

# Bunyangabu @ 7

A JOURNEY OF RESILIENCE AND DETERMINATION

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Edition



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Our district, our home, our future



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## ACCOUNT OPENING REQUIREMENTS

### Individual

- A Photocopy of the National ID / Passport/ Driving Permit.
- passport photos (2) of the person opening the account.
- passport photo (1) for the next of kin.
- Amount **65,000/=**

### Group/ Institution/ Company

- Photocopies of the National ID for signatories
- 2 passport photos for each signatory
- Certificate of registration for the group
- A copy of the constitution
- A copy of minutes clearly indicating the resolution to open an account and clearly indicating signatories of the account and an attachment of a list of all members who attended that meeting.
- A letter from the chairperson LC 1
- Amount **65,000/=**

## IT'S WIN-WIN

### WITH A RWAKYAKIBUNYA LOAN

AGRICULTURAL • MOTORCYCLE

- HOME IMPROVEMENT • ASSET FINANCING
- BUSINESS • EMERGENCY



## SAVINGS PRODUCT

- Voluntary • School Fees Collection
- Fixed Deposit • Junior • Compulsory savings

### MAIN BRANCH -

Located Kibiito Town, Bunyangabu District along Fort Portal, Kasese Highway.

**RWIMI BRANCH** - Located Rwimi Town Council Bunyangabu District along Fort Portal, Kasese Highway.  
**KAHUNGE BRANCH** - Located Kamwenge District along Fort Portal, Kamwenge Highway.

# Editorial



## Celebrating Seven Years of Progress

**A**s Bunyangabu District marks its seventh anniversary, we reflect on a journey filled with growth, development, and community spirit.

Over the past seven years, the district has made significant strides in various sectors. In education, we have seen the construction and renovation of schools, ensuring that more children have access to quality education. The local government's investment in educational infrastructure has resulted in improved performance and higher enrollment rates in general.

Healthcare has also seen transformation. The expansion of existing health centers and the upgrade of all health centre IIs to health centre IIs have brought essential medical services closer to the people. This has not only reduced the burden of traveling long distances for treatment but has also contributed to better health outcomes. Immunization campaigns and health education programs have further strengthened the district's public health framework.

Agriculture, the backbone of Bunyangabu's economy, has benefited from numerous initiatives aimed at increasing productivity and sustainability. Through the provision of modern farming tools, improved seeds, and training programs, farmers are now better equipped to enhance their yields. These efforts have boosted food security and opened up new market opportunities for local produce.

Infrastructure development has been another cornerstone of Bunyangabu's progress. The construction of roads and bridges has improved connectivity within the district and beyond, facilitating trade and movement.

Electrification projects and the expansion of water supply networks have also played a critical role in enhancing the living standards of our communities.

The success of Bunyangabu District over these seven years is a testament to the collaborative efforts of the local government, central government, development partners, and the community at large. As we celebrate this milestone, it is important to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of all stakeholders involved.

Looking ahead, there are still challenges to be addressed, but the foundation laid in these initial years provides a strong base for future growth. Continued focus on education, healthcare, agriculture, and infrastructure will be essential in driving the district forward. Innovation, community involvement, and sustainable practices will be key in overcoming obstacles and achieving our long-term goals.

As we commemorate this anniversary, let us renew our commitment to working together for the betterment of Bunyangabu District. The journey of the past seven years has shown that with unity and determination, great progress is possible.

Wishing you a nice reading.

**Christopher Tusiime**  
Chief Editor  
District Communication officer



## **About the district**

Bunyangabu District started on the 1st July 2017 after being curved out of Kabarole District. Bunyangabu is made up of one county, 15 Lower Local Governments (8 Sub-counties, 7 Town Councils), 55 Parishes/ Wards and 338 Villages/Cells.

## **VISION:**

A transformed and prosperous District with an empowered population

## **MISSION:**

To provide excellent services to the population of Bunyangabu District with purpose and passion.

## **VALUES**

- Professionalism
- Integrity
- Teamwork
- Respect

# Message from the Chief Administrative Officer



**D**ear residents of Bunyangabu, I congratulate you upon this milestone of reaching the seventh anniversary!

Our journey has been characterized by significant achievements in various sectors, which have contributed to the overall development and well-being of our community.

These include Infrastructure development, where significant strides have been taken in the sector of education and Health and we have remained committed improving our education department. All these have yielded positive outcomes already.

The establishment and improvement of schools and healthcare facilities have ensured that quality education and medical services are accessible to all. The dedication of our teachers, healthcare workers, and administrators has

been instrumental in these successes, and I commend their tireless efforts.

As an agrarian district, we have prioritized the modernization of agriculture. Through various initiatives and support programs, our farmers have embraced modern farming techniques, leading to increased productivity and sustainability. The growth of agribusiness has not only improved food security but also provided livelihoods for many families.

We have also focused on inclusive programs like PDM, Emyooga, YLP, UWEP and others that address the needs of women, youth, and vulnerable groups.

In all these, we have endeavored to enhance transparency, accountability, and responsiveness in all our operations.

As we celebrate this anniversary, I acknowledge the contributions of our local leaders, civil servants, development partners, and the entire community. Your dedication and cooperation have been pivotal in driving the district forward. Together, we have built a solid foundation for a prosperous future.

Happy Seventh Anniversary,  
Bunyangabu District!

**Mr. Nsubuga Isa Hood**  
Chief Administrative Officer



## Message from the District Chairperson

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to every one of you. This milestone marks not only the passage of time but also the significant strides we have made together in the realms of development, unity, and progress.

Over the past seven years, our district has witnessed transformative changes. From improved infrastructure, enhanced healthcare services, and quality education to agricultural advancements and the fostering of local businesses, each sector has seen remarkable growth. These achievements are a testament to the collective effort of our dedicated leaders, hardworking citizens, and supportive partners.

The journey has not been without challenges. However, our resilience and unwavering commitment to our vision have seen us through. As

we reflect on our accomplishments, it is crucial to also look ahead with renewed determination. The future holds even greater promise, and with continued collaboration and innovation, we can build on our successes to create a brighter, more prosperous Bunyangabu.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to everyone for their contributions and support. Your dedication and hard work are the pillars upon which our district stands strong.

As we commemorate this anniversary, let us reaffirm our commitment to unity, progress, and the shared goal of making Bunyangabu a model of excellence.

**Mr James Ategeka**  
Bunyangabu District Chairperson



## Message from the Resident District Commissioner

**B**unyangabu District has made remarkable strides in various sectors, contributing to the welfare and prosperity of our people. As the Head of the Security Committee, I am particularly proud of the advancements we have made in ensuring the safety and security of our district.

Our collective efforts have led to a significant reduction in crime rates, enhanced community policing, and strengthened partnerships with local organizations and institutions. Security is the bedrock upon which sustainable development is built. A safe and secure environment is essential for businesses to thrive, for educational institutions to flourish, and for communities to live in peace and harmony.

It is this understanding that has driven our committee to implement robust security measures, develop effective response strategies, and engage in continuous dialogue with the community to address their concerns and needs.

I wish to acknowledge the unwavering support and dedication of the law enforcement agencies like the Uganda Police, UPDF, community leaders, and all citizens who have actively participated in our security initiatives. Your cooperation and vigilance have been instrumental in creating a safer Bunyangabu. I also can't forget the support and parental guidance we always get from our President, H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. He is behind the peace we all enjoy today. Together, we have built a strong foundation, though our work is far from over. As we celebrate this anniversary, let us reaffirm our commitment to maintaining and enhancing the security of our district.

Moving forward, we will continue to focus on innovative approaches to tackle emerging security challenges. We will promote a culture of trust and collaboration among all stakeholders. Our goal is to make Bunyangabu District a model of safety and security, where every resident feels protected and valued.

In conclusion, I extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the progress of Bunyangabu District over the past seven years. Celebrate this milestone with pride and look forward to a future filled with peace, prosperity, and continued growth. For God and My Country.

**Mr Joshua Masereka**  
RDC Bunyangabu District

# Spotlight on Parish Development Model (PDM)

Bunyangabu District embarked on implementation of Parish Development Model following the official launch by His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the President of Uganda on 26th February, 2022, in Kibuuku District.

Current Implementation Status of Parish Development Model in the District

The implementation status is reported as detailed below.

## Agriculture Value Chain Development

Subsistence Households were identified through Wealth Ranking and this exercise produced a total number of 11,145 Households that are not in the money economy.

Identification of suitable Enterprises per Lower Local Government (LLG) was as per agro-ecological suitability and profitability. The District under PDM is promoting the following enterprises

- i. Banana farming,
- ii. Rice growing,
- iii. Maize
- iv. Coffee farming
- v. Horticulture
- vi. Poultry, Dairy and Piggery.

## Financial Inclusion

The pillar enables Households under subsistence farming to access financial products and services such as savings, credit, and Insurance for their transformation into the money economy. The district has performed as indicated below under this pillar.

Total Parish Revolving Funds (PRF) received from the Ministry of Finance under each Financial year is as follows: FY 2021/2022, UGX. 382,838,832/=. FY2022/2023 UGX 4,900,000,000/=. FY 2023/2024 UGX

2,450,000,000/= each Parish with UGX 50,000,000/= (Received April 18th 2024)

Total PRF received to date is UGX 7,732,838,832/=

## Disbursement of PRF to Beneficiaries

By end of FY 2022/2023, Parish Revolving Fund worth UGX 5,282,838,832 was received by the District 49 PDM SACCOs with an Interest earned from Banks worth UGX 54,921,063.

PRF worth UGX 5,337,751,063/= was Disbursed by January 2024. Currently PRF UGX worth 2,450,000,000/= is being disbursed after training all the beneficiaries in the 49 parishes in the district.

All PDM beneficiaries were selected publicly by the community in presence of the Board, PDC, LC1 Chairperson, Parish Chiefs and Commercial Officers and the exercise was fair and clear as per the guidelines.

All the beneficiaries were fully trained by the Commercial Officers before being selected and receiving PDM funds. Beneficiaries have started receiving cash on their phones after training.

A total of 49 SACCOS were formed legally by the Registrar of Cooperatives and registered electronically and 49 Bank Accounts were opened.

Beneficiaries: The number of households that have received 5,573 and of these, the females are 2,698, the males are 2,875 and PWDS 155/490.

During the government development of WENDI wallet for PRF disbursement to beneficiaries, all the 49 SACCOs in the District



Were Boarded on WENDI wallet.

### Parish Revolving Fund(PRF) allocation per Parish.

The 48 Parishes have so far Received UGX 157,975,809/= with Bukara Kabonero receiving UGX 150,000,000/= due to bouncing of first PRF worth ugx 7,975,809/= on 4th July 2022 and the funds were transferred back to Treasury and never Re-voted despite several Communications to the MDA by the office of Chief administrative Officer.

S. No	Sub County/ Town Council	No. of Groups registered
1	Kakinga Town council	59
2	Rwimi Town Council	98
3	Rubona Town council	20
4	Buheesi Sub-County	32
5	Kibiito Town council	65
6	Rwimi Sub-County	35
7	BUHEESI Town council	15
8	Kyamukube Town council	56
9	Kisomoro Sub-County	52
10	KATEEBWA Sub-County	69
11	KIBIITO Sub-County	40
12	BUKARA Sub-County (Parish)	21
13	KIYOMBYA Sub-County	119
14	KABONERO Sub-County	35
15	NYAKIGUMBA Sub-County	27
	<b>Total</b>	<b>743</b>

### Parish-Based Management Information System

Under this pillar, the government focuses on developing, updating, and deploying the Parish-Based Management Information System (PDMIS), in order to generate the parish-

registers of households and parish dashboards to enable real-time access to information.

All the Parish Revolving Funds disbursed to the beneficiaries were through Financial Inclusion(FIS) system aligned to Parish Development Management Information System (PDMIS)

### Governance and Administration

All parishes/wards have Town agents/Parish Chiefs with four Parishes with no Operational Instruments and these are; Irinda and Kyamiyaga under Buheesi Sub county, Rwhara and Karambi under Rwimi Sub county.

We established PDM Structures whereby all the 49 Parish Development Committees are in place and trained. The committees comprise of; Chairperson LC2 as the Chairperson; Parish Chief-Secretary; Chairperson Women Council-Member; Chairperson Youth Council-Member; Chairperson Disability Council-Member; Chairperson Ruling party-member and Opinion leader/Elderly- Member.

# Shs 7.7B

Total PRF received  
to date

## District coordination committee is in place comprised of;

- i. Deputy CAO as coordinator,
- ii. Commercial Officer as Focal Person,
- iii. District Commercial Officer-member
- iv. District Community Development Officer -Member,
- v. District Production Officer- Member,
- vi. District Planner- Member
- vii. Communication Officer -Member.
- viii. Information Technology Officer-member.

This Committee is mandated to conduct Quarterly meetings to review and plan PDM implementation strategies.

## Challenges

- i. Some Parishes in Lower Local Governments created after general elections are still sharing Parish Development Committees of six members.
- ii. The six parishes of Busanda, Bulyampaghu under Bukara Sub county, Kyamiyaga and Irinda under Buheesi Sub county and Karambi and Rweihara under Rwimi Sub county have never been considered under Parish Development Model Revolving Fund.
- iii. Most Parishes don't have operational Offices meant for Strategy implementation and headquarters of Lower Local governments acting as Parish coordination Centers in the whole district, which creates big distances for Parish chiefs to be in their areas of jurisdictions for effective service delivery to beneficiaries.
- iv. Lack of transportation means in all parishes and at the district which still stands as a major constraint in movement to implement the Strategy.
- v. Lack of gadgets specifically Computers to use in the strategy implementation since the whole process is through Financial Inclusion system which requires computer accessibility.



# Revamping the health sector in Bunyangabu District Local Government



The new look of Rubona Health Centre III



Kiboota Health Centre III



Kateebwa Health Centre III in the final stages of construction



Rear view of Rubona Health Centre III



Sanitation facilities at Kiboota Health Centre III

# The Health Department



**A**s the head of the health department, I wish to congratulate Bunyangabu people upon reaching this far. The seven years have been a worthwhile journey. I am also glad to state that our collective efforts have significantly advanced the health and well-being of our community, marking remarkable progress in our healthcare sector.

The journey of improving healthcare in Bunyangabu has not been very easy. We have worked tirelessly to enhance our health infrastructure, expand access to medical services, establish accommodation facilities and promote preventive health measures.

Our achievements are a testament to the dedication and resilience of our healthcare professionals, community leaders, and citizens who have embraced our health initiatives with unwavering support.

Key milestones in our healthcare journey include the establishment and upgrading of health centers like Rubona Health Centre III, Kiboota Health Centre III, Kabahango Health Centre III, Kateebwa Health Centre III among others. We have also conducted successful immunization drives, maternal and child health programs, and initiatives to combat prevalent diseases. These efforts have not only improved health outcomes but have also strengthened our community's capacity to face health challenges with confidence.

As we look to the future, our commitment to advancing healthcare in Bunyangabu remains steadfast. We will continue to prioritize accessibility, quality, and sustainability in our health services. Our focus will be on enhancing healthcare delivery, and fostering partnerships that contribute to the overall well-being of our community. I extend my deepest appreciation to all who have contributed to our healthcare successes. Let us continue working together towards a healthier and more prosperous Bunyangabu. Happy seventh anniversary to us all!

On the next page are some of our achievements in detail

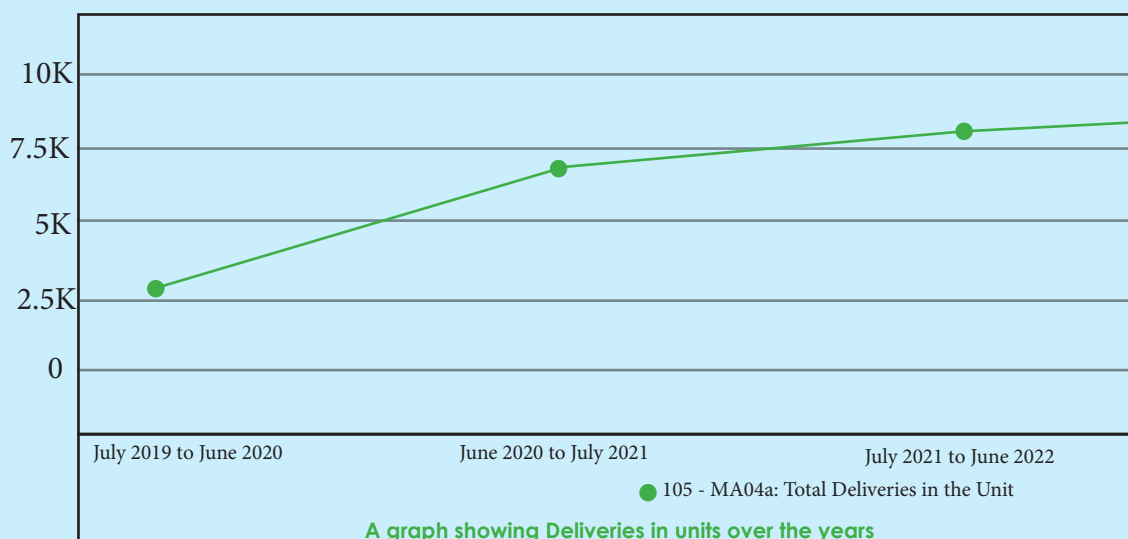
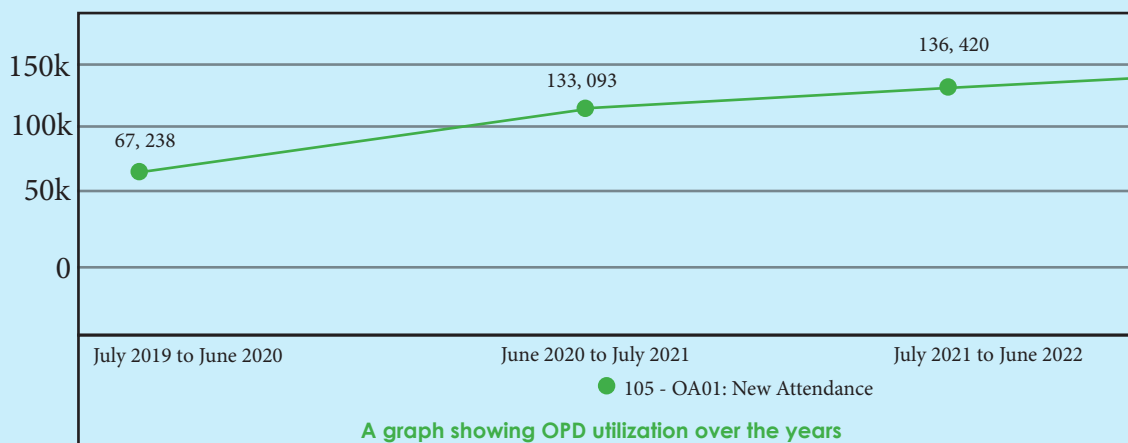
**Dr Richard Obeti**  
District Health Officer

## New services being offered by the district all accompanied by new staff

1. Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
2. Ophthalmology (Eye care)
3. Vector Control Management
4. Unlimited internet services
5. Emergency Unite services

## Achievements

- Upgrading of Kateebwa HCII to HCIII at Shs 944,701,549. Work at 88%.
- Upgrading of Rubona HCII to HCIII at Shs 679,204,564. This is complete.
- Rehabilitation of Kabahango HC III maternity ward with Terrazo flooring at Shs 21,978,680. Works pproximately at 50%.
- Construction of a placenta pit at Kateebwa HC III at Shs 11,870,446 and the works are at 40%
- Construction of a 4-stance latrine with bathrooms and Urinal at Kibaate HC III at 11,870,446 Under PHC.
- In June 2024, the District received Cycle 4, 5 and 6 of drugs from the National Medical Stores and were distributed to health facilities.
- Launched the construction of toilets at Kiyombya, Kibate and Kabonero HCIIIs by IRC and construction of incinerator at Kisomoro HCIII.



# Health Sector Status *in numbers*

Indicator	2017/ 2018	2018/ 2019	2019/ 2020	2020/ 2021	2021/ 2022	2022/ 2023
Number of Functional HC IIIs	14	14	14	14	14	15
Number of Functional HC IVs	1	1	1	1	1	1
Number of staff houses	2	12	13	13	13	13
Number of beds functional	98	104	111	124	132	151
Number of theaters functional	1	1	1	1	1	1
Number & (%) of health centres connected to national electricity grid	11	11	11	11	11	11
Number & (%) of health centres with an improved water source	14	14	14	14	14	14
Number of mothers receiving complete antenatal services	7,349	7,975	6,284	7,603	8,266	9,273
OPD Utilization	199,880	130,081	96,004	133,093	137,252	125,931
Deliveries in health facility	4,544	4,854	4,219	6,692	8,010	8,137



Delivery of drugs and other medical supplies by NMS at the district headquarters



New sanitation facility at Rubona Health Centre III



Solar power grid at Kiboota Health Centre III to enable pumping of water for use at the facility



Water pump at Kiboota Health Centre III



## About Education in Bunyangabu District

Our journey in improving education has been marked by significant achievements and steadfast commitment. We have invested in building and renovating schools and sanitation facilities, providing essential learning materials, and recruiting dedicated and qualified teachers. These efforts have greatly enhanced the quality of education and have been reflected in the improved performance of our learners in national examinations.

One of our most notable accomplishments has been increasing access to education for all children in Bunyangabu. Through initiatives such as school feeding programs, and special support for vulnerable children, we have worked to ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn and thrive.

As we look ahead, our vision for education in Bunyangabu is ambitious and inspiring. We are committed to fostering innovative teaching methods, and creating a conducive learning environment for our learners. Our focus will be on nurturing critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills to prepare our young generation for the challenges of the future.

Briefly, let me remind you that before becoming a district, in Bunyangabu schools used to be under the Area Inspector of Schools, Mrs Kwezi Gorret, who was in charge of Bunyangabu County. When the district started, she

became the Acting DEO. After some time, a substantive DEO and the District Inspector of Schools were recruited. The first substantive DEO was Mr Sundy Rubalema. We are so grateful to these people for the good work they did in our district.

The mandate of our department is to provide quality education and sports services in Bunyangabu. Currently, the district boasts of 61 government-aided primary schools and seven government-aided secondary schools. The secondary schools are; Kiyombya Seed school, Buheesi Secondary School, Mother Care Secondary School, Rubona Secondary School, Kateebwa High, Rwimi Secondary School and Kibiito Secondary School.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our teachers, parents, community leaders, and all stakeholders who have played a crucial role in our educational journey. Together, we have laid a strong foundation, and together, we will continue to build a future where every child in Bunyangabu can achieve their full potential.

Happy seventh anniversary to the Bunyangabu District Local Government! Let us continue to strive for excellence in education.

**Mr Sanyu Robert**  
District Education Officer



Kiyombya Seed Secondary School



New classroom block at Rugaaga P/S



Katugunda Seed under construction

### Number of Private Institutions

- Pre-primary schools – 77
- Primary schools – 96
- Private secondary schools- 20

### Number of Technical Schools

- Kisomoro Technical Institute
- Katugunda Skills Development Centre

### Enrollment

- Enrollment in government-aided primary schools – 35,294
- Enrollment government-aided Secondary schools – 5,861

### Infrastructure development

- Construction of Katugunda Seed School at Shs 3,761,088,939. Works at roofing stage.
- Construction of Nsuura Seed School in Kyamukube Town Council at Shs 2,503,994,700. The site was handed over and foundation works are in progress.
- Construction of a one Classroom Block at Kaburaisoke Primary School including the supply of 20 desks at Shs 55,212,200 under Schools Facilities Grant.
- Construction of 3 stance latrine with urinal at Nyamba B Primary School in Bukara Sub County. This was

completed and commissioned under SFG.

Renovated a 2-classroom block at Kanyamukale Primary School, Kakoo-ga Primary School and Rwimi Primary School at Shs 32,219,224. This was under Education Maintenance grant.

- Construction of 3 stance VIP latrines at Nyabwina Primary School in Rwimi Town Council and Nyamba B Primary School in Bukara Sub County at Shs 33,996,390.
- Renovation of Kibiito Primary School, St. John's Yerya Primary School and Mujunju Primary School at Shs 37,469,720 under Education Maintenance Grant.
- Improvement works on a 2 classroom block in Bihondo Primary School (Kyamukube TC) and a 1 classroom block in Bulyambaghu Primary School (Bukara SC) at Shs 21,978,680.
- St John's SS Rwimi has been taken over by Government. The project is estimated to cost about 6 billion under Uganda Secondary School Expansion Program (USSEP)
- Installation of Electricity and correction of defects at Kiyombya Seed Secondary School.



## The Production Department

Dear Bunyangabu Residents, the field of agricultural production is the backbone of our district's economy.

As a sector, we are mandated to increase production and productivity of the Agricultural enterprises in the value chain of crops, livestock and fisheries.

Our agricultural sector has seen significant advancements, driven by a shared vision of enhancing productivity, sustainability, and the livelihoods of our farmers.

We have introduced various programs aimed at improving farming techniques, providing high-quality seeds, and facilitating access to markets. These initiatives have led to increased crop yields and diversified agricultural practices, ensuring food security and higher incomes for our farming communities.

A key focus of our efforts has been the empowerment of our farmers through education and support. We have conducted numerous training sessions and workshops on modern farming methods, pest management, and sustainable agricultural practices. The introduction of

agricultural extension services has been instrumental in disseminating knowledge and providing on-ground support to our farmers.

Looking forward, we remain committed to building on our successes and addressing the challenges that lie ahead.

Our future goals include promoting agri-business, enhancing value addition, and expanding irrigation systems to mitigate the impacts of climate change. By fostering innovation and resilience in our agricultural sector, we aim to create a prosperous and sustainable future for all residents of Bunyangabu.



I extend my deepest gratitude to our the government, farmers, partners, and all stakeholders for their unwavering dedication and support. Together, we have achieved much, and together, we will continue to advance the agricultural prosperity of Bunyangabu.

Let us keep striving for excellence in production and beyond.

**Yusta Asiiimwe**  
District Production Officer

# Achievements of the department

- We have reached close to 36,000 households giving advisory services in crop, in livestock and fisheries.
- Undertaken some projects. For instance, we have constructed the mini laboratory at the district headquarters and its annexe and this has costed us Shs 187 million
- Constructed 7 market stalls in various sub-counties in Rwimi Town Council, Kibiito Sub County, Kyamukube Town Council and Rubona Town Council.
- Constructed 8 slaughter slabs in Rwimi Town Council, Kibiito Sub County at Kasunganyanja Market, Rubona Town Council, Kyamukube Town Council, Kateebwa Sub County and Kibiito Town Council and Nyakigumba town council.
- Procured a motorcycle (DT Yamaha) at Shs 18 million and its being used by extension workers to carry out advisory services
- For years we have promoted the model village approach and we used to award the best performers in the village in all the (15) fifteen lower local governments. We supported the first 4 in each administrative unit and these would be given goats and piglets. In total, we have given out 60 goats and 60 piglets.
- We procured a bee venom collector that was given to one of the groups, High Hope Foundation, that will be undertaking beekeeping.
- Supported beekeeping industry with 467 improved KTB beehives
- Supported farmers with micro-irrigation systems and supported 11 farmers who have contributed 25 per cent of the total cost of the irrigation system and the government has contributed 75 per cent of the irrigation system. In addition, there are two demonstration irrigation demos and these have been completed.
- Under the Agriculture Cluster Development Project, we supported 3 groups in

the coffee and maize value chain. These are Kabonero Mountainous and Kibota – Kateebwa, which were supported with a stall and value-addition equipment. They can now process coffee for export. For the Balema-Kweyamba, we supported with a maize mill. They are now milling their maize and this is bringing in income to the members of those cooperative societies.

- Under ACDP, we supported one farmer. We gave him a mini-irrigation system under coffee irrigation model. By that time, he was on 6 acres of bananas and coffee intercropped but now, using the proceeds from the coffee and bananas, he has been able to increase his coffee garden to 14 acres.

- Under NAADs, we have received support of 7 tractors. Two were under support for cereal farmers and five were under the AgriLED programme. These have heled farmers to do timely planting, increasing production and productivity in the key commodities that we undertake in the district.

- We have also considered our farmers for coffee seedlings. We have since supported farmers with over 2.5 million coffee seedlings and farmers have already begun to realize profits.

- Supported 16 youth households and other 33 households under the diary and this has increased milk production in the district

- We have indentified 8 farmers who have benefited from the Hass Avocado. They have already planted 13.7 acres of Hass avocado. Within Bunyangabu, We are proud that when people will be selling Hass avocado, which is a high-value crop for export, we shall also be benefiting. I'm happy that I have started receiving farmers who are willing to contribute 25 per cent and we deliver Hass avocado to them.



Rwimi Rice Processing Plant has capacity to Process 10 tons daily



Kagera Farmers market in Kyamukube Town council was commissioned

## AGRO-INDUSTRIALIZATION

This program is being implemented by the department of Production and the following were achieved

- Agricultural inputs have been procured for the establishment of Demo gardens which will be established in September-November season. The inputs include; 10 bags DAP, 10 bags UREA, 150 kgs maize seed, 20 tins of cauliflower, 30 tins of Tomatoes, 50 Tins of Green paper, 50 Tins of Egg plants, 10 Boxes of fungicide, 50 Sacks of Onions, 50 Sacks of Cabbages.
- Food security and Nutrition items for vulnerable households procured and these include; 600 Kroiler chicks, 50 sacks of cabbages, 5 boxes of fungicides, 30 tins of egg plants, 300kgs of iron rich beans, 20 tins of Cornflower, 15 bags Orange flesh sweet potato veins, 5 bags of Urea, 5 bags of DAP procured for food security and nutrition awareness and multiplication.
- Rubona road side market stall face lifted and now ready for business.
- Establishment and construction of 2 irrigation Demo sites in Rwimi at Kahwa Brians farm and at Kyaruhiga Josephs farm in Buheesi Town Council, works is at completion stage.
- Under micro scale irrigation, 12 farmers have been supported with solar powered irrigation systems on co-funding arrangements where a farmer contributes 25% and Government contributes 75% an equivalent of 18m. Installation works are at completion stage.
- 15 Farmer mobilization and sensitization activities were conducted in lower local Governments on Micro scale irrigation technologies.
- Expression of interest by

farmers conducted whereby 270 Farmers have expressed interest on microscale irrigation project.

- 75 Beehives were procured and distributed to 21 farmers.
- Procuring Bee venom collector for venom extraction for High Hope foundation is ongoing.
- Procuring a solar powered refrigerator for vaccine storage, the process is ongoing.
- Livestock vaccinations was done. Cattle were vaccinated against lumpy skin disease and Dogs were vaccinated against rabies.

## CHALLENGES

- As a department, we have a challenge of understaffing. We are only ten and managing 15 lower local governments. At the district we are two while the eight staff are doing the advisory work which is too low as compared to the structure of 78 staff that we are supposed to have
- We have also had challenges of unpredictable weather, coupled with landslides and wind and at one time we even lost lives in Kateebwa Sub County
- We also have challenges of low prices at time. For example, currently, a big bunch of banana is costing Shs 7,000. There are times when we have sold our maize and a kilogram at just Shs 500 even when we had invested heavily in post-harvest handling.
- Roads are impassable during the rainy season, especially in rural areas where our farmers are and that poses a problem of market access. They are unable to bring their produce to the main market that we have in urban areas



Seven tractors like this one were given to farmers to boost production



Under a cost sharing arrangement, farmers are receiving water for production



Under the ACD Project, farmers who had capacity to contribute 25% of the cost received irrigation systems.



A tractor that was given to the Kalya family in has enabled increased milk production

# Success stories

## I earn a living from Agriculture – Moses Murungi



To join Agriculture, I was first of all impressed by the NAADs programme. I was impressed by the way they were extending the advisory services to the farmers. The salary they would pay the service providers and the NAADs coordinators. This is what triggered me into the profession. By then I was still a youth councillor and a student.

Thereafter I joined A – A-level with Agriculture and Biology as essential subjects. It is at this point that I started practicing Agriculture at home and also hiring land from neighbours. By then, I was dealing in Irish potatoes and onions.

The income I would get from Agriculture helped me get money to go to the university and it was from then that I started training farmers and also putting the theory learnt at the university into practical understating of different agricultural ethics.

After the university, I realized money in growing maize on a large scale. At first, I grew 15 acres and finally expanded to 30 acres. Unfortunately, the price dropped to Shs 500 a kilogram. Nevertheless, I managed to buy a plot of land and built on it.

In the due course I realized more money in growing beans because they require less agronomic attention and if well planted in lines and managed, the returns on investment are very high since they have a ready market.

As of today, I concentrate on beans, Irish potatoes, hybrid pumpkins, and bananas for food and sale.

The money got from agriculture has helped me to support my salary for investment. It has helped me to go and upgrade my studies that is postgraduate diploma in administrative law and a postgraduate diploma in agricultural risk management and finance. I am now food-secure

I encourage the youth to join agriculture because it is an investment where you can invest small and you get big returns at the end of the season.

On the issue of land, please my fellow youth, you can still hire or request from friends and relatives. That should not be a problem.

To my fellow extension workers, I implore you to move the talk because Agriculture has new innovations and when you aren't into it, you may not know what is going around with it.

I encourage farmers to be specific and resilient in what they are growing so that you become known what they grow and this will help them to attract potential buyers.





## Retired soldier Sabiiti finds 'gold' in bananas, PDM

My name is Umar Sabiiti David, a retired soldier. When I returned home, I started engaging in Agriculture but I did not have the knowledge required for me to benefit from it.

It is at that time that I got an extension worker from the district, who taught me how to look after my banana plantation. I learnt what I was taught and started practicing it. Since then, I have kept looking after my banana plantation and earning from it. The money from selling bananas has enabled me to look after myself and my family. I have also built a house and educated my children from the same money.

In one month, I can sell like 20 bunches of bananas and when the prices are good, I can sell a bunch at around UGX 20,000. When the prices fall, I can sell my bunch at UGX 7,000, even when others could be selling at UGX 3,000 since my bunches are normally bigger due to the knowledge I got from the Bunyangabu district extension workers.

Recently, I also bought a plot of land using money from the bananas that I sell because I have no any other job apart from agriculture. I also got Parish Development Model funds and I bought a calf. I now see that I am really benefiting from Government programmes and my children are studying. Long live Bunyangabi District.



## "I am building my permanent home using money I get from Coffee" – Cephus Tinkamanyire.

My name is Tinkamanyire Cephus from Kayombya Sub County. I am a coffee grower and I grow Robusta Coffee and its on 01 acre now. I have been with it for some good years now. Before receiving training from the district extension workers, my coffee was looking bad and my yields were very low. But when I got agricultural officers, they taught me good agronomic practices. They taught me how to look after it, the diseases that affect it and how I can prevent them. Because it was over grown, they also taught me how to prune it.

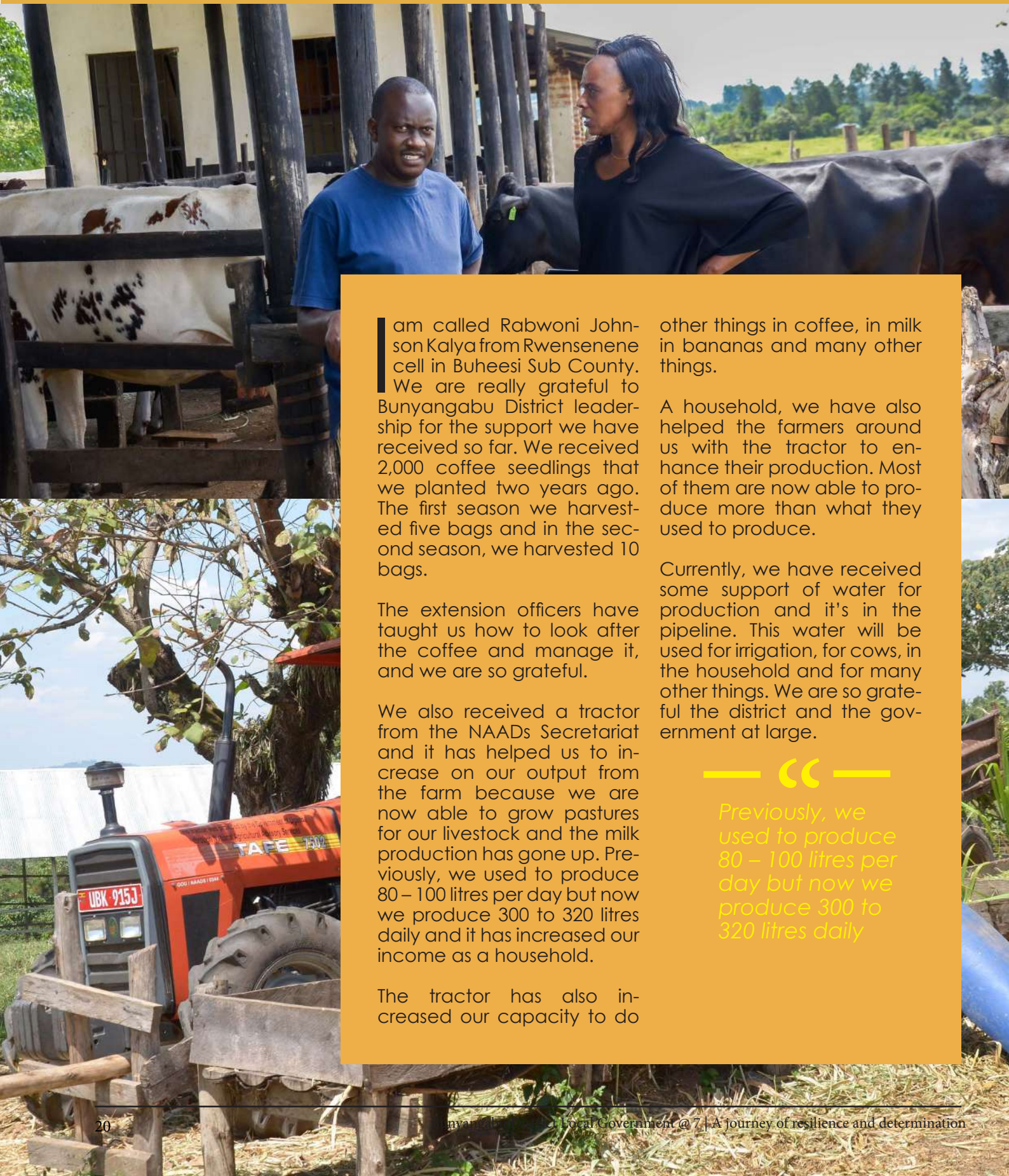
Since then, my yields have increased. My coffee garden looks so good. Every month I earn around UGX 500, 000 to UGX 600,000. Even right now, I am building my permanent home with money I get from this coffee.

I thank the agricultural officers who kept checking on me, teaching me and guiding me to ensure that my coffee grows very well. There was a time they even gave me some pesticides because it had been infected.

Also thank the Government of the Republic of Uganda for giving us good staff. I am who I am because of this coffee that the district staff helped me to grow and look after. I am so grateful.



# “With a tractor, our milk production has tripled” – Rabwoni Kalya



I am called Rabwoni Johnson Kalya from Rwensenene cell in Buheesi Sub County. We are really grateful to Bunyangabu District leadership for the support we have received so far. We received 2,000 coffee seedlings that we planted two years ago. The first season we harvested five bags and in the second season, we harvested 10 bags.

The extension officers have taught us how to look after the coffee and manage it, and we are so grateful.

We also received a tractor from the NAADs Secretariat and it has helped us to increase on our output from the farm because we are now able to grow pastures for our livestock and the milk production has gone up. Previously, we used to produce 80 – 100 litres per day but now we produce 300 to 320 litres daily and it has increased our income as a household.

The tractor has also increased our capacity to do

other things in coffee, in milk in bananas and many other things.

A household, we have also helped the farmers around us with the tractor to enhance their production. Most of them are now able to produce more than what they used to produce.

Currently, we have received some support of water for production and it's in the pipeline. This water will be used for irrigation, for cows, in the household and for many other things. We are so grateful the district and the government at large.



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Town Council and Kateebwa Sub  
County; Secretary Education, CBS  
and Health

# NATURAL RESOURCE, ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, LAND AND WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT



This program is being implemented by the Departments of Natural Resources and Water.

We have planted a total of 272,144 tree seedlings within the District. The seedlings were acquired from World Wide Fund for nature, Environment conservation trust and nature based solutions.

The District has established major tree nursery with the support of Shs 52,830,000/= million which was acquired from WWF and the money was paid on the account of Bunyangabu Tree Growers and Timber Traders Association. The nursery is being established in Kabale, Kibiito Sub County and we shall produce our first seedlings in the next planting season.

We Planted grevelia trees on Nyakigumba Local Forest Reserve, the section that had no trees.

Carried out enforcement

on wetland encroachment in Bukolakole wetland in Buheesi Sub County, Kakoga in Kakinga Town Council, Rubona Wetland in Rubona Town Council, Ibaralibi in Nyakigumba Town Council and River Yerya bufferzone in Kateebwa Sub County, etc.

We formed River Rwimi catchment Management Plan in partnership with WWF which is still in draft form.

We conducted community engagements on wetland and river bank protection in Bukara Sub County and Kaguma in Buheesi Town Council.

We held sensitization meetings on environmental protection in Kiyombya, Buheesi, Rubona, Kisomoro, Nyakigumba, Kibiito and Rwimi Town Council together with RDCs office, DISO, LCLs and Parish Chiefs.



Restoration of Kyabakeda swamp in Kiyombya Sub County



Restoration of River Yerya buffer zone in Kateebwa Sub County

# COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION AND MINDSET CHANGE)

The department coordinates the activities of special interest groups under the categories of Youth, Women, Older Persons, Persons with Disabilities and Workers.

## NATIONAL SPECIAL GRANT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES(NSG-PWDs)

The District local government with support from the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development implements the National Special Grant for Persons with Disabilities which aims at provision of grants to groups of Persons with Disabilities to enable them start up income generating activities in a bid to improve on their livelihood. This FY 2023-2024, the District has supported 17 Persons with Disabilities Groups with Funds worth Shs 65,252,930

S.N	Name of Group	LLG	Parish	Enterprise	Amount
1.	Kabonero Balema Tweyimukye Group	Kabonero	Kabonero	Goat Rearing	4,363,450
2.	Kangoma Tweyambe Disabled Group	Kibiito	Kabaale	Piggery	4,000,000
3.	Buheesi Balema Tweyambe Group	Buheesi	Kabahango	Piggery	4,000,000
4.	Rwimi East and Central Balema Tweyambe Association	Rwimi T/C	East	Goat Rearing	4,000,000
5.	Kibiito Association For The Disabled	Kibiito T/C	Central	Piggery	4,000,000
6.	Kadindimo Tweterane Disabled Group	Kakinga T/C	Kadindimo	Goat Rearing	3,700,000
7.	Karambi Balema Kweyamba Group	Rwimi S/C	Kaina	Piggery	3,100,000
8.	Kitonzi Pwd Poultry Group	Buheesi S/C	Irinda	Poultry	4,000,000
9.	Nsagasa Disability And Elderly Tweyimukye Group	Nyakigumba T/C	West	piggery	4,000,000
10.	Kitaago Tweyimukye People With Disability Group	Buheesi T/C	Rwensenene	Farming	3,500,000
11.	Kiboota Valley PWD Group	Kateebwa	Kateebwa	Goat Rearing	3,900,000
12.	Rwimi West Ward Balema Tweyimukye Association	Rwimi T/C	West Ward	Goat Rearing	3,297,003
13.	Kibiito B Tweyambe Women Group	Kibiito T/C	Central	Piggery	4,800,000
14.	Nyakisi Abalema Tweyambe Group	Kiyombya	Kiyombya	Piggery	4,000,000
15.	West Ward Tukwatanize Disabled Group	Rubona Tc	West	Piggery	3,700,000
16.	Rwimi East and Central Ward Balema Tweyombeke Association	Rwimi	East	Goat Rearing	5,000,000
17.	Bunyangabu Balema Tukorrehamu	Kateebwa	Bunaiga	Shoe Making	5,000,000

## SPECIAL ENTERPRISE GRANT FOR OLDER PERSONS (SEGOP)

The District Local Government with support from the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development implements the Special Enterprise Grant for Older Persons (SEGOP) which aims at providing enterprise grants to older Persons to enable them start income generating activities to improve on their social economic wellbeing. This FY 2023-2024, the district supported 5 groups of Older Persons with Funds worth Shs 21,715,000.

S.N	Name of Group	LLG	Parish	Enterprise	Amount
1.	Bunjojo Goat Keepers Elderly Group	Kibiito S/C	Kasunganyanja	Goat Rearing	4,343,000
2.	Friends Forever SEGOP Group	Kibiito TC	Central	Dairy Farming	4,343,000
3.	Kakooga Bagurusi Tukwatanize Goat Rearing Project	Kakinga	Kakooga	Piggery	4,343,000
4	Kasura Older Persons Piggery Group	Kiyombya	Kasura	Piggery	4,343,000
5.	Bugaya Elderly Goat Rearing Group	Kateebwa S/C	Bunaiga	Goat Keeping	4,343,000

## SOCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR EMPOWERMENT(SAGE)

**SAGE** is a scheme within the Expanding Social Protection the Programme is under the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development. The programme works directly with the District Local Government in the management and payment of the Senior Citizens grant; the District currently has 1,617 Older persons who are benefiting from the SAGE programme. The District has paid for the period between July 2023- March 2024 a total of Shs 363,825,000 to 1,617 Older Persons YOUTH

## LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME (YLP)

The Youth Livelihood Programme is a government of Uganda Financed programme designed as an intervention of government in response to the high unemployment rate and poverty among the Youth. In line with this, the District with the Support of Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development will disburse funds worth Shs 104,178,000 to 15 Youth Groups.

### The beneficiary groups

S/N	SUB COUNTY	PROJECT NAME	TYPE	AMOUNT APPROVED
1.	Kibiito town council	Kasaali B YLP Cattle rearing	Cattle Rearing	6,310,000
2.	Buheesi S/C	Kisimoro youth piggery Pro-ject	Piggerry Project	6,000,000
3.	Kibiito S/C	Ntabago Youth Banana Buying & selling	Agriculture	5,000,000
4.	Kisomoro S/C	Kyamuhemba youth Goat Rearing	Goat Rearing	6,000,000
5.	Rwimi T/C	Gatyanga III youth Coffee Buying & selling	Agriculture	6,500,000
6.	Rwimi S/C	Rusona Youth Piggery	Piggery Project	6,000,000
7.	Buheesi T/C	Buheesi youth saloon project	Saloon Project	8,083,000
8.	Kateebwa S/C	Butyoka Produce Dealers	Produce dealers	5,500,000
9.	Kyamukube T/C	Kyamukube Youth Welding	Welding	6,325,000
10.	Rubona T/C	Rubona Youth Piggery Project	Piggery	6,500,000
11.	Nyakigumba T/C	Kabata youth piggery	Piggery	7,000,000
12.	Kiyombya	Butini youth Produce Dealers	Produce dealers	7,000,000

S/N	SUB COUNTY	PROJECT NAME	TYPE	AMOUNT APPROVED
13.	Kabonero T/c	Mutiti B youth Piggery project	Piggery	6,000,000
14.	Rwimi	Kakooga C youth Rice Growing	Rice Growing	9,460,000
15.	Kiyombya	Mabale Youth Boda Boda	Bodaboda	12,500,000
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>104,178,000</b>

## UGANDA WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME (UWEP)

The Uganda Women Entrepreneurship Programme (UWEP) is an initiative of the Government of Uganda implemented through the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development in partnership with the District Local Government that aims at improving access to financial services for women and equipping them with skills for enterprise growth, value addition and marketing of their products and services. This financial year, the district has disbursed Shs 73,615,000 to 24 Women Groups.

### LEGS PROJECT

- Constructed a Rice processing plant in Rwimi Town Council. The facility was commissioned by the State Minister of Local Government.
- Constructed Kagera Market in Kyamukube Town Council. The project was also commissioned by the Minister of Local Government.
- Construction of Bunaiga – Masibwe Gravity Flow (Gfs) in Kateebwa Sub County at Shs 843,000,000 was completed and commissioned.

## INTEGRATED TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES PROGRAMME

This programme is coordinated by the department of Roads and Technical Services. The key objective of the programme is to prioritize transport and asset management and has achieved the following in the Financial Year 2023/2024.

- Construction of Kasunganyanja-Kitonzi-Kyamutwe road at Shs 193,278,000.
- Construction of Bunaiga-Masibwe road at Shs 300,000,000.
- Construction of Buheesi-Kiboota road at Shs 114,000,000.
- Buheesi-Kabahango-Mahoma road at Shs 146,000,000.
- Lyengumba-Kyamiyaga-Kisomoro road at Shs 20,000,000
- Kadindimo-Kakinga-Kakoga road at Shs 16,854,000 has been Launched.
- Kajumiro ABC at Shs 18,318,000 has been Launched
- Katoma-Nyarugongo-Matindiokere at Shs 18,568,000 has been Launched .
- Mechanised maintenance of Kicuucu-Kinoni (5km) at Shs 10,000,000.
- Mechanised maintenance of Kasunganyanja-Kaina-Kadindimo (4.9km)
- Mechanised maintenance of Nyakigumba-Kibworo Kiryantama (8.8km) at Shs 13,000,000.
- Mechanised maintenance of Kanyalango-Mugoma(3.1km) at Shs 4,500,000
- Mechanised maintenance of Mujunju-Kanyegaramire-Nsongya bridge (3.6km) at 8,000,000/= works completed.
- Mechanised maintenance of Kabagara-Buguzi-Bubwika (2.8km) at Shs 4,500,000.



Buheesi-Kabahango Road



Kiyombya-Buheesi-Mahoma road was rehabilitated to a first-class gravel road under the ACDP.

# WATER SECTOR

The district access to safe water stands at 75% with functionality at 92%

S.N	Output target	Location	Budget	Scope of work	Period of completion	Impact on service delivery	Challenges and remarks
<b>During FY 2021/22; Development Grant = Shs 326M</b>							
1.	Surveyed, carried out feasibility study, sited and drilled 4 production wells (boreholes) in Kyamiyaga, Nganyaki, Gatyanga and Kajumiro	Buheesi and Kiyombya SCs, Rwimi and Kakinga TCs	161,463,000	Community meetings and engagement, launch, hydrological surveys, rig drilling and casing steel of 6 beats, and installation of the hand pump	Aug-22	Provided access to safe water supply in the water stressed areas but were intended to be motorized and piped for water supply	In Nganyaki and Kyamiyaga the sector failed to strike the recommended water volume of 3.5cum/hour by the Ministry of Water and Environment because of poor terrain of the District
2.	Connection of installation of an overhead water storage tank, connection of piped water and all plumbing works at Kabahango HC III (UgIFT Project)	Buheesi S/C	24,426,450	Supply and installation of an overhead tank, connection of piped water from Buheesi gfs to overhead tank and connect to internal rooms	Feb-22	Reliable water supply to the critical rooms of the health Centre for cleaning	There wasn't any challenges
3.	Extension Yerya of extension of piped water to Kaina C village	Rwimi Sub County	50,853,870	Earth works including trenches of 0.9m depth, supply and installation of 2.5Km of HDPE 50mm PN 10 pipe and construction of 3 public tap stands	Dec-21	Delivered access to safe water in the water stressed zone, prevention of Bilhazia and related risks	Hilly terrain affects the water pressure to deliver water in the targeted areas especially during critical and peak times of water collection
4.	Rehabilitation of Nsuura gravity flow scheme	Kyamukube TC	39,959,484	Rehabilitated the source intake, constructed protection chamber at the intake, rehabilitated the water tank, installed some new distribution pipe-lines and rehabilitated the public tap stands	Dec-21	Improved the functionality of the water supply system	The water source intake are 2 protected spring wells, their water volume is low and the source intakes are being encroached by the community

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<b>During FY 2021/22; Development Grant = Shs 326M</b>							
5.	Constructed a 4 stance lined pit VIP latrine with bath-room, urinal and Nyamiseke Market	Kiyombya SC	27,495,800	Pit excavation (4m deep), pit lining from the ground in form of septic tank, superstructure roofing, and all finishes, environmental mitigations	Apr-22	Improved sanitation and ended open defecation around the market	The market has a small piece of land which hinders to provide safe distance of the latrine from the market
6.	Carried out Water Quality Test for 90 water sources of all technologies	Entire District	9,000,000	Sanitary survey around the water collection points, on site test, collection of water samples for laboratory tests	Quarterly	Water quality surveillance to ensure community are using safe and clean water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of transport means to collect the samples</li> <li>- Lack of test kits and laboratory</li> </ul>
<b>During FY 2022/23; Development Grant = UGX 301M</b>							
1.	Extension of Yerya gfs in Kaina B and Ntambi	Rwimi SC	60,882,700	Earth works including trenches of 0.9m depth, supply and installation of 3.3Km of HDPE 50mm PN 10 pipe and construction of 4 public tap stands	Apr-23	Provided access to safe water supply and in the water stressed zones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hilly terrain of the intended areas failed the water pres-sure for in-stance Ntambi P.S</li> <li>- Lack of standardized water at the National Water</li> </ul>
2.	Extension of Yerya gfs in Nyabusese to Kito-nzi P.S and Rwenkuba to Mugoma B P.S	Kibiito SC	53,409,470	Earth works including trenches of 0.9m depth, supply and installation of 2.8Km of HDPE 50mm PN 10 pipe and construction of 4 public tap stands	May-23	Also provided access to safe water supply and in the water stressed zones May-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Also the hilly terrain is affecting the supply of water to in-tended areas</li> </ul>
3.	Extension of Pohe gfs from Mugoma B P.S to Bishop Kyaligonza Memorial Secondary School, Mugoma Church and the neighbouring community	Kibiito SC	12,280,000	Earth works including trenches of 0.9m deep, supply and installation of 0.8Km of HDPE 40mm PN 10 pipe and construction of 2 public tap stands	Jun-23	As above	As above

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<b>During FY 2022/23; Development Grant = UGX 301M</b>							
4.	Extension of Pohe gfs from Mukijungu to Mutiti and Kabonero B villages	Kabonero SC	30,810,520	Earth works including trenches of 0.9m depth, supply and installation of 1.7Km of HDPE 50mm PN 10 pipe and construction of 2 public tap stands	Jun-23	Provided access to safe water in the unserved	No challenges were encountered
5.	Extension of Yerya gfs in Kyatwa to Ntabago villages	Kibito SC	27,495,800	Pit excavation (4m deep), pit lining from the ground in form of septic tank, superstructure, roofing, and all finishes, environmental mitigations	Apr-22	Improved sanitation and ended open defecation around the market	The market has a small piece of land which hinders to provide safe dis-tance of the latrine from the market
6.	Extension Yerya of extension of piped water to Kaina C village	Rwimi Sub County	50,853,870	Earth works including trenches of 0.9m depth, supply and installation of 2.5Km of HDPE 50mm PN 10 pipe and construction of 3 public tap stands	Dec-21	Delivered access to safe water in the water stressed zone, prevention of Bilhazia and related risks	Hilly terrain affects the water pressure to deliver water in the targeted areas especially during critical and peak times of water collection
7.	Carried out Water Quality Test for 90 water sources of all technologies	Entire District	9,000,000	Sanitary survey around the water collection points, on site test, collection of water samples for laboratory tests	Quarterly	Water quality surveillance to ensure community are using safe and clean water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of transport means to collect the samples</li> <li>- Lack of test kits and laboratory</li> </ul>
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1.	Extension of Yerya gfs in Nyabuse to Kito-nzi P.S and Rwenkuba to Mugoma B P.S	Kibiito SC	53,409,470	Earth works including trenches of 0.9m depth, supply and installation of 2.8Km of HDPE 50mm PN 10 pipe and construction of 4 public tap stands	May-23	Also the hilly terrain is affecting the supply of water to intended areas	No challenges were encountered
2.	Extension of Pohe gfs from Mugoma B P.S to Bishop Kyaligonza Memorial Secondary School, Mugoma Church and the neighbouring community	Kibiito SC	12,280,000	Earth works including trenches of 0.9m deep, supply and installation of 0.8Km of HDPE 40mm PN 10 pipe and construction of 2 public tap stands	Jun-23	As above	As above
3.	Extension of Pohe gfs from Mukijungu to Mutiti and Kabonero B villages	Kabonero SC	30,810,520	Earth works including trenches of 0.9m depth, supply and installation of 1.7Km of HDPE 50mm PN 10 pipe and construction of 2 public tap stands	Jun-23	Provided access to safe water in the un served	No challenges were encountered
4.	Extension of Yerya gfs in Kyatwa to Ntabago villages	Kibiito SC	48,420,200	Earth works including trenches of 0.9m depth, supply and installation of 2.4Km of HDPE 50mm PN 10 pipe and construction of 3 public tap stands	Jun-23	Improved sanitation and ended open defecation around the market	There wasn't enough space to provide safe distance of the latrine from the market
5.	Restoration of Pohe gfs distribution line	Kabonero SC	48,871,100	Trench excavation of 0.9m depth, supply and installation of HDPE PN 10 pipes 63mm and 50mm	Jun-23	To improve functionality and sustainability	None
6.	Restoration of Pohe gfs transmission pipe line	Bukara SC	48,870,000	Trench excavation of 0.9m depth, supply and installation of 110mm size PVC pipes covering 100m and HDPE PN 10 pipe 90mm covering 300m	Jun-23	Improved functionality of water supply	Improved functionality of water supply None

S.N	Output target	Location	Budget	Scope of work	Period of completion	Impact on service delivery	Challenges and remarks
7.	Rehabilitation of Nsuura gravity flow scheme	Kyamukube TC	5,920,000	Rehabilitated all the leakages along the Distribution pipelines, rehabilitated the public tap stands	Jun-23	Improved functionality of water supply	Funds were not enough
8.	Carried out Water Quality Test for 90 water sources of all technologies	Entire District	9,000,000	Sanitary survey around the water collection points, on site test, collection of water samples for laboratory tests	Quarterly	Water quality surveillance to ensure community are using safe and clean water	Lack of transport means to collect the samples Lack of test kits and laboratory
<b>During FY 2023/24; Development Grant = Ugx 340M</b>							
1.	Extension of Yerya gravity flow scheme in Kaina – Kadindimo, Kanya-mukale to Hakibate villages	Rwimi SC	44,921,184	Earth works including trenches of 0.9m depth, supply and installation of 2.4Km of HDPE 50mm PN 10 pipe and construction of 2 public tap stands	Apr-24	Provided access to safe water supply to unserved villages	Lack of water meters from National Water. But NW have now created a solution to provide the old and used meters
2.	Restoration of Pohes Extension of Yerya gravity flow scheme in Kyoga – Rwenga-bi and Buguzi – Ki-ko villages	Kisomoro SC	57,201,620	Earth works including trenches of 0.9m depth, supply and installation of 3.1Km of HDPE 50mm PN 10 pipe and construction of 3 public tap stands and 1 tap for the Church	Jan-24	Provided access to safe water supply to unserved villages	As above
3.	Extension of Yerya gravity flow scheme in Bwizibwera to towards Ntabago villages	Kibiito SC	24,847,450	Earth works including trenches of 0.9m depth, supply and in-stallation of 1.3Km of HDPE 40mm and 32mm PN 10 pipe and construction of 2 public tap stands	Apr-24	As above and re-duced the risk to stain the teeth for the community people who consume river Ntaba-go	As above
4.	Extension of Yerya gravity flow scheme in Bunjojo to Bwizibwera village	Kibiito SC	11,529,450	Earth works including trenches of 0.9m depth, supply and in-stallation of 0.7Km of HDPE 32mm PN 10 pipe and construction of 1 public tap stand	Jun-24	As above and reduced the risk to stain the teeth for the community people who consume river Ntabago Jun-24	As above and reduced the risk to stain the teeth for the community people who consume river Ntabago As above Jun-24

S.N	Output target	Location	Budget	scope of work	Period of completion	Impact on service delivery	Challenges and remarks
5	Rehabilitation of 6 shallow wells of Rwamafa, Bagamba and Nyarugo, Rwai-hara, Mwapaolo and Mwairumba; 2 bore-holes of Rwengwara in Kibiito TC and Bwekale, 3 spring wells of Kyakibun-ya, Nfu-kairima and Nyanjara	Kabonero SC, Kibiito SC, Buheesi TC, Ka-kin-ga TC, Nya-kigumba TC and Buheesi SC	32,600,000	Removing all the old parts of the pump where they existed, de-watering the well, rehabilitation of the apron work, drainage channels and soak-pit, supply and installation of new pumping system	Jun-24	Improved the functionality of the water supply system	Lack of spare parts in the District and the surrounding Districts. The spare parts were purchased from Kampala
6.	Feasibility study, engineering design and documentation of Gatyanga motorized piped water supply system	Rwimi TC	60,615,000	Community and stake-holders meetings and engagement, launch, social economic survey, engineering study and pump testing, geological study, pump testing, desk calculations of the design and draw-ings, reports production and documentations	Jan-24	Preparation for motorizing the production well	None
7.	Construction of 1 toilet block of 4 stance with a bathroom, urinal, hand washing facility and connected to piped water supply containing a 1,000 water tank on a metallic tower at Kibiito Market	Kibiito TC	49,306,516	Earth works involving site levelling and ex-cavation of septic tank, construction of the septic tank, construction of superstructure and all the finishes, installation of mechanical fittings, supply of overhead water tank and connection of water	Jun-24	Improvement of safe, clean and reliable sanitation facility	None
8.	Constructed Bunaiga gravity flow water and sanitation scheme	849M	57,201,620	Supply and installation of distribution pipelines of sizes 90mm, 75mm, 63mm, 32mm and 25mm that cover 9Km, construction of an office block, fencing around the office, construction of caretakers house, fencing around the tanks, construction of a water borne toilet, supply of a chlorine dozer, water gauge and climbing ladders	23-Dec	Provided access to safe water to the community of Kateebwa Sub County	Construction on the hilly terrain is costly

## Challenges facing the water sector

1. Two gravity flow schemes (Buheesi and Pohe gravity flow schemes) which have outlived their design life and they require overhaul. Buheesi gravity flow scheme was designed by Water and Sanitation Development Facility (Amaizi Marungi) and it attracted 14 billion shillings for overhaul but Amaizi Marungi have failed to get funding to construct it while Pohe gravity flow scheme has no funding at all.
2. The District has 4 Sub Counties that have 25 villages that are water stressed and they require technologies that are costly and the District cant afford them.
3. The gravity flow schemes intakes at the mountains are being encroached by the cultivators and pollute the water
4. The department has no means of transport to support the supervision monitoring and surveillance of water and sanitation infrastructures.
5. Lack of Office for many activities required to operate at Office like meetings, laboratory, data room, stores etc.
6. Low community mindset towards Operation and Maintenance of Water and Sanitation infrastructures for sustainability.
7. Inaccurate data for water and sanitation status in the District under Ministry of Water and Environment yet its being used for planning and resources allocation purposes. MoWE should revamp their data and share genuine data on their website

**Mugabe Nathan**, Civil Engineer - Water



The district rewarded best performers in the annual sanitation and hygiene campaign in Kiyombya Sub County

# IRC's partnership with Bunyangabu district improves general hygiene and sanitation

The continued partnership between IRC and Bunyangabu District Local Government has proved to be a remarkable game changer in strengthening water sanitation and hygiene service delivery.

According to records from the district, the sanitation currently stands at 82%, having risen from 80% in the past one year.

Martin Watsisi the IRC Regional WASH Advisor says that the IRC WASH interventions in the district have over the years majorly focused on systems strengthening.

"We have always concentrated on WASH systems strengthening where we focus on improving capacity of stakeholders, facilitating learning, coordination and collaboration, and modeling approaches to support our district partners in delivering services that last," Watsisi said.

According to Watsisi, both local government and community structures at different levels in Bunyangabu are today strong enough to lead and advocate for sustainable WASH services. "I am seeing that we now have strong WASH systems in Bunyangabu that can deliver towards improved WASH by the year 2030" Watsisi said.

## IRC appreciated

James Ategeka Mugarama the Bunyangabu District Local Government chairperson has appreciated IRC for what has been achieved so far.

According to Mugarama, the IRC and district partnership has gone a long way in actualizing the district's vision.

"I thank IRC for journeying with us as Bunyangabu district Local Government. Since the inception of the district in 2017, a number of WASH projects have been started and completed to benefit our communities" Mugarama said. Mugarama has pledged the district's commitment towards the sustainability of the IRC-WASH projects in the district.

"Through proper budgeting and resource allocation, we shall make sure that all the IRC-WASH projects are properly sustained" Mugarama said.

He has encouraged all lower Local Governments within the district to incorporate and budget for the IRC-WASH activities and projects.

"At various levels of the district administration, we must budget for the continuity of IRC-WASH projects that have been established to the community" he said.

## Bunyangabu gets her first ever medical waste incinerator

In 2023, IRC-WASH project constructed the first ever medical waste incinerator for Bunyangabu.

Centrally located at Rwimi Health Centre III, the medical waste incinerator continues to register strides in proper medical waste disposal and controlled pollution in the area.

Wilfred Natukunda the in-charge Rwimi health facility said that challenges of poor segregation of medical waste and open burning of waste have been addressed.

The presence of the incinerator has also brought to an end the open dumping of medical waste by private clinics around the area especially on garbage skips in the Town Council. "After we got this modern incinerator, we also mobilized all the private clinics around to take advantage and utilize it other than dumping their waste in the open and on streets" Natukunda said.

Irresponsible disposal of medical waste is dangerous to anyone who comes into contact with it, and therefore a public health risk.

"Improper management of medical waste creates breeding grounds for disease-carrying vectors and rodents. Additionally, the inability to properly dispose of medical sharp objects can result in injuries, infections and chemical burns" Natukunda said.

Health risks of poor medical waste disposal have according to Natukunda been minimized.

### **Latrine facility improves healthcare service delivery**

According to Mr. Wilfred Natukunda, the only latrine which the health facility initially had was in a very bad condition and had been recommended for demolition.

Despite the risks involved, both the patients and some of the health workers continued to utilize the condemned pit latrine since they had no option.

"Unfortunately, some of my staff would go back to their homes to ease themselves and given the distances involved, some would not return for duty. This would affect the delivery of services to our patients" Natukunda said. The construction of an improved VIP pit latrine at the health facility by IRC-WASH was a great relief to both the patients and health workers.

"Things have changed because health workers now have all the time to attend to the patient enrolment which also continues to rise. The all-round general sanitation at the facility has also greatly changed" he said.

The newly constructed latrine has hand washing facilities which Natukunda says have contributed towards improved hygiene among patients.

"There is enough running water for both patients and health workers to wash their hands after visiting the latrine" Natukunda said. The WASHLOTS in Schools and health facilities The IRC-WASH interventions in Bunyangabu district have also seen the establishment WASHLOTS in Schools and Health Facilities.

The WASHLOTS are multiple user hand washing facilities with running water that have been permanently fixed, open and easy to access in areas with a sole aim of improving hand hygiene.

The hand washing campaign has especially transformed school going children in Bunyangabu into community hand washing ambassadors by carrying the good practices back home.

On the other hand, the WASHLOTS at health facilities have greatly improved on the hand hygiene of the patients.

"The hygiene of the patients has greatly improved because they (patients) have now

embraced hand washing as a norm" Dr Natukunda said.

At Karambi 'B' Primary School, two separate hand washing-logs for both boys and girls have been established.

Margret Komuhimbo the deputy head teacher at Karambi 'B' Primary School said learners have started to replicate the hand washing model at their various homes.

"Because of proper hand washing, cases of abdominal infections among learners have greatly reduced" deputy head teacher Komuhimbo said.

School Health Clubs established Health Clubs composed of both male and female learners have been established in various schools.

Members of the Health Clubs are not only change ambassadors of good hygiene practices but also role models for other learners within the School.

Rachael Kobugabe a Primary Seven pupil and also Health Club Chairperson at Karambi 'B' Primary School said that the admiration for good hygiene and sanitation motivated her to join and lead the Health Club members.

"I believe that proper hygiene and sanitation starts with an individual commitment towards hand washing" Kobugabe said.

As a Health Club leader, Kobugabe prides in sensitizing masses about the importance of hand washing.

"I want people to really appreciate the importance of hand hygiene" Kobugabe said.

Leon Mugume also a Primary Seven pupil and member of the School Health Club said that the presence of the hand WASHLOTS at his school motivated him to join the club.

"IRC which constructed for us a latrine and the WASHLOTS wants us to have proper hygiene and sanitation and the only way to achieve this is by maximally utilizing the available infrastructure" Mugume said.

According to Mugume, the availability of hand WASHLOTS within the school premises is paramount in fighting diseases and infection.

"Most of the disease causing germs are carried from hand to mouth meaning that once we promote hand washing, many diseases would be controlled" Mugume said.

Addressing girl child Sanitation and Hygiene needs

The newly constructed five stance latrine that also has a bath and changing room for the girls at Karambi 'B' Primary School has improved on their personal hygiene and also reduced on absenteeism.

Harriet Komuhangi the teacher in charge of sanitation at Karambi 'B' Primary School recalls that in the past, a number of girls would absent themselves while in menstruation which is no longer the case today.

"As a school we were also so much challenged because we did not have any private space where their girls would be able to refresh from and remain hygienically presentable at school while in menstruation" Komuhangi said. She further explained that the newly constructed latrine facility has increased the number of stances available for a population of 514 learners.

"In the past learners used to compete for the few available stances. Some would miss lessons as they line up to go to the latrine" teacher Komuhangi said.

### **Community IRC-WASH activities transform Bunyangabu**

Amon Rutenta the Chairperson of the Bunyangabu district WASH Task Team who also doubles as a district councilor said that IRC-WASH interventions have put an indelible mark in regard to sanitation and hygiene.

Rutenta stated that IRC-WASH activities have played a pivotal role in transforming homesteads in Bunyangabu district. According to Rutenta, the latrine and safe water coverage in Bunyangabu was very low before the intervention of IRCWASH project intervention.

"In this district we had villages where households were not bothered about the proper disposal of human waste because they did not have latrines at all. Worst of it all is that these communities never even had safe drinking water and as a result, disease outbreaks were the order of the day back then" Rutenta said. Through community engagements, Rutenta

said that the community mindset change and attitude on sanitation and hygiene continues to change for better.

Rutenta has also appreciated the IRC-WASH project for engaging in capacity building initiatives to empower governing bodies of Schools and Healthcare facilities within the district.

"Health Facility Board of Governors and School Management Committees have been empowered and fine tuned to really keep focus on the sustainable use of the IRC-WASH project infrastructure to benefit the community" Rutenta said.

### **The district WASH roadmap**

Nathan Mugabe the Bunyangabu District Water Officer said that the Bunyangabu district ten-year WASH roadmap which was launched in 2020 continues to provide a basis for planning.

"Our district WASH roadmap is the planning policy framework and a guiding tool for the WASH activities" Mugabe said.

He explained that all WASH activities that are being implemented are extracted and guided by the district WASH roadmap.

"WASH activities that are implemented by both government and partners must be as per our WASH roadmap" Mugabe said.

Following the consistent implementation of the district WASH roadmap, the district's dream is to leave no one behind in access to safe drinking water and proper hygiene.

To date, the district safe water coverage stands at 75% however, Mugabe is confident that with the proper implementation of the district WASH roadmap, the 100% target will be achieved by the year 2030.

By IRC Editorial



A modern pit latrine that was constructed at Rwimi health facility by IRC



Pupils from Karambi 'B' Primary School doing hand washing at one of the multiple user WASHLOTS within the School premises



A medical waste incinerator the was constructed by IRC at Rwimi Health Facility in 2023



Bunyangabu District leaders together with IRC team commissioning a modern sanitation facility at Kasunganyanja Health Centre III. The construction was funded by IRC.





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