 votes, and Catherine Nalweyiso Tusuubira, the Speaker of Mityana District Council, trailed with 710 votes.

Speaking shortly after her victory was announced, Nabakooba thanked voters across Mityana District for restoring her mandate, describing the outcome as a renewed responsibility rather than a personal triumph.

"I sincerely thank the people of Mityana for the overwhelming support and confidence they have shown in me. This victory is not personal, it is a renewed responsibility to work tirelessly and ensure that government services reach every household," she said.

She pledged to prioritise effective service delivery, with a particular focus on translating government programmes into tangible benefits at the grassroots level.

"My immediate focus will be ensuring that government programmes are fully implemented and felt by ordinary people, especially at the village level," Nabakooba said.

Nabakooba also committed to empowering young people, women and older persons, whom she described as central to community development and long-term economic stability.

"In this new term, I will give special attention to young people, women and older persons so that we improve their livelihoods and create sustainable opportunities for them," she said.

Nabakooba previously served as Mityana District Woman MP from 2016 to 2021 before

losing the seat to Joyce Bagala Ntwatwa in the last general election.

In Mityana North, Muhammad Kibedi Nsegumire, was re-elected for a second term after winning a closely watched parliamentary contest that pitched the ruling National Resistance Movement against the opposition National Unity Platform.

According to official results, Kibedi Nsegumire polled 18,365 votes, defeating his closest challenger, Isaac Tomusange of NUP, who secured 11,194 votes. Nsaanze Ezekieri and Independent got 10,145 votes, Bishop Isaac Tomusange of Democratic Front got 370 and Ivan Kiswa of National Peasant Party got 139 votes.

Speaking shortly after being declared winner, Kibedi thanked voters for renewing their confidence in him and described the result as a significant boost for the ruling party in Mityana District.

"I am grateful to the people of Mityana North for trusting me once again. I am also happy that NRM has managed to secure additional parliamentary seats in this district," Kibedi said.

He said the increase in NRM representation would strengthen the party's influence in the district and make it easier to implement government programmes.

Kibedi pledged to immediately resume work from where he left off in his previous term, promising inclusive leadership that prioritises development over political affiliation.

In Mityana South, Henry Kanya Makumbi was declared the winner of the Mityana South parliamentary race, reclaiming the seat he previously held and marking a significant political comeback in one of Mityana District's closely watched constituencies.

According to Charles Robero, the Returning Officer for Mityana District, Makumbi of National Resistance Movement secured 8,734 votes to defeat the incumbent Member of Parliament, Richard Lumu Kizito, who polled 5,579 votes. Others who were in the race were Kevin Nalwoga of NUP

who got 4,711 votes, Byarugaba Henry an independent got 254 votes, Amosi Lutaaya from Democratic Party got 94 votes, Kintu Fred an independent got 54 votes and Godfrey Manana of FDC got 21 votes.

Shortly after the results were announced, Makumbi said the constituency had experienced a slowdown in development over the last five years, which he described as a setback that required urgent attention.

"For the last five years, Mityana South has lagged behind in terms of development. This is the time to restore momentum and ensure our people benefit from meaningful services," Makumbi told journalists.

He outlined his priorities for the new term as improving the road network, expanding access to electricity, and strengthening the implementation of government development programmes at the grassroots level.

"My focus will be on rehabilitating roads, extending electricity to underserved areas, and ensuring that government programmes reach the ordinary people they are meant to serve," he said.

Makumbi also pledged to serve all residents of Mityana South regardless of political affiliation, saying unity and cooperation were essential for meaningful development.

In Mityana Municipality, Francis Zaake Butebi was re-elected Member of Parliament for Mityana Municipality, securing a third term in one of the most closely watched parliamentary contests in Mityana District.

The Mityana Municipality seat has long been a political battleground, attracting intense competition and numerous contenders.

In the most recent election, at least nine candidates contested the position, though the main contest remained between the opposition National Unity Platform and the ruling National Resistance Movement.

According to the Mityana District Returning Officer, Charles Robero, NUP Zaake emerged the winner with 12,580 votes, defeating his closest challenger, NRM's Esther Ndyababo, who garnered 6,782 votes. In the third place Dr. Jackson Ssekikubo an independent

ticket got 4047 votes, Mityana District Chairperson Patrick Mugisha Nshiimye an independent got 2477 votes, Dr Kizza David Ssemambo of PFF got 2093 votes, Fausta Nalubega Bitano of NPP got 878 votes, Grace Nanzige an independent got 96 votes, Aziz Lutaaya of DP got 66 votes and Mawejje an independent got 70 votes.

Speaking after his win was confirmed, Zaake thanked voters for renewing their confidence in him and outlined his priorities for the new term, focusing on service delivery, health, and household incomes.

"I am deeply grateful to the people of Mityana Municipality for believing in me once again," Zaake said. "My focus now is to strengthen health services in the municipality and improve the livelihoods of our people so that development is felt at household level."

Zaake's victory consolidates NUP's presence in the district, though the party won only two of the five parliamentary seats in Mityana District. Besides Zaake, David Lukyamuzi Kalwanga was the only other NUP candidate to secure a seat.

In Busujju County, David Lukyamuzi Kalwanga was declared the winner of

the Busujju Constituency parliamentary race, securing a third consecutive term in Parliament after a tightly contested election in Mityana District.

According to District Returning Officer Charles Robero, Kalwanga, representing the National Unity Platform, polled 12,871 votes, defeating his closest challenger, Vincent Nyanzi of the National Resistance Movement, who garnered 11,537 votes, other contenders were Godfrey Kato Kasujja an independent got 1777 votes, Livingstone Lwanyanga an independent got 200 votes, Moses Mugisha of FDC got 164 votes and Johnfasto Lubega of NPP got 86 votes.

Speaking after his win was confirmed, Kalwanga thanked the electorate for renewing their trust in him and pledged to build on the achievements of the previous five years.

"I am deeply grateful to the people of Busujju for trusting me once again," Kalwanga said. "This new term gives us an opportunity to consolidate the progress we have made and to address the challenges that still hold our community back."

He emphasized that his priority in the new



Minister Nakooba receiving her declaration form from the returning officer, Charles Robero



Hon. Kibedi Nsegumire showing his supporters his declaration form

term will be accelerating socio-economic development, with particular attention to long-standing infrastructure gaps.

One of the key issues he highlighted was limited access to electricity, which he described as a major obstacle to investment, service delivery and household welfare

"Electricity remains one of the biggest challenges facing Busujju. Without power, development is slowed," he noted.

"I am committing myself to pushing this issue from the very beginning of this term so that our people can benefit from reliable

energy."

Busujju Constituency was one of two constituencies won by the National Unity Platform out of the five parliamentary seats in Mityana District, underscoring the party's continued influence in the area.

Mityana District has traditionally been regarded as an opposition stronghold within Buganda. In the 2021 general elections, the ruling NRM won only one parliamentary seat in the district, Mityana North Constituency, out of five constituencies, highlighting the political significance of Nabakooba's return.



Henry Kamya Makumbi receiving his declaration form

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When we tell our own stories, we shape our future. Communication is not just a tool it is our voice, our power, our legacy.”

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