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# KITABI SEMINARY

## AT THE HEART OF BUSHENYI DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT CYCLE

BY REV. FR SUZARIO MWESIIME (RECTOR)



I extend my warm and kind regards from Kitabi Seminary. I am grateful to the organizers of this platform that acknowledges and appreciates the silent contributions of some institutions to the growth and development of Bushenyi District.

Kitabi Seminary happens to be one of the oldest academic institution in the Bushenyi Greater and indeed in the whole of Ankole region. It was established in 1935 as a boys' school offering secondary school curriculum. Apart from the academic pursuit, Kitabi Seminary has a core objective of preparing young boys to the vocation to Priesthood.

For decades of years, Kitabi seminary has stood the test of time and continued to provide holistic formation to all who go through it. Many sound and responsible citizens and renowned members of the church have been produced over the period of time. For example; Archbishops Paul K Bakyenga and Lambert Bainomugisha, a good number of Catholic Bishops, Priests, Army officers, Medical personnel, lawyers, Entrepreneurs, Teachers and the list is endless....

Kitabi seminary has contributed to the good name of Bushenyi District as a "Model District" in different ways:

### Academic excellence

Every year, Kitabi seminary posts good academic results at both O&A levels respectively which Ranks Bushenyi District in a better position countrywide.

### Environmental Protection and conservation

Kitabi seminary is at the centre of environmental protection and conservation programs.

1. We care much about green compound by providing foot paths in the whole campus so that the students do not step on grass.
2. We provide dust bins and garbage collection materials in the school and distributed evenly at different strategic places
3. Provision of enough tree shades in the compound
4. Care and preservation of wetlands within our premises

### Agricultural projects

The Seminary has a history of promoting good agricultural practices in the whole District of Bushenyi.

1. we have the best piggery project with around 150 pigs
2. a good demonstration dairy farm that accommodates 80 Friesian cows
3. we have a goat project that has around 100 goats
4. banana plantations which are model to the farmers
5. huge eucalyptus forests that provide green and serene environment around the school

### Discipline

We are champions of Discipline among Students and Members of Staff. We carry the mantle and make others learn from us. We believe that discipline is the hinge on which other faculties draw their strength.

### Games and Sports

Kitabi seminary believes in holistic formation of a child. We take our students through different many games and sports. We have won different trophies at different levels in games and sports. The Seminary takes pride in the acquisition of the best football pitches in the district

### Clubs, Movements and Associations

The seminary promotes activities related to clubs, movements and associations such as; scouts, debating, patriotism, science club, French club, drama club, to mention a few.

### Conclusion.

Kitabi Seminary wishes all the readers of this magazine good health, unity in developing Bushenyi and good will to contribute to the development of our district and the country at large.

**CARITAS CHRISTI URGET NOS (THE LOVE OF CHRIST URGES US) IS OUR MOTTO.**

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**Chris Mugasha**

**D**ear readers, allow me to welcome you to this other edition of Western Focus. When Bushenyi was split to create the other districts Rubirizi, Sheema, Buhweju and Mitooma, rumour went around that the remaining Bushenyi

District (the mother district), would get

weakened and crumble.

Definitely shortly after the split, there was some shocks after the created districts packed their belongings. The smaller Bushenyi, was left in debts at the time when some sources of revenue were taken away. The newly created districts turned their eyes on Bushenyi with high anticipation of seeing a weakened former giant!

They have however, waited to see a defeated 'Lion' in vain! Thanks to the leadership of Bushenyi both past and the present that recomposed themselves and forged ways and or strategies of moving forward.

Coming to thirteen years down the road, Bushenyi has remained 'standing out' in terms of service delivery in all aspects of social and economic development. It

has remained a pace setter in the region. No wonder it hosts some of the regional services like police, judiciary among others.

But maintaining this status has not been accidental but rather a result of deliberate combined efforts and collaboration between both public and the private sector whose contributions in; Education, Health, Agriculture and Finance are remarkable. Across all the above fields, there is remarkable growth and progress.

This edition of Western Focus Magazine has been jam-packed with stories of different development partners who have kept Bushenyi a float.

**“ However, to you our leaders, you still have an uphill task of getting people of Bushenyi from the 'round about.' Most of the social and economic activities that the District and the people are engaged in, are repetitive in nature and this calls for doubling your efforts in the area of research, creativity and innovation. Bushenyi district has always been a pace setter for other areas to follow! Districts all over this country used to flock Bushenyi to benchmark from here but it's surprising that it's almost no longer the case! ”**

Being strategically located at the centre of the Greater Bushenyi region, Bushenyi can use this strength to continue guiding the region's development. Remember the other districts are working tirelessly to justify why they were created!

I hope this issue leaves you celebrating but also feeling challenged, motivated and inspired as I am. Enjoy!

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# Forward

## The Chief Administrative Officer - Bushenyi

**O**n behalf of Bushenyi District Local Government technical team, I take this opportunity to thank the authors of this Magazine "Bushenyi The Great" which has continuously been used to inform the public about the developments in the district.

As a district, we embrace and cherish the policy of Public Private Partnership which has enabled us to work closely with all stakeholders to enhance service delivery through offering people centered programs in furtherance of our District Mission "To provide quality services through a coordinated delivery system focusing on national and local priorities for the sustainable development of the district. "To that effect:

Bushenyi District has been ranked number one in the national

HealthLeague Table for the last three years i.e. 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.

Bushenyi District emerged among the best five performing districts in the country at P.L.E, UCE and UACE for the



Willy Bataringaya (left) handing over to the In-coming CAO John Nyakahuma.

year 2022

Bushenyi District has improved from the 28th position in 2021 to the 6th position in 2022 during the national local government management of service delivery performance assessment that is coordinated by the office of the Prime Minister.

Bushenyi District was among the first districts to roll over the Revolving Fund in all the parishes under the PDM strategy.

We undertake to ensure continuous improvement in service delivery; with transparency, Accountability and value for money being some of our core values. Finally, I request all our stakeholders to continue supporting this magazine 'Bushenyi the Great' as one of the channels through which the world gets to know what is happening in Bushenyi.

For God and my Country.

**Willy Bataringaya**  
**Out going Chief Administrative Officer**  
**Bushenyi**

## Kyamuhunga Secondary School



**Wilson Tumwebaze**  
Head Master

"We put emphasis on academic and that is why we have been consistent," he explains adding that, "every year we send students to universities on both government sponsorship and private."

Tumwebaze explains that good working relationship with management, Founding body (Church of Uganda), PTA, other stakeholders and the general public has steered Kyamuhunga SS. "Whatever we propose, the different stakeholders support and we move on," he said.

He adds that having a united and committed team of teachers has also helped the school to sustain the academic performance.

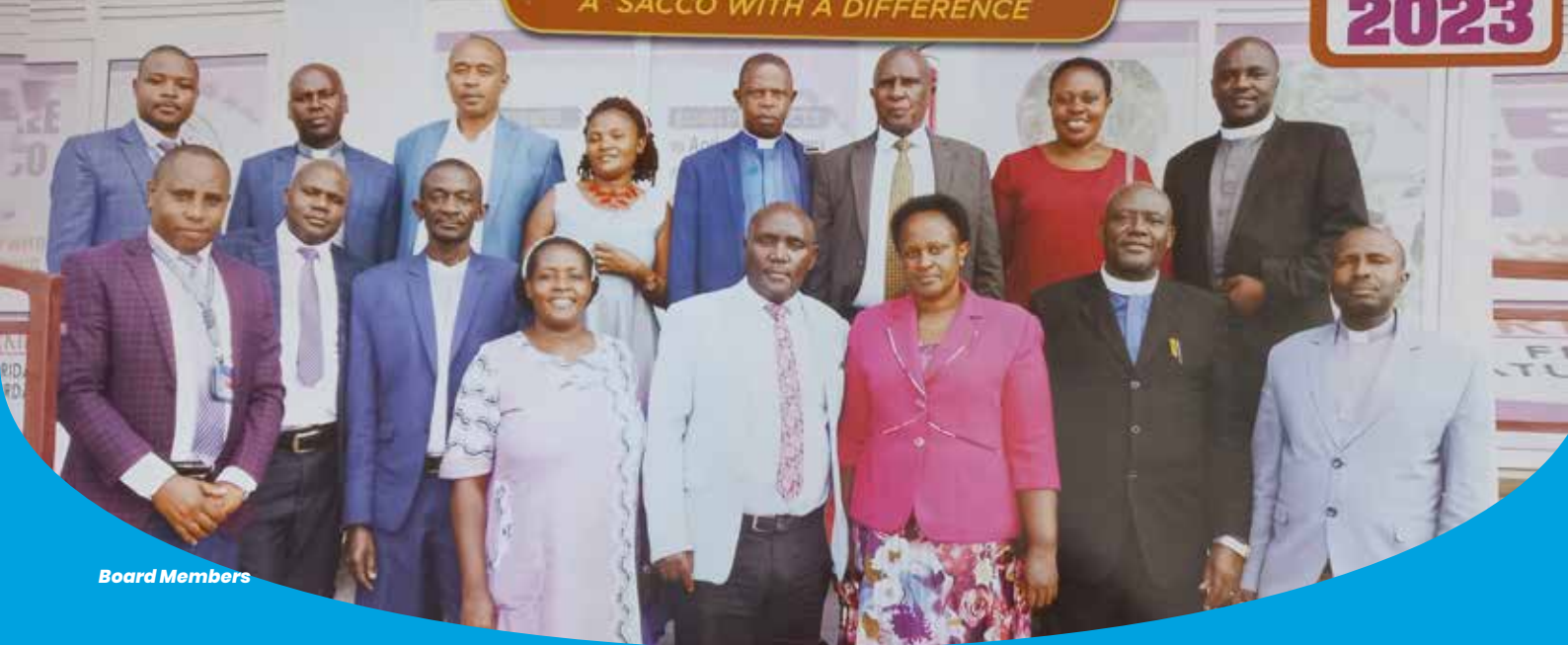
Due to its sustained academic performance, the school draws students from Kasese, Ibanda, Kiriuhura, Kabarole/Fortportal and the neighboring communities of Greater Bushenyi. Other schools lack students but for Kyamuhunga, its challenge is on accommodation for the ever increasing numbers. The school has an enrollment of 1100 students with girls dominating (630) and boys (490.) "Because of the trust that parents have in the school, the enrollment keeps on increasing every year," the head teacher boasts.

Tumwebaze however says they have a plan setting up a hostel and a multi-purpose building to accommodate the numbers.

Located in Kyamuhunga Town council in Bushenyi district, Kyamuhunga secondary school is one of the traditional Church of Uganda founded schools in Bushenyi district that has remained steady in terms of growth and academic.

The head teacher Mr. Tumwebaze Wilson attributes the growth to ensuring discipline in the school and outside the community. He says they have tried to ensure that the school continues to stand out by ensuring stability in the issues of academic.





Board Members

# JUBILEE SACCO – WEST ANKOLE DIOCESE

## BACKGROUND

JUBILEE SACCO started in 1997 as an initiative of West Ankole Diocese with the aim and vision of serving God's people, and solve challenges that Christians were encountering in borrowing money from money lenders. (Kafuna)

- It started as a pension and gratuity scheme for West Ankole Diocesan workers, especially the clergy as the major target group.
- The major source of capital was 10% deduction from Christmas and Easter collections in all Diocesan churches and 10% deduction from Diocesan workers' salaries and wages as compulsory savings, as resolved by the Diocesan Council and Synod.
- In 2004, with the consent of all members, the scheme was transformed and registered as a SACCO with registration number 7052 by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Uganda.

## VISION

An economically empowered Christian community

## MISSION

To mobilise Christians to save and borrow for a sustainable development

## OBJECTIVES

- Promoting the economic interest and status of its members by according them an opportunity for accumulating savings and accessing affordable loans.
- Promoting financial literacy and awareness of co-operative principles among the members.
- Attaining higher levels of sustainability and return on investment for members.

## CORE VALUES

- Christ centeredness
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Respect
- Team work
- Confidentiality
- Value for money
- Fairness

## SLOGAN

A SACCO WITH A DIFFERENCE

## AREA OF OPERATION

### Head Office

Bushenyi Town, opposite Post office, on the way to All Saints Church Greater Bushenyi.

**Bushenyi Main branch** – Bushenyi town

**Kabwohe branch** – Sheema

**Kashenshero branch** – Kashensherotown

**Kitagata branch** – Kitagata town

**Bihanga branch** – Nyakishenyi trading centre

**Ndekye branch** – Rubirizi district.

## SUB – BRANCHES

**Ishaka** – Ishaka town.

**Katerera** – Rubirizi district

## Outreach

**Shuuku** – Kishabya town Sheema district

## OUR SERVICES

Basically, we provide the following financial services:

- Receive and keep members' deposits
  - Provide our members credit facilities
- Other non-financial services that we give are:
- Giving financial literacy to the public
  - Providing training grounds for students taking business courses/studies
  - Keeping valuable products like agreements and land titles for our members.
  - Give back to the community (corporate social Responsibility)

## Accounts

- Individual accounts
- Joint accounts
- Group accounts
- Institutional accounts
- Junior accounts

### REQUIREMENTS TO OPEN ACCOUNT IN JUBILEE SACCO – W.A.D

- Minimum account opening fees**
  - Membership/Entrance fees 5,000
  - 1 Share 10,000 shs.
  - Account minimum balance 2,000 shs.
  - Deposit book 2,000 shs.
  - Withdrawal book 2,000 shs.
  - Pass book 2,000 shs.
  - Account opening form 1,000 shs.
  - Saver's ledger card 1,000 shs.
  - Passport photos 2,000 shs.
- Two passport photos**
- Photocopy of National Identity Card**

### Note: For Group and Institutional accounts:

- Additionally, we need a copy of minutes.
- A letter with the resolution to open account in Jubilee

SACCO quoting the minute and clearly showing the signatories on this account. Two passport photos for each signatory and a copy of Identity card per signatory.

## Savings products:

- Voluntary savings
- Compulsory savings
- Fixed deposits
- Junior savings

## Loans products:

- Business/ commercial loans
- Agriculture loans
- School fees loans
- Home improvement loans
- Bodaboda loans
- Staff loans
- Emergency loans
- Group loans
- Solar loans
- Institutional loans
- Chaapa loans

### FUTURE PLANS OF JUBILEE SACCO – WEST ANKOLE DIOCESE

- Improved self-sustainability of the SACCO by having widened capital base.
- Growth and development of our SACCO in all areas.
- Have a bigger coverage in our services. Reach the whole of Ankole region.
- Have an economically transformed community. (Greater Ankole region)
- Have a well-established financial project of the Diocese that will empower the growth of other diocesan projects.

### FUTURE PLANS OF JUBILEE SACCO – WEST ANKOLE DIOCESE

- Most people in Bushenyi and Greater Bushenyi at large have developed themselves with the growth and expansion of their businesses after acquiring business loan from Jubilee SACCO.
- Jubilee SACCO has reduced the rate of illiteracy in Greater Bushenyi by availing people with school fees loans to attain education.
- There has been value addition in the agriculture sector in Greater Bushenyi. Here, people have acquired agricultural loan and financial literacy in form of trainings that have equipped them with all the necessary skills.
- Jubilee SACCO has provided the best training grounds for students who are pursuing business courses hence fostering practical business education.
- Most people in Bushenyi have embraced saving culture having attained financial literacy, testimonies from their fellows that have benefited from it and good customer care in Jubilee SACCO.



## KEEPING BUSHENYI AS A MODEL DISTRICT IN THE ERA OF PDM

The Minister of Local Government Raphael Magyezi (in yellow) launching the distribution of bicycles to all LCI chairpersons in Bushenyi district recently.

### Robert Atuhairwe Resident District Commissioner (RDC)

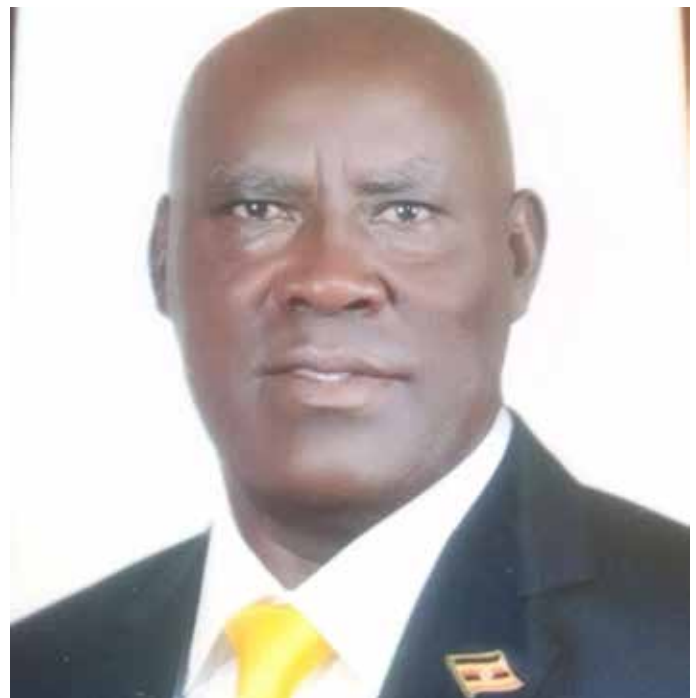


Robert-Atuhairwe  
Bushenyi RDC

It's with much pleasure that I pen this article for this distinguished publication with a slant to transformational news. This is an area quite lacking in coverage, with much space going to things that distract the people from the serious business of surviving in an ever evolving global economy.

Now in my second year as Resident District Commissioner (RDC), I must say I have this job quite challenging, but in a good way. There is no greater reward than seeing oneself at the forefront of identifying and helping society's problems. The job of an RDC is to represent the President and do in the district what the President would do if he were the one in charge of that district. As you all know H. E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, what would he do if he were the RDC of Bushenyi, and how? It's with such a mindset that I approach my job.

On November last year, together with the team that makes up the Office of the President in Bushenyi,



Jaffari Bassajabalaba - Bushenyi District Chairman

including Deputy RDC, Ms. Atuhairwe Rosemary, District Internal Security Officer (DISO), Afande Don Ayebare and his Deputy then, Afande Enock Kaliisa; my staff, Ms. Aine Adrine (Secretary), Ms. Nsiimenta Apecious (Office Assistant) and Mr. Tumwiine Stephen (Driver) officially entered our new office block at commissioning by the Minister for the Presidency, Hon. Babirye Milly Babalanda, accompanied by the Secretary Office of the President, Hajji Yunus Kakande, and other staff of the Presidency. This was exactly two months since I had

assumed office in Bushenyi.

The magnificent block is worth over Shs700million, and we intend to make it a temple of excellence in monitoring and supervising Government programmes. It's also a place where justice and relief have been served to the people who come there seeking redress from within the community. We thank Government for this investment!

Bushenyi is fondly known as the "model district." Ever since I came, the model billing remains standing in many respects. In last year's PLE, UCE and UACE examinations, Bushenyi either topped the country or emerged among the top three. What a feat! There was also a Local Government assessment on absorption of funds. Ishaka-Bushenyi Municipality emerged second after Ntungamo. Bushenyi also excelled in the Health sector assessment. As the leadership, our intention is to keep Bushenyi highly competitive and functional in terms of making Governance a reality among our people.

With the coming of Parish Development Model (PDM), Government's flagship socioeconomic transformation programme now in full swing, as Bushenyi we intend to be the best in its implementation. In short, the **Munyabushenyi** who has, hitherto, been out of the money economy will be ushered into a new status- being a producer, able to feed himself and dependents, but also produce for the market. This will spur supply in the open market and help make goods more affordable but also make use of the broad market in the region. Increased production will also spur industrial development through the sector of value-addition. I want to see Bushenyi become a value-addition hub.

We are already blessed to have the Banana Industrial Research and Development Centre (BIRDC)-formerly PIBID-at Nyaruzinga, headed by Prof. Florence Murunga as a viable example of what value-addition can do to our traditional crops. There are "a million and one ways" in which we can process crops such as cassava, potatoes, yams, millet and animal products like beef, eggs and waste from garden and farm



*God Tweheyo one of the progressing Dairy farmers in the district at his farm in Nyakabirizi Division Bushenyi Municipality.*

activities. PDM will open our eyes to this potential when our people gain an upper hand in embracing the purpose behind the parish-based transformation plan.

Absorption of PDM funds is at a good rating, if not the best in the country. Most of the beneficiaries of the revolving funds are taking the full Shgs1million (the maximum) and they are showing willingness to pay back on time and ask for more. Thanks to H.E the President for directing that the repayment period is extended to two years (24years), including for

## Goals of PDM

✍ Transforming individuals into producers and fostering value-addition

**Emyooga.** This will help our people understand their enterprises better and grow them on their way to a new status in the economy.

I appreciate the support and involvement of Bushenyi leaders; Chairman LC 5, Mr. Jaffari Basajjabalaba, CAO Mr. Bataringaya Willy and the technical team, the entire District Council led Speaker, Hon. Mucunguzi Douglas and our representatives in Parliament-Hon. Annet Mugisha (Woman MP), Hon. Michael Mawanda (Igara East), Hon., Kabuura Derrick (Ishaka-Bushenyi Municipality) and Hon. Gaffa Mbwatekamwa (Igara West); Mayor BIMC-His Worship Richard Byaruhanga, Town Clerk, Mr. Mukobi Seleverio and the technical and political teams; religious leaders, civil society, private sector, opinion leaders and figures who built Bushenyi, the media and the **Banyabushenyi** at large. Let's maintain Bushenyi as a model district. It takes clarity of vision and teamwork!

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## Bushenyi as a Model District:

- ✍ Academic achievements in national examinations
- ✍ Success in local government assessments and the health sector
- ✍ Commitment to maintaining Bushenyi's competitiveness and governance



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**KYAPS Mission**

To provide high quality financial products and services to economically active communities for sustainable development.



Leaders of KYAPS launching one of the SACCO's promotional campaigns

## BACKGROUND

Kyamuhunga Peoples Co-operative Savings and Credit Society (KYAPS) is a Savings and Credit Cooperative Society (SACCO) duly registered with the Registrar of Co-operatives and issued with a Certificate number 7053.

The mobilization and sensitization to form KYAPS was led by a few leaders headed by Rev. Fr. Tomaino Paulino who became the first Chairman of the Society when it was launched on 28th .12.1998.

## KYAPS BRANCHES

- Main Branch and Head office-Butare Town Kyamuhunga Bushenyi District
- Katerera Branch-Katerera Town Rubirizi District
- Rutookye Branch -Rutookye Town Mitooma District
- Ishaka Branch -Ishaka-Bushenyi Municipality
- Rubaare Branch-Rubaare Town Ntungamo District
- Biguli Branch -Biguli Town Kamwenge District
- Kihihi Branch -Kihihi Town Kanungu District
- Mwenge Branch-Kyarushozi Town Kyenjojo District

## KYAPS Loan products

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- Amaizi super loan
- Business loan
- Rural Mix.
- BodaBoda loan
- Emergency loans
- Home Improvement Loan
- Group loans
- School fees
- Institution
- Kyapa loan
- /Company loans

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# Why are land prices in Bushenyi District high compared to Kampala?

## A Comparative Analysis By Albert Tinamukama - District Physical Planner

The real estate market in Uganda is characterized by regional variations in land prices, with some areas commanding higher values than others. While Bushenyi is 320km away from Kampala, with a far much less population currently estimated at 251,000 compared to Kampala's 3,652,000, recent times have seen a significant comparative price increase that may not be easily understood or explainable at first glance. In trying to explore the reasons behind these higher land prices in Bushenyi, we look at key factors such as location, economic activities, infrastructure development, and demographic dynamics, to gain insights into the contrasting land values between these two areas.

**Location and Accessibility:** Bushenyi District possesses unique geographical advantages that contribute to its higher land prices. First, it is situated in close proximity to prominent national parks, specifically the Queen Elizabeth National Conservation area and in more relative terms, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, making it an attractive destination for wildlife tourism. Others include Kalinzu forest in the West of the District which borders Queen Elizabeth, and Kyambura Game Reserve in the neighbouring Rubirizi. The presence of such natural attractions enhances the desirability and scarcity of land in the area, driving up prices. On the other hand, Kampala, as a landlocked capital city, lacks the same natural appeal, relying more on its urban amenities and commercial activities.

**Economic Activities and Agricultural Potential:** Bushenyi District is renowned for its vibrant agricultural sector, particularly in dairy farming, bananas and tea production. The fertile soils and favorable climate in the district facilitate high-quality agricultural yields, making it a significant agricultural hub in Uganda. The consistent demand for agricultural land, coupled with

the region's capacity for high-value crop production, raises land prices in Bushenyi. Kampala, although an economic center, does not possess the same level of agricultural productivity and therefore does not experience the same upward pressure on land values.

**Demographic Dynamics:** Population growth and urbanization trends are vital drivers of land prices. Bushenyi District experiences a steady population increase, with rising urbanization and an influx of individuals seeking opportunities in the agriculture and tourism sectors. This population growth drives the demand for housing and commercial spaces, subsequently elevating land prices. In contrast, Kampala's rapid population growth has led to increased pressure on available land, causing prices to rise. However, due to affordable land within the boundaries of the greater Kampala Metropolitan including Mukono, Wakiso and Entebbe, the land prices in Kampala may be constrained compared to the more restrictive Bushenyi District.

It can therefore be concluded that several factors contribute to the higher land prices in Bushenyi District compared to Kampala. The district's unique location, proximity to national parks, agricultural potential, infrastructure development, and demographic dynamics all play significant roles in shaping land values. Understanding these factors is essential for potential investors, policymakers, and real estate developers to make informed decisions regarding land acquisition and investment opportunities in Bushenyi. While Kampala remains an essential economic and administrative center, the distinctive attributes of Bushenyi District contribute to its higher land prices, reflecting the specific demands and attractions of the area.

### Process for Land Registration (Titting)

The Office of Lands and Physical Planning under the Natural Resources Department is responsible for land administration in the District. It is the custodian of land acquisition and registration at district level.

- To process a land title, an individual should obtain relevant land application forms from his/her sub county upon paying land application fees of 20,000 shillings.
- Fill the forms and ensure the neighbours have signed attesting to the boundaries of the land being applied for
- Submit the filled forms (file) to the Area Land Committee (ALC) of the sub county which will set a date for a public hearing to inspect the land and hear complaints or objections.
- If no valid objections are received, the ALC will go ahead to write its report identifying the boundaries and making its recommendation to the District Land Board.
- The file will then be forwarded to the Sub County/ Town Council Physical Planning committee which will also carry out inspection to ensure compliance with the Physical Planning Act, the Environment Act and other relevant laws and regulations.
- The Sub County will then submit the file to the District Physical Planning Committee with its recommendations for further scrutiny and onward submission to the District Land Board.
- The District Land Board, basing on the recommendations of the various committees and on its own volition, will grant and offer upon which the file will be forwarded to the Ministry of Lands Zonal Office in Mbarara for surveying and registration.

## DEVELOPMENTS IN ROADS DEPARTMENT

### Rehabilitation Of Swazi Road in Kyamuhunga S/C

By Eng. Barnabus Kiiza Mbonimpa-District Engineer

Swazi Parish is located in Kyamuhunga sub- country and borders with Kalinzu Forest reserve. It is one of the Parishes which has been having a poor Road network

Hon. Raphael Magyezi, the Minister of local Government lobbied funds to rehabilitate Swazi Road and in 2020/2021 Financial Year, Ugshs 300,000,000 was secured from the Central Government Transitional Development Grant and the money was used to rehabilitate 5km of the road that connects the 4 villages of Swazi I, II, III and Kyampembwe.

Swazi Parish is a rich agricultural area where a lot of tea is grown. Tree plantations are many and a lot of bananas, maize and beans are grown in the area.

Now with the road rehabilitated, in good condition, farmers are able to transport their produce to markets. The tea leaves can easily be collected and transported to the several tea factories in Kyamuhunga Sub- country and the Eucalyptus tree can be transported to the factories .

Swazi Road is still a community access road under the maintenance of the Sub country and

the local communities are urged to maintain the road on "Burungi- Bwansi" basis so as to keep the road in a motorable condition.

The road was opened, graded, graveled with murrum, and culverts were installed. The minister also secured Ug.shs 250,000,000 in 2022/2023 FY under Transitional Development Grant to complete the road section of 0.9 km connecting to **Omubutyeri** Trading centre in Swazi III village filling of embankment at Akarema valley so as to reduce a steep hill which was making it difficult for vehicles to climb while loaded with merchandise.

Several roads in Kyamuhunga town council have been upgraded from murrum to tarmac.

# Tarmacking Roads In Kyamuhunga Town Council

For the last two Financial Years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, Kyamuhunga Town Council received a total of Ug.shs.800,000,000 from Uganda Road Fund to tarmac Butare Trading Centre Roads estimated at 0.6km, and Kyamuhunga S.S.S, COMboni Hospital road at 0.4km. The road sections that were tarmacked include Butare trading Centre – Kyeikamba P/s and Muhebwa Fuel Station to the Round about all totaling 0.6km, and from Kyamuhunga S.S.S to Gongo trading Centre 0.4km –all totaling 1km. The roads tarmacked have led to reduction of dust in the trading Centre and now businesses are operating in a good environment.

During this FY 2022/2023, Hon. Raphael Magyezi the minister of local Government lobbied funds from Central government under the Traditional Development Grant to the tune of Ug.shs.800, 000,000 to tarmac roads leading to 3 tea factories of Kyamuhunga tea Company Road 0.3km, Swazi Highland tea Company Road 0.2km all totaling to 0.8km. These road sections have been tarmacked and are in very good condition. The tarmacking of these roads has led to easy access to the tea factories for

heavy trucks transporting tea leaves and also collecting the finished products and taking them to the market in Mombasa – Kenya.

Rehabilitation of Kizinda-Nyabubare-Ncwera 46kilometre road up to Rutookye in Mitooma district at a cost of Sh2.6billion by the Ministry of works and transport. Out of the above kilometers, 10.5KMs are in Bushenyi District. The above project is a special allocation to the two districts (Bushenyi and Mitooma) after the intervention of the Deputy Speaker of Parliament Rt. Hon. Thomas Tayebwa.

**Ruhumuro Sub County**  
Keijengye Bridge which connects Bitooma Town council and Ruhumuro Sub County was constructed at a cost of Sh300million from Ministry of Local Government.  
-Nyeibingo Parish-Kyabugimbi Town council done at a cost of Sh86million and funded by Uganda Road Fund.  
Staff house constructed at Ruhumuro Health centre III at a cost of



Sh100million.

### Kyeizooba Sub County

- Rehabilitated and widened Rwemitozo-Nyaruyanga-Karaaro primary school road (3kilometres) and funds were lobbied by area MP Michael Mawanda.
- Mukama Road in Rwentuha Town council
- Kyabugimbi-Kitwe Road (3kilometres) at a cost of Sh550million and funding was from the Ministry of works and transport under Inter-connectivity project.
- Construction of Nyaruzinga bridge at a cost of Sh50million from Uganda Road fund a project that was lobbied by the district woman MP Hon. Annet Katusiime Mugisha.

## Projects in Education Department

Completion of classroom blocks at Kagari p/s, Nyakabingo p/s, Karama p/s and Kiyaga p/s. Status of projects implemented since July 2021

### FY 2021/2022

Project	Status
Construction of 2 classroom block with an office and store at Kayanga primary school	Completed
Construction of 2 classroom block with an office and store at Kemitaha primary school	Completed
Construction of 2 classroom block with an office and store at Kyeizooba primary school	Completed
Construction of 2 classroom block with an office and store at Swazi primary school	Completed
Construction of 2 classroom block with an office and store at Munanura primary school	Completed
Construction of 2 classroom block with an office and store at Kizinda primary school	Completed
Construction of a staff house at Ncucumo primary school	Completed
Construction of 2 classroom block with an office and store at Kakamba primary school	Completed
Construction of 2 classroom block with an office and store at Nyarutuntu primary school	Completed
Construction of a staff house at Kihungye primary school	Completed
Construction of a staff house at Ncucumo primary school	Completed

### FY 2022/2023

Project	Status
Construction of 5 stances lined latrines at Kitwe, Kanyamurera, Kakira and Kyamacumu primary schools	Completed
Construction of 2 classroom block with an office at Kagari p/s	On going
Construction of 2 classroom block with an office at Kiyaga p/s	On going
Construction of 2 classroom block with an office at Nyakabingo p/s	On going
Construction of 2 classroom block with an office at Karama p/s	On going
Construction of 2 classroom block with an office at Nyarutuntu p/s	Completed
Construction of Kanyamurera Seed School	on going
Construction of 5 stances lined latrines at Mungonya, Kantojo, Kabingo, Rwakashoma and Nyakabanga primary schools	completed

### Other achievements

Good performance in schools at all levels has been attained Construction of a seed secondary school in Bumbaire sub-county at Kabushaho. The school has been equipped and staffed. Conducting co-curricular activities in the district and participating in National competitions. Installation of high quality lightning arrester in 24 primary schools

The Igara East MP Micheal Mawanda (left) launching the distribution of agri-inputs in his constituency recently

# All eyes on Bushenyi's 'Senior' MP Mawanda.

**H**on. Michael Mawanda Maranga is now the senior Member of Parliament (MP) that Bushenyi District is left with. Having joined parliament in 20....., all eyes are on him as everyone awaits to see what will come out of the Muhoozi Keinerugaba (MK) project where he is the National Chairman.

Yes one may get angry with Hon. Mawanda especially on issues of reaching him via a phone a call but for the people of Igara East whom he represents in Parliament, have mastered how to tap from him and benefit.

"He knows our challenges and he understands how to tackle them accordingly," says Ezra Mugisha a resident in Kyabugimbi Sub County. Mawanda's development interventions and initiatives which have made Igara East to prosper across all fields have kept him 'close' to the people.

Throughout his leadership, Mawanda has prioritized education because he believes it's the only 'bullet' to alleviate poverty. In education, Mawanda's determination to revive secondary schools like Kabushaho, Mwengura, Mugonya, Keinamo which government had phased out was a major relief to the communities/parents.

"There are other schools that our MP has lined up to be taken over by

government," Mugisha explains. After lobbying for the re-opening of the above schools, Mawanda went ahead to make sure that these schools stand again by sponsoring students in every school. Currently he is sponsoring over 350 students in the above secondary schools and about 250 university students are on bursary in different universities.

Since 2010, Mawanda has been giving 90 primary schools pre-Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE.) tests to help pupils gain confidence for the final exams.

"Mawanda has always been at the helm of making sure that education is number one. He is deeply felt in the education sector because almost every school in his constituency has benefited from him," commented one head teacher.

Just this year (2023), Mawanda extended a donation of 40 computers to Kyeizooba Girl's SS and 200 iron sheets to four primary schools including; Kamutyaza, Mwengura, Nyamitoma and Bunura.

According to the district

chairman Jaffari Bassajabalaba, Mawanda is one of the MPs who have lobbied government and helped the district to

access funds for a number of roads in the district especially in Igara East. No wonder, Igara East is an area with many roads done with first class murrum. In health, Mawanda's stand is that access to health should start from at least the parish level a reason why he is supporting the running of health centre IIs in his constituency like; Kitagata health centre II, Buyanja H/CII among others.

Had it not been Mawanda, it would have taken a lot of time for areas like Ruhumuro to get connected to power/electricity but as we speak now; electricity coverage stands at 70% in Ruhumuro. "The parishes of Bwera-Buyanja and Rwemiyonga are finally connected to electricity because of Mawanda," commented Godfrey Kabatwere a resident of Bwera A village.



# KEY SUCCESS DEVELOPMENT STORIES IN THE HEALTH SECTOR

By Dr Edward Mwesigye  
District Health Officer

## Hospital Beds

Ministry of Health supplied 64 hospital beds to the District and allocated as follows

- Kyabugimbi TC - Kyabugimbi HC IV 20
- Kyabugimbi SC - Kajunju HC II 05
- Kyeizooba SC - Kyeizooba HC III 03
- Bumbaire SC - Kabushaho HC III 05
- Ibaare SC - Ryeishe HC III 05
- Nyabubare SC - Nyabubare HC III 05,
- Kyamuhunga TC - Kyamuhunga HC III 05
- Kakanju SC - Kakanju HC III 05
- Central Division - Bushenyi HC III 08
- Nyarugote HC II 03

## Microscopes

MoH supplied four (4) microscopes and distributed as

- Ruhumuro SC – Ruhumuro HC III
- Kyamuhunga SC – Kyamuhunga HC III
- Ibaare SC – Ryeishe HC III
- BitoomaSc – Kashambya HC III

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Leaders of Rukararwe Partnership workshop for Rural development a nongovernmental organization (NGO) handing over equipment to authorities of Bushenyi Health Centre IV.



## Others

- Digitization of supply chain management with support from USAID Health Strengthening activity. Seven (7) computers were received and stationed at District vaccine stores (1), Nyabubare HC III (2), Ryeishe HC III (1), Kakanju HC III (1), Kyamuhunga HC III (2)
- Operationalization of Bushenyi HC IV operating theatre and Ultrasound scan
- Construction of three twin staff houses at Ruhumuro HC III, Kabushaho HC III and Kakanju HC III
- Upgrade of Kibazi HC II to HC III with new structures (OPD, Twin staff house, Two stance latrine)
- Construction of a Mini Laboratory at Ryeishe HC III
- Construction of a Five stance lined VIP latrine at Kyabugimbi HC IV
- Two (2) stance VIP latrine for staff at Kyeizooba HC III, Ruhumuro HC III and Kyabugimbi HC IV
- Received and installed twenty one (21) solar powered cold chain equipment across the District



The Minister of Local Government Raphael Magyezi (in yellow) accompanied by Bushenyi district woman MP Annet Katusiime (lady) and the Mayor Richard Byaruhanga (in tie) unveiling a rehabilitated maternity ward at Bushenyi Health centre IV. It was rehabilitated by USAID.



Specialists at St. Daniel Comboni Hospital attending to a patient in the hospital's theatre.

## ST.DANIEL COMBONI HOSPITAL KYAMUHUNGA'S CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTH

St. Daniel Comboni Hospital is a Private Not for Profit (PNFP) institution affiliated to Uganda Catholic Medical Bureau (UCMB), owned by the Board of Trustees of Mbarara Archdiocese.

It is located in Comboni cell Kyamuhunga ward, Kyamuhunga Town council, Igara West Constituency, Bushenyi District South West of Uganda. It is 75km a long Mbarara- Kasese road and 15km from Bushenyi district Local Government headquarters.

It was started in 1993 as a dispensary by Fr. Paolino Tomaino a Comboni missionary who was concerned about the health needs of the local people in the area. It was then upgraded to a health centre III in 1994 and then to the level of a hundred

bed capacity hospital in 1996. In 1999 it was upgraded to become the Health Sub-district headquarters where it supervises all the fourteen lower health facilities in Igara West constituency. The hospital has good relations with the district and is involved in several district activities including annual planning and budgeting.

The hospital was mainly founded to continue the healing mission of Jesus Christ which was to promote life to its fullness (John 10:10). It mainly offers curative, promotive, preventive and palliative services which include ANC, MCH, HIV services, surgeries, young child clinic, deliveries, immunization, community sensitization, medical imaging, dental, hypertensive and diabetic services.

The hospital is the main referral facility for the lower facilities within the HSD. It serves an estimated population of 600,000 people in Bushenyi and other neighboring districts of Rubirizi, Mitooma, Kitagwenda and Buhweju.



The staff of St. Daniel Comboni Hospital giving services to public during one of the hospital's community outreach

### Future plans

- Beginning a training institution to empower and benefit the community and improving income for the hospital
- Beginning specialized services.



# PRODUCTION & MARKETING

*A farmer exchange visit for knowledge sharing at Mrs Anna Ayorekire's straw berry farm using irrigation for all year round production*

## Agro-Industrialization Programme

By Gordon Muhimbise - District Production Coordinator

**Agro- Industrialization Programme Mandate** is to provide agricultural extension services for increased household food & nutrition security and incomes.

**Programme is to** Increase household food & nutrition security, income and social-economic development of the people of Bushenyi District.

**Outcomes:** Increased use of better farming practices and technologies for improved agricultural productivity in Bushenyi District.

**Production sector delivers its mandate through five sub sectors of;** Production Management Services, Veterinary, Agriculture (crop), Fisheries and Entomology.

Bushenyi District has an average household land holding of 1.3 Acres and therefore, it has prioritised promotion of high value enterprises which can be done on small acreage. As thus, major enterprises being promoted are; Banana, Dairy, Tea, Coffee, Beans, Cassava, Poultry, Piggery, Fish farming and Apiary. Millet is being given priority because of its high nutritional value and its importance in improving household food security.

Crop diseases of major economic importance include; Bean anthracnose, Coffee Wilt Disease, Banana Bacterial Wilt and Cassava Mosaic disease while livestock diseases of major economic importance include; Tick born infections, Foot and Mouth Disease, Intestinal worms and New Castle Disease.

Fish farming is on the increase with 158 fish farmers

and current pond acreage stands at 414 ponds with 82.8 acres (82,800m<sup>2</sup>) under water/fish ponds. Major fish species reared are African catfish and Nile Tilapia. Estimated annual fish production stands at 16.5 tonnes. 620 farmers are engaged in bee keeping with 3,889 bee hives out of which 2,724 are improved. Annual honey production stands at 40.8 tonnes with 1,265 kgs of wax and 324 kgs of propolis.

Government has implemented several projects in the district to improve farm production and productivity with consequent increase in food/nutrition security and incomes. These include; Agriculture Development Program (ACDP), Micro Scale Irrigation Project, Parish Development Model, Emyoga and;

Under Parish Development Model, to date, 1,843 beneficiaries have accessed funds worth 1,836,350,000= it is hoped that these beneficiaries have invested these funds in their respective enterprises and are about to start getting returns.

The district has continued to increase marketable volumes of its produce (92,000.57 tons of banana, 503 tons of beans, 320 tons of avocado, 12 tons of cabbage, 120 tons of coffee, 30 tons of pine apples, 1,167,744.50 litres of milk, 40.8 of honey and 16.5 tons of fish) and sells its produce to domestic and regional markets of DR Congo, Rwanda and South Sudan.

Bushenyi has continued to support value chain development of key enterprises and now has up to 129 agro-based value addition facilities. These add value on coffee, banana, milk, maize and millet.



The Senior Presidential Advisor Mary Karoro Okurut (right) with women at her Bushenyi skilling centre

## Karoro's Foundation; Empowering the communities

As Uganda wakes up to a call to embrace vocational studies, the Senior Presidential Advisor on public relations, Mary Karoro Okurut has established a Skills Center in Bushenyi municipality to meet the demands of skilling youths. The skilling centre hosts a number of units like the re-usable sanitary towels factory project and a one stop tourism centre for art and crafts. The Skilling centre is another example of a Uganda's epitome of empowering the communities through skills development. It aims at solving the unemployment and lack of market challenge especially among the youth and women. According to Karoro, there is an urgent need to have communities become self reliant as well as support the tourism sector in Uganda.

"We are here to dedicate this project to God but also to support the initiative because this skilling centre/factory is not going to benefit you (Karoro family) alone but it's going to benefit the people of Bushenyi and the entire country,"

said the former Bishop of West Ankole Diocese Rt. Rev. Yona Katuneene at the dedication of the project. Bishop

Katonene said the centre's re-usable sanitary towels factory will have a big contribution towards the education of girl-child. Research has shown that many girls drop out of school due to failure to access sanitary towels when they start menstruating.

The Bushenyi/Ishaka Municipality Mayor Richard Byaruhanga describes the skilling centre as a big contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)



Some of the skilled youth displaying their products after the training

of Bushenyi and Uganda as a Country. "A part from imparting skills, this is a big contribution to urbanization of this region" Byaruhanga said. The genesis of the skilling centre The idea of the skilling centre started way back in 2018 when Karoro single handedly trained over 1200 unemployed youth who are

now self employed in different areas

Indeed, the life of the above 1200 youth and their families will never be the same after getting skills; in carpentry, motor vehicle mechanics, plumbing, building and concrete practice, leather turning/shoe making, tailoring, welding/metal fabrication, electrical, solar installation and driving among others. The unemployed youth who were picked from their homes

in the many villages of Bushenyi district underwent a three months intensive skills training at Uganda Technical College (UTC)- Bushenyi and Bushenyi Vocational Institute (BVI.) Karoro says like most developing countries, Uganda has got a challenge of unemployment which remains the responsibility of everyone. "My focus is to equip the youth with skills that will help them

to get some income as government is also doing its best to attract investors who can employ

our population," said Karoro. In 2018 Karoro also funded the training of 800 female youth who got trained in hair dressing/cosmetology, confectionary, tailoring, knitting, making re-usable sanitary towels, soap making, catering, hand crafts and entrepreneurship.



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Robert Akakwasa  
Principal

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## CORE VALUES

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of 7 boreholes in different sub counties.

### FY 2021/2022 PROJECTS

- Rehabilitation of Akashanda gfs pipeline and water sources in different sub counties.
- Rehabilitation of Kayanga GFS in kyamuhunga sub county
- Siting, drilling and installation

### FY 2022/2023 PROJECTS

- Design of Kayanga GFS II in Kyamuhunga S/C
- Construction of Kyabukumu GFS in Ruhumuro S/C
- Rehabilitation of 16 water sources in different sub counties.



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## BUTUURO FINANCIAL SERVICES BRIEF FACT SHEET

### INTRODUCTION

#### Registration Name

Butuuro Peoples' Co-operative Savings and Credit Society Limited

#### Trading Name:

BUTUURO FINANCIAL SERVICES

**Registration Date:** November 15th 2007

**Registration No:** CR8583

**Registrar:** Ministry of Trade, Co-operatives and Industry -Uganda

### OBJECTIVES

### MISSION

To provide members with quality and affordable products and service for sustainable development.

### VISION

To be a strong microfinance institution providing products that suit members' needs.

### BHAG

To become a sustained Fifty Billion Uganda shillings total asset microfinance by 2030 providing affordable products and services.

### CORE VALUES

Integrity, Confidentiality, Efficiency, Transparency

### BACKGROUND

Butuuro Financial Services is a member owned, governed and controlled institution, located in Nyakabirizi Town in Bushenyi Ishaka Municipality. Unlike other SACCOs, Butuuro was founded by the community. Most SACCOs are either started on political grounds or by institutions like Churches, schools, hospitals among others. This is a reason as to why Butuuro has a very unique structure since it is a pro-people institution and decisions are taken from an informed point of view.

### CURRENT POSITION

- > Loan portfolio UGX10.1Bn
- > Total Assets UGX 12Bn
- > Membership 15,000 members
- > Share capital UGX 2.5 Bn

### BUTUURO PROMOTERS CLUB

Promoters are the Butuuro's biggest shareholders with each Person having a minimum share capital of UGX 10,000,000 (1,000 shares).

### Benefits of being a promoter include

- (a) Having one direct representative on Board
- (b) He /she borrowing at 2% interest per month (24%) on reducing balance compared to others who borrow at 30% p.a.
- (c) Earning at least UGX 1,200,000 bonus per year basing on the SACCO's annual performance.
- (d) Whoever mobilizes a promoter earns a commission of UGX 200,000 cash.
- (e) He/she gets services instantly.
- (f) Earn average interest of UGX 750, 000 from fixed deposit of UGX 5m individually contributed by Promoters and fixed with the SACCO.
- (g) Attending AGMs as a delegate by virtue of being a promoter.
- (h) Earns dividends every year basing on performance (based on previous years, it has been ranging from UGX 1,000 to 1,200 per share).

### Requirements for becoming an ordinary member.

- (i) Account opening fee Shs.25,000
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- (iii) Photocopy of National identity card

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  2. Agriculture loans
  3. Home Improvement loans
  4. Motorcycle and Motor vehicle loans
  5. School fees loans
  6. Kyaapa loans
  7. Emergency loans
- i) Solar loans
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  - iii) Happy family loans
  - iv) CCTV cameras

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# West Ankole Diocese's Contribution to development

**P**raise God whom all blessings flow! West Ankole Diocese joins the Bushenyi District leadership to celebrate achievements and its economic development.

## Preaching the gospel

The Diocese has transformed the district both socially, spiritually and financially. The Gospel of love that Unites has been spread throughout the district and Greater Bushenyi region. All religions can now dine and socialize together easily.

West Ankole Diocese has 46 Church founded Secondary Schools, 264 Primary Schools, four Tertiary Institutions and one University (Ankole Western University). All these have contributed to shaping Bushenyi District leaders and tomorrow's nation at large.

## Heath

The diocese owns 10 Health facilities; one health Centre III ( Katungu Mission Hospital Project) in the final stages to be uplifted to a meternal and Children's specialist hospital and nine health Centre IIs that will soon be transitioned to health Centre III. These provide health care services to people of greater bushenyi hence a healthy and productive community.

## Jubilee Sacco

West Ankole Diocese's Jubilee Sacco head office is located in Bushenyi Town and started in 2003. The Sacco has grown over the years and now has five branches and two outreaches across the greater Bushenyi districts. The Sacco provides employment to the locals and provides financial support and Cooperate Social Responsibility in areas where it operates.

## Agriculture and livelihood transformation

The Diocese has partnered with the government though NAADS to supply Coffee seedlings to both clergy and Christians hence transforming their livelihood incomes.

Clergy Wives's Goat Project. The Diocese through Bishop Johnson and Maama Joy, lobbied for clergy wives and 300 clergy wives have been given goats to boost their family incomes. This in the long run will transform their families



*The Archbishop of the church of Uganda Rt Rev Stephen Kazimba and West Ankole Diocese Bishop Rt. Rev Johnson Twinomujuni with leaders and staff of Jubilee SACCO during the Archbishop's visit to the SACCO*



*The Archbishop of the church of Uganda Rt Rev Stephen Kazimba praying and blessing the Proposed Katungu specialised hospital for children in West Ankole Diocese.*

through easy access to education, health and their general welfare.

West Ankole Diocese also owns structures at Katungu that house Kyambogo University Bushenyi Learning Centre. This is also a great driver to the development of not only the Diocese but the district as a whole. The business community has found ready market for their businesses and students can easily get services, thus contributing to the development of the District.



*The Archbishop of the church of Uganda Rt Rev Stephen Kazimba, the Bishop of West Ankole Diocese Rt Rev Johnson Twinomujuni with some of the stakeholders at Ankole Western University.*

The Diocese also partners with Compassion International and runs Five projects across the Greater Bushenyi Districts. Through Compassion International, the most vulnerable have been assisted to access to basic needs, education and health care thus improving people's the standards of living. The project also provides employment to a number of natives from Bushenyi thus improving the standards of living.

Through partnership, the government tarmacked katungu-Bweranyangi road which eased accessibility of Bweranyangi Hill and the institutions around it.

Above all, Bishop Johnson Twinomujuni's holistic preaching has greatly changed people's mindset towards work.

*"The Diocese in collaboration with Ankole Western University (AWU) has announced over 310 university scholarships"*

# Bamugisha Community Welfare's IMPACT IN BUSHENYI

Village Saving Groups (VSGs) that were introduced by the bamugisha community welfare limited to empower participants to improve household income have since their formation produced results in bushenyi district.

The groups have had a polygonal benefit model, and participants are able to have access to and control over resources and use collective power to overcome social and financial barriers. They meet regularly to save their money in a safe space, access small loans, and obtain emergency funds when conditions allow.

They also routinely support each other to set up small businesses, pay their children's school fees, advocate for gender equality in their communities and speak with one voice on issues that shape community development.

Bamugisha Community Welfare Limited, a charity organization whose doctrine revolves around Education empowerment, improving household income, food security, and environmental protection, started village saving groups after finding that its objectives would only be met if people had stable incomes at family level, according to Bushenyi Woman Member of Parliament, Mrs. Annet Katusiime Mugisha, a co-founder of Bamugisha

"We thought of what we could do, and it incorporates every gender, we started with the youths and gave them goats, piglets, cows, and money for those that wanted to save at the sub-county level. We would later descend to parish and village levels. We also added women at village level, our coordinators at parish level, and women's council groups at subcounty level.

Having started with youths and women, men complained and were also brought on board," says Mrs. Mugisha. Bamugisha aimed to inculcate a saving and credit culture because they knew that since people worked, they would earn, save, invest, harvest, and achieve economic empowerment.

While launching a vigorous exercise to monitor the progress of VSGs and the Parish Development Model in Bushenyi District on Friday in Bumbari Sub-County, Mrs. Mugisha was happy to note that because of the VSGs financial discipline, and leadership, and the saving culture is taking deeper root.

All saving groups received 300,00 - 400,000 Ugandan shillings as seed capital from bamugisha which they improved and reached desired levels. Members pool a regular subscription saving of between 1,000 and 7,000 Uganda Shillings, depending on the ability.

### Steady Progress

For example, the Obwiho Men's Group, which received seed capital of 400,000 Ugandan Shillings from bamugisha, has been able to save up to 10 million, while their women's wing has saved up to 7 million. Another group, Kigoma, comprised of Women, has been able to save up to 13 million. Other groups have also improved their saving to 4-5 million despite the challenges

Mr. Kiiza Donozio is Bamugisha coordinator for Kiyaga Parish. He says the scheme has helped build unity and cohesion at village level, where members come together to solve challenges. He adds that beneficiaries have been able to start self-help projects at household level.

Mrs. Jennifer Ndungi, the Kiyaga Parish chairperson, says success has come too members who remained committed to their groups and fulfilled their obligations.

"Those who got committed have a reason to smile. At least the impact is felt on the ground since the program is all inclusive. This means that in a home, everyone can make a contribution, and people will work towards prosperity," she said.

At the district level, there is the Bushenyi Bamugisha Community Welfare Beneficiaries Sacco, which currently boasts of 2137 members and a loan portfolio of 400 million Uganda Shillings, according to the Sacco manager, Mrs. Winnie Nbyemeire.

### Challenges

The program has faced challenges arising from the groups themselves. Challenges include multiple borrowing by members who borrow from other groups and fail to meet their obligations on time; the attitude of some members who think that the program was political and they are not supposed to pay back what they borrowed and others.

The district Woman MP says they are planning to roll out sensitization programs for all groups, especially those with challenges for the smooth running and success of the scheme, adding that the objectives of the saving scheme are being met with very minor challenges.

As another way of motivating the groups to perform better, Mrs. Mugisha will, during the monitoring exercise, add about 50,000 for each group.

**Source: Bamugisha Community Welfare Media Team**



*Some members of bamugisha Village Saving Groups receiving goats from Hon. Annet Mugisha (in white)*

# The Uniqueness of Greater Bushenyi Teachers' SACCO



**B.O.D. MEMBERS GREATER BUSHENYI TEACHERS' SACCO**

It was officially registered in 2003 as a co-operative savings and Credit Society REG. no 6667RC.

It is an employee based Sacco that retains its Members on retirement.

It is served by modern Technology that links all its Branches to the Headquarters.

It currently operates three branches at Bushenyi, Kabwohe and Mitooma with two out reaches at Buhweju and Rubirizi.

We have introduced mobile banking services for our members to operate their accounts from home and only visit offices to process

loans.

The door is still open to all members in the teaching fraternity who wish to join the Sacco.

Those in active service should be prepared to authorize part of their salary for automatic saving from the source through a deduction code provided the deduction is not more than 48% of the gross salary.

Those wishing to open Accounts can begin with a deposit of sh.50,000= (fifty thousand) for at least 2(two) shares, opening a savings account and other relevant stationery.



SACCO Headquarters

## VISION

Having a well established and reputable member owned SACCO that serves its members with a difference for all round development.

## MISION

Greater Bushenyi Teachers' SACCO is Member owned financial institution set up to Mobilize teachers of all grades and their recourses to provide quality and accessible financial services for economic and social development.



SACCO General Manager

## OBJECTIVES

To provide members with a safe and convenient a venue where they can accumulate their savings regularly.  
To enable all its members to access loans for individual social economic development.

## CONTACT US

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## LOANS PRODUCTS

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Salary products   | Emergency            |
| School fees loans | Commercial loans     |
| Agriculture loans | Institutional loans. |
| Group loans       | Transport loans      |
| Top up loans      | Land acquisition     |
| Home improvement  |                      |

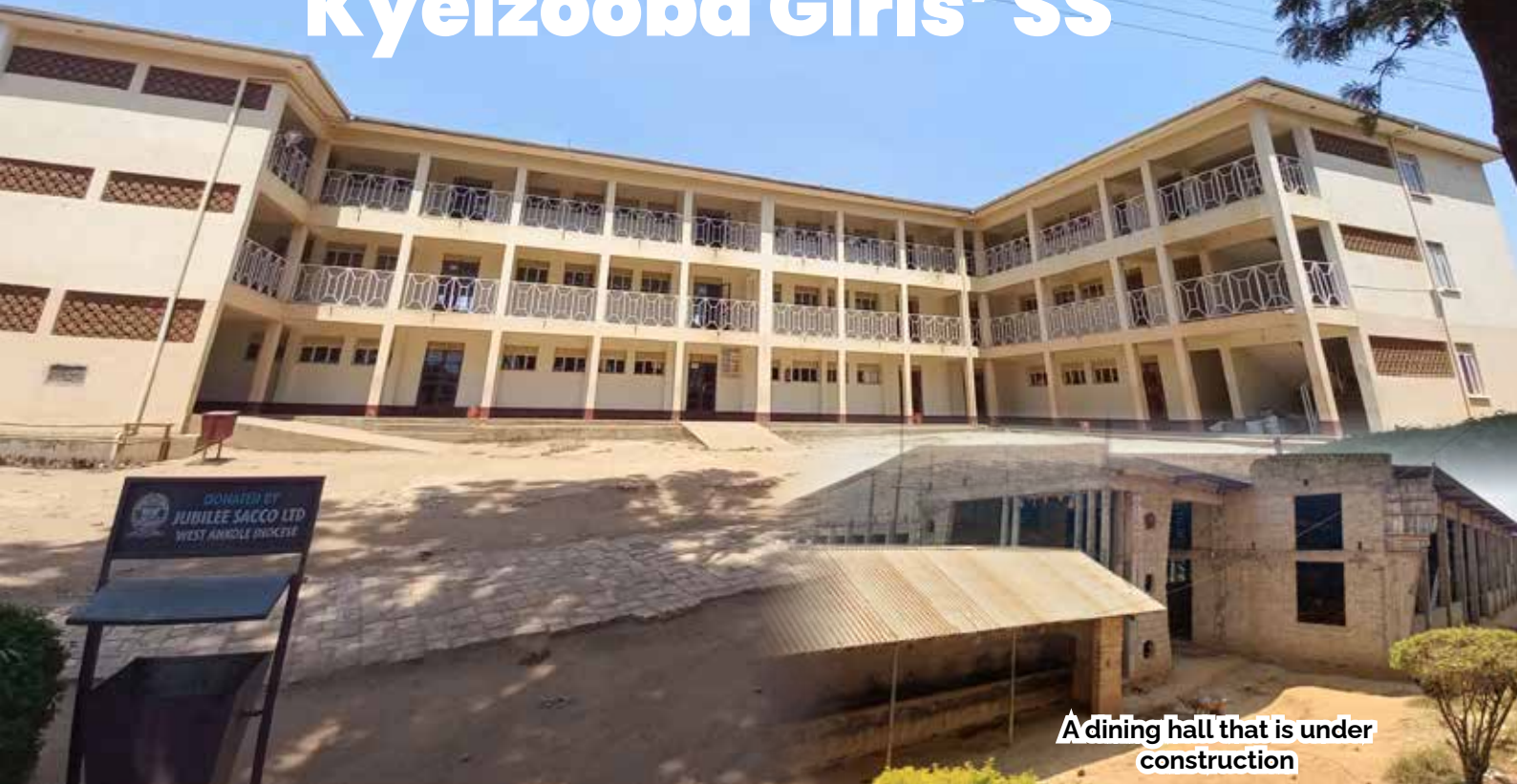
## SAVINGS PRODUCTS

- Regular savings account
- Children's savings account
- Fixed deposit account
- Group savings account
- Institutional collective accounts
- School fees Account
- Teacher wallet accounts

## CURRENT STATUS

<b>Membership</b>	2434
<b>Assets</b>	2,659,941,465=
<b>Savings</b>	997,193,741=
<b>Share capital</b>	884,000,043=
<b>Loan portfolio</b>	1,785,781,808=

# Kyeizooba Girls' SS



**A dining hall that is under construction**

**F**ounded in 1980 by the wise and foresighted leadership of Church of Uganda, West Ankole Diocese, Kyeizooba Girls' Secondary School has consistently grown from strength to strength, year in - year out.

According to the Headmistress, Ms. Kitariisibwa Katherine Freedom, the sustainability of the progress this school has registered over the years is a direct result of the efforts, the zeal and the determination of the values expounded by the foundation body's Christian principles of excellent discipline and impeccable moral standards since its conception in 1980.

"That is the basis from which we have built the school to make it an enviable academic giant house in this region", the Head teacher explains.

More than 43 years down the road, the school is standing out to shine in all

aspects of academics, discipline, and infrastructural growth with a bulging enrolment of 1,200 students.

Our Mission is "To provide quality Education to a Girl Child for sustainable Development", she hastens to add.

The Head teacher attributes the sustained growth and development of this school to team work by all stake holders especially, the School Board of Governors, PTA, Administration team, students' Leadership, Students themselves well - wishers and all other stake holders.

"The great academic position we have enjoyed over the years is a direct result of the above structure", she says.

The Head teacher explains that greater investment put in the areas of guidance and counseling sessions to enable students know and appreciate the fundamental reasons why they are in school and to remain focused has also contributed towards the stability and growth of the institution.

In 2022, our Students at O' level passed well; 81Students in Grade I at UCE while our best at A' level student cored 19 points.

To produce girls who will not be job seekers but job creators is one of the Primary



**Ms. Kitariisibwa Katherine Headmistress**

objectives of this school. This is the reason we have strategically designed a package which promotes hands on experience by engaging learners in real life projects in the school.

"The Food and Nutrition Technology Laboratory is very vibrant with students engaged in bakery and cooking. Learners offering Agriculture actively participate in Farm Activities and those in Fine Art produce different pieces of art crafts. We are very optimistic that with these approaches to real life experience, we will make our students more self-reliant long after they have left school"

I wish our readers the best of luck as you go through this piece of writing.

**"Groom and Bloom" for "all round excellence"**  
Kitariisibwa Katherine Freedom



# BWERANYANGI GIRLS' SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL



The old chapel.

As Bweranyangi Girls' Senior Secondary School, we are happy to identify with this platform that show cases of the greatness of our District Bushenyi and our Municipality of Bushenyi – Ishaka Municipality!

This year 2022/2023, as always, our school has continued to shine in academics, co-curricular and holistically in all fields. In 2022 UCE UNEB exams, we got 296 students in Division one and 42 in Division two. 24 of our last years' S.6 students have recently been admitted on Government scholarships in Public Universities for Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, Bachelors of Engineering courses, Law, Bachelor of Commerce, Petroleum Engineering and other strong courses. 18 of our UACE students of 2022 have also been admitted to Public Tertiary Institutions for good Diploma courses on Government Scholarship!

Bweranyangi Girls' Senior Secondary School excelled at Games, Sports, Music Dance and Drama competitions, Science Innovation competitions and Robotics respectively at Zonal, District, Regional, National and East African levels this year.

The school was the Bushenyi District Champion in Secondary School Girls' Netball, Debates, and Speech. In Hockey and Music Dance and Drama Bweranyangi Girls' Senior Secondary School was the Mid-Western (Ankole) Region over-all winner and got the Regional Trophy and Medals!

At National level the school qualified and competed in Hand ball, Hockey, Net ball and Music Dance and Drama. Bweranyangi Girls' Senior Secondary School was the second best in Hockey at National and qualified for the East African secondary schools girls' Hockey Tournament in Huye Rwanda, where the school emerged the 5th in East Africa. At National the school performed well in Music Dance and Drama. The Choir has just travelled back from Arua where they excelled in Music Dance and Drama Secondary Schools Competitions.



Mrs. Muzoora Atuhairwe Juliet  
HEADMISTRESS - BWERANYANGI GIRLS' S.S.S

Bweranyangi Girls' Senior Secondary School is currently building a magnificent Chapel. The Sanctuary of the Lord Almighty for prayers, praise and worship! We thank His Excellence the President of the Republic of Uganda, the First Lady and Minister of Education (Our Beloved Old Girl of The School) for the great support and contribution they have each given towards this Chapel Project, may The Lord continue to bless them for us!

We thank The Lord for our School identity as BWERANYANGI GIRLS' SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL and pledge as a Team of Staff and Students, Supported by the Board of Governors, Parents, The Foundation Body and The Government through The Ministry of Education and Sports, we shall continue to "SOW TO REAP" FOR GOD AND OUR COUNTRY.

**Long Live Bushenyi District,  
Long Live West Ankole Diocese,  
Long Live Bweranyangi Girls' Senior Secondary School,  
LONG LIVE UGANDA!**



Some Members of Board of Governors of Bweranyangi Girls SSS

# St. Kagwa Bushenyi High school



**Kamugisha PK**  
Headteacher

For the last 55 years it has existed, St. Kagwa Bushenyi High School has defended its brand/position in the field of education not only in Bushenyi region but even at the national level.

No wonder the school stands on a solid foundation of the Catholic Church since 1968 as the only boys' school found in Bushenyi-Ishaka Municipality.

Both discipline and academic performance of the school have continued to be good. This can be witnessed in the academic performance of 2020 where 62 students were in Div. I and 24 students in Div. II while at A' level the best student scored 20 points in Arts and the one of sciences got 19 points. "St. Kagwa has produced many people in different professions and we are proud of these OBs," says the Head teacher KAMUGISHA PK.

Being a catholic church founded, the school upholds the value of DISCIPLINE AS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!

"We have always trusted in Prayer, Hard work and Discipline and that has always led the school to greater heights for all these years," KAMUGISHA says.

Kamugisha attributes the sustained trend of growth to the foundation body and other stakeholders who give the

school strong men and ladies for the new BOG and this BOG is currently headed by the Chairperson Rev. Fr. John Baptist Turinomujuni – the Episcopal Vicar for Bushenyi.

"We thank parents and guardians across the country for the trust they have always had in St. Kagwa Bushenyi High School for the education of their children," Kamugisha appreciates.

In Co-curricular activities: St. Kagwa Bushenyi High School participates in football, volley and handball up to the National level. In this year 2023, the school received trophies of football and handball at Zonal level, District level and participated well at National level in football. In 2022, the school participated in handball up to National level.

The students are helped to develop their talents in different clubs like debate, focolare, legio of Mary, Interact and many others.

St.Kagwa does not only focus on academics alone but the school goes an extra mile to encourage students/young generation to have self drive in order to be successful in both academics and in life and are always reminded that success in all life spheres will always come to those who are prepared. This is the reason why the school is proud of its products who are spread all over the World of social, economic and political sectors of this country.

"We appreciate the Government and parents for their continued support to this school for these entire years which has kept the school developments," Kamugisha says.

## **SCHOOL MISSION:**

"To foster excellent holistic Education through Hard work for Production of Responsible and Productive Citizens"

## **SCHOOL VISION:**

"To be a Centre of Globally Recognized and Proven Men of Integrity and Academic Excellence"

## **SCHOOL MOTTO:**

"We Labour For Our Future"

# Ruyonza School regains its glory



Head teacher Taratwebirwe Arthur Tibamanya



In the recent years (2017 to 2019), Ruyonza school had backslid causing the school's enrollment to drop from 800 to 320 but as we write this, the school administration is stuck with a huge enrollment.

"Right now we cannot admit anyhow not until we expand our accommodation," boasts the head teacher Taratwebirwe Arthur Tibamanya.

In a space of three years the enrollment has moved from 380 students to 720 students.

"We are now touching on each and everything to cater for the increasing population because we have succeeded in re-stabilizing the school," the head teacher explains.

What has been done?

Taratwebirwe says addressing the issue of discipline has been a key factor to get Ruyonza School 'back on the road.'

He says they have emphasized the issue of addressing indiscipline by putting in place measures/ mechanisms to track down escaping and teasing and it's no longer an issue. "Every lesson and every after activity we conduct a roll call."

As a result of addressing discipline and controlling students, the administration has re-won the hearts of parents and the general community who have regained confidence in the school.

"Our teachers, non teaching staff, old students of the school, parents and the members of the public are now our ambassadors everywhere," he explains.

The head teacher adds that they have carried out renovation of the school's buildings especially the girls and boys dormitories which are already full to capacity.

To ensure high levels of excellence

in all fields especially academics, the school has recruited more teachers whereby out of the 46 teachers 16 are privately paid by parents and 30 paid by government. The school's academic performance has gradually improved whereby in 2019 the school did not get any student in 1<sup>st</sup> grade! But in 2020, 5 students came in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2021 (COVID-19 year) while in 2023 12 students scored 1<sup>st</sup> grade. "Every year, all our A 'level students qualify for both government and private universities and other tertiary institutions."

In extra co curricular activities, Ruyonza participates up to regional level. "This year at district level, out of 34 teams we were 4<sup>th</sup> while at regional level we were 9<sup>th</sup> out of 64 teams!" the head teacher narrates.

***Ruyonza's advantage over other schools is the issue of feeding, students are served with; morning tea, break tea, lunch, evening tea and supper!***



## Future plans

***The school's focus is now on accommodation, expanding the library and the computer lab.***

***"We are soon conducting a fundraising to put in place the above and after those projects we shall plan to have a coaster bus to enhance our transport and sports activities," the head teacher concludes.***



# 'A new chapter' at Bishop Ogez High School

Started in 1985 as a Catholic founded school under Mbarara Archdiocese, Bishop Ogez High school is one of the traditional schools in Bushenyi District that has stood the test of time.

Since inception, the school has undergone a series of transformations. In 2010 a number of programs were embarked on deliberately to double the school's growth.

"In 2010 I found the enrollment had 'stagnated' at 700 students but when I came we took decisive plans and those plans have seen the enrollment shooting to 1500 students as we speak now!" says the head teacher Mr. Deus Kabigumira.

Kabigumira lists issues which were limiting the school's growth like poor infrastructure eg lack of dormitories to accommodate students, lack of enough classrooms and the semi-finished buildings at the time.

"We resolved to put in place a two storeyed dormitory block for girls, accommodating 300 students. We later embarked on a boys' dormitory which has the capacity to accommodate 450 students (boys)," Kabigumira narrates. At the time he joined, he found students were still using cow-dung to smear the dormitories and classrooms but that is history now as all of them have been improved and made decent/standard.

Other projects which the head teacher says have been key in propelling Bishop Ogez's growth includes remodeling some buildings to expand the school library, expanding and equipping computer lab, investing in building teachers' accommodation to attract good teachers and also improve on their take home allowances.

In 2014, the parents of Bishop Ogez became one of first schools to purchase the school bus to ease the transport.



**Mr. Deus Kabigumira.**  
**HM-Bishop Ogez High school.**

Amidst the effects of COVID-19, the latest multi-million project is the multi-purpose fully furnished block which was started on in 2019 and completed in 2023. The block houses; all administrative offices, staffroom, boardroom, two main multipurpose halls meant for examinations, recreation activities and worshipping/prayers. *The school has opened its gates and provided space to all religious denominations.*

### Academic

Bishop Ogez High school has always been good and improving year after year despite the effects of COVID-19.

<b>2018</b>	<b>Div I</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>DivII</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>DivI</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>DivII</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>DivI</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>DivII</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>DivI</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>DivII</b>	<b>111</b>

"It is important to note that Bishop Ogez H/S surpasses all USE government schools in academic performance," the head teacher notes.

At A 'level, every year Bishop Ogez sends (arts and science) students to both government and private universities with some students on government sponsorship

Kabigumira says, worth to note is the good working relationship and contributions of all stakeholders including; the foundation body/Board of Governors (BOG), PTA, Parents, Teachers and students who have helped in the day to day running of the school.

"Once people believe in you and have confidence in you, they give you all the necessary support," Kabigumira explains.

### Future plans

Due to the ever increasing demand for vacancies from parents, the school is in final plans of expanding the accommodation/dormitories and classrooms to accommodate the increasing enrollment by building another storeyed dormitory and classrooms.



# Kyabugimbi Secondary School



Mr. Alex Musinguzi, Headteacher

## ABOUT US

If there is a USE school that has tripled its growth within a shortest period of time, its Kyabugimbi secondary school.

Gone are the days when one would struggle to locate the position of Kyabugimbi secondary school in the national rankings both at O'level and A'level.

"Our ranking in all activities both at district and at National level has greatly improved," says the head teacher Alex Musinguzi.

For example, in the year 2020, the school's grade point 9.5 putting the school in the 10th position amongst the best A'level schools per district.

In 2022, Kyabugimbi did it again and the school was ranked as 86th in the whole country while at the district level it was the 3rd best performing A'level school with average grade point of 11.9.

Musinguzi says using the approach of training students in the 3Hs that is; Training the Heart, training the Hands and training the Head has set a new pace at Kyabugimbi SS.

"Kyabugimbi is again a school that one cannot fail to mention at the national level because even in co-curricular activities we are competing from the district level to Regional and National level," Musinguzi boasts. Just recently, Kyabugimbi SS participated at the regional level debate tournament competition from where it chosen to represent the region at the national level.



Kyabugimbi ss\_ Students showing their products of liquid soap.jpg



A three classroom block under construction. Due to the increase in enrollment, the school is trying by all means to accommodate the numbers.

## Comparison of UCE results since 2017

Year	DIV1	DIV2	DIV3	DIV4	TOTAL
2022	18	33	29	21	101
2020	13	25	26	19	83
2019	005	011	23	45	84
2018	00	17	26	51	99
2017	00	08	19	90	134

## Other major achievements

- Enrollment; due to a number of interventions, in six years, the school's enrollment has rose from 304 students to over 850 students.
- Improved discipline for both staff and students
- Installed solar system to enable students conduct night preps
- Bought a strong printing/photo-copying machine
- Facilitated both teachers and students to attend a number of national seminars and workshops.
- Some teachers appointed and promoted to different levels by education service commission and ministry of education and sports.

- Constructed bath rooms for girls
- Face lifted science laboratory block and the main hall
- Received 465 textbooks for the new curriculum from the ministry of education and sports.
- Purchased some essential textbooks for A'level and O'level.
- Hosted a number of UNEB facilitators to talk to and inspire students.
- Equipped the entertainment hall by installing a big TV screen and acquired sports uniforms to boost sports.
- Installed a new card reporting system to track down the performance and attendance of teachers.
- Bought 120 twin seaters and 70 double Decker beds.



Kyabugimbi ss\_ Students during their trip to Rwanda.

# ISHAKA ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

75years of Ishaka Adventist Hospital serving humanity



One of the Health Institutions that people in Greater Bushenyi and the entire Western region are proud of is Ishaka Adventist Hospital. This year (2023) is a record setting of celebrating 75 years of providing health services to the region and the entire Country. Ishaka Adventist Hospital is a faith based hospital, owned by the Seventh Day Adventist church of Uganda Union. It was established in 1948 as a dispensary and became a missionary hospital in 1950. It's located in Western Uganda, Bushenyi district in Ishaka Town.

### Some of the key achievements.

- Attracting a donation of USD450000 from partners (Winfred L.Stevens Foundation) for construction of a 10 classroom block.
- Donation of 50 computers from government of Uganda to strengthen e-health services.
- Upgrading to a teaching hospital and the hospital has already started receiving intern doctors from government.
- We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Adventist Health International of Loma Linda University Health.
- Upgrade of skills laboratory for the Health training schools-
- Strengthened strategic partnerships and networks.
- Effective systems and structures in place
- Increased budget from Sh3billion to Sh7billion.
- Consistent increase of patients due to improved services.

- Student enrollment increased from 440-750
- Increased government trust through PHC increment from Sh125million to Sh510million.
- Held several public health awareness exhibitions and medical camps (general services) especially to help the general public get screened against diseases like; prostate cancer, cervical cancer, diabetes among others.

To celebrate 75years of its existence, Ishaka Adventist Hospital has already started a project of constructing a 121 bed capacity Maternal Child Health Block.

### Ishaka Adventist School of Nursing Courses offered

1. Certificate in Nursing
2. Certificate in midwifery

### Courses to start next year-2024

3. Diploma in Nursing Extension
4. Diploma in Midwifery Extension

Entry requirements for certificate in Nursing and Midwifery courses;

-O'Level certificate with at least pass in; English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics.

Intake is January-February and July every year

### Contacts;

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**Deputy Principal:** 0772585241/0701196622

**Website:** <http://iah.co.ug/>

### VISION

IAH envisions itself as "A leading healthcare provider and Training Institution of choice in Uganda."

### MISSION

IAH exists "To Provide quality Christ centered health care to all through caring for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our clients; and training of competent health professionals."

### Ishaka Adventist School of Allied Health Sciences.

Courses offered;

#### Diploma courses:

- Diploma in Medical Lab Technology
- Advanced Diploma in medical Anesthesia
- Diploma in Pharmacy
- Diploma in clinical medicine and community Health

#### Certificate courses:

Certificate in Medical Lab Technology  
Certificate in Pharmacy  
Certificate in Medical Theatre Techniques  
Entry requirements;

#### Diploma courses

- MUST have certificate in Medical lab, Theatre and Nursing.
- MUST have passed sciences at A 'Level
- MUST have a diploma in Nursing or clinical medicine.

#### Certificate courses

- MUST have passed sciences at Olevel with Credits.

# BWERANYANGI JUNIOR SCHOOL



Mr Isaac Katondore  
Headteacher

## FOR GREATER HEIGHTS

Bweranyangi Junior School 'The young Egret' is located on the foothills of Bweranyangi Cathedral West Ankole Diocese. This school has risen to greater heights due to a number of factors including the excellent good performance over consecutive years. Basing on the notion that, "When I hear I forget, when I see I remember and when I do I understand" we use effective approaches, methods and techniques to teach and to ensure the quality of teaching and learning is effective and sufficient.



Our goal is to ensure every child receives quality education for academic excellence and for self – reliance. Following the above, it is evident that Bweranyangi Junior School is still

among the productive education herbs which are able educate the mind, the heart and soul holistically. Being a church founded school, it cherishes values such are God fearing,

Hard work, integrity, Humility, Teamwork and cohesion. The school is able to produce God fearing learners with Humour of sense who ably impact positive change in society.

We focus on the practical teaching where we help the children to understand the competences and be able to face the reality of the purpose of teaching and learning.

Bweranyangi Junior School cherishes respect and inclusivity. We provide a supportive learning environment, values and respect the diversity of learners. Our school promotes and ensures that all learners feel welcomed, respected and valued for their unique backgrounds, perspectives and experiences. The "young Egrets" are able to develop clear expectations and guidelines essential for creating a structured and a supportive learning environment. The pupils are to have a clear understanding of what is expected of them academically, behaviourally and socially. This charity helps them to feel secure and know how to succeed.

Bweranyangi Junior school focus on safe and comfortable physical structural environment. The physical environment is safe, clean and well maintained. Our pupils enjoy the comfortable seating, appropriate lighting, the adequate resources which contribute to a positive learning atmosphere. Additionally,

the arrangement of furniture and classroom materials support collaboration, movement and easy access to resources.

The physical structures that accommodate pupils are so appealing at Bweranyangi Junior school. This attracts the large numbers in the boarding section considering the credible services as provided to our pupils. At the progress of this giant school, is a vibrant headteacher, Mr Katondore Isaac, the team leader, visionary, proactive and charismatic leader who is the pivot of the developments at sight in the school. He together with different school

committees, school management committee, P.T.A. Executive, Multi-purpose and Finance committee work together to better the best of the school.

All in all, It is a benediction for Bweranyangi Junior school to be a seed of the cathedral. This gives her children the divinely knowledge, wisdom and understanding for which the Bishop Rt. Rev. Johnson Twinomujuni, continually prays and preaches the message of diligence, purity, and love that unites. Bweranyangi Junior school will continue to shine and rise up to greater heights.



**" HARD WORK PAYS "**

# BUMBAIRE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

P.O BOX 100-BUSHENYI  
Government Grant / Aided  
TECHNICAL INSTITUTE



**Mr. Paul Rubongoya**  
Principal



## VISION



To be a leading Technical Institute for the Promotion of self-reliant training for sustainable Development.

## MISSION



To equip trainees with market oriented technical knowledge and skills to enable them earn a living and contribute to National Development.

## BACK GROUND



Bumbaire Technical Institute started in 2005 a community polytechnic by Bumbaire Sub County. It later transformed into a Junior Technical School and currently it's a fully fledged Government Grant Aided Technical Institute since 2011.

## Courses offered

- National Certificate in automotive mechanics
- National Certificate in building construction
- National Certificate in Plumbing
- National Certificate in Electrical Installation systems and maintenance
- National certificate in wood work Technology
- National Certificate in fashion and garment design

Requirements

**O'Level certificates or equivalent**



located 3kms from Bushenyi District Head-quarters on Bushenyi-Valley University-PIBID Factory-Bumbaire-Kitabi Road



**ARIHO MOSES**

## THE MAN BEHIND

# Kituzi

Bushenyi District's urbanization and industrialization have remained at a slow pace not because it lacks investors/people who are able but it's because residents have neglected their home area to cause the desired social and economic growth.

Surprisingly those who have not helped the district to 'grow' are always part of people who always lament on how Bushenyi's development has stagnated. They have neglected their home district and contributed towards the development of other districts by investing there.

For Moses Ariho aka. Kituzi he is not among those who have abandoned Bushenyi and as a result history will judge him right as he narrates why he chose to invest at his home village, Kyabasenene in Kyeizoba Sub County (now Rwentuha town council) to contribute towards Bushenyi district's growth.

"I have always wanted to do something that benefits many people in the entire community especially my neighbors and also to develop the area (Bushenyi) where I come from," Moses Ariho says.

"I want to leave a legacy in my village and in my district. I would have established this factory and other businesses in Kampala or other bigger cities, but in areas like Kampala you cannot leave a legacy there because there is that competition and no one knows you," Ariho who runs a chain of businesses narrates. He is the brain behind Kituzi, a drink which has become a household name across the region. Ariho's creativity has immensely contributed a lot on Bushenyi's trend of social and economic growth, in particular, Rwentuha town council.

"I am happy that I have availed our people with employment opportunities. The people of Bushenyi especially those neighboring my factory supply their produce to the factory," Ariho says adding, "People have constructed hostels/rentals to accommodate my workers hence earning from house rent."

"A three phase power line, water lines.....have been extended to our village just because of this factory."

### How he started

Ariho was a wholesale businessman in Rwentuha town where he had spent about 10 years. He had earlier worked with GBK dairy factory in Mbarara for 3years.

While in wholesale business, he decided to go for further education at UpHill college-Mbuya in Kampala where he did his Functional Adult Literacy (FAL) education training.

"I decided to seek for education to upgrade my level of understanding because there are things I wanted to understand especially English and computer," Ariho recalls. His parents had supported him to get trained in carpentry and joinery.

Upon acquiring skills especially in computer and English, Ariho embarked on research and during one of his travels to Kampala the first question to research on was; why do whites (bazungu) stay longer?

"I discovered that many of them (whites/bazungu) eat a lot of organic mushroom and that is when I started to research on mushroom and later I discovered that it can be a unique product hence Kituzi juice," Ariho narrates his journey in business.

In 2016, Ariho looked for professionals in food science and technology and hired them to expand the innovation.



Alongside his wholesale business, he started experiments at a small scale. In 2017, he realized Kituzi was doing well and something he had all along wanted to venture in.

"All along I had wanted to run something that helps a community to get transformed by accessing things like job opportunities unlike the wholesale business which was helping me and my family," Ariho says.

"I don't regret the three years that I spent working with Kacuma/GBK in the department of manufacturing because that is where I picked all this inspiration and the ideas," he narrates. Ariho started manually and purchased some small packing materials from Best Pack in Kampala. He concentrated on developing the product before he ordered for modern machines from India, Dubai and later hit the market.

Ariho is happy that his Kituzi company has grown and now employs many people who later support their families.



### Benefits to the community

Apart from the jobs he has created, Ariho says, "most of the raw materials like; tea leaves, honey, mushrooms, firewood.....are all purchased from Bushenyi people." "Single handedly, I have changed on the outlook of Bushenyi; Rwentuha town in particular," he boasts adding that, "there are a lot of health benefits that people get from our product because there are nutritional facts in it."



Ariho has also greatly contributed on the growth of Rwentuha Town council.

### Market

Ariho says he is not struggling with market as his product has penetrated the entire East African Community regional markets.

## ST KAGWA BOARDING PRIMARY

LOCATION: RUHANDAGAZI CELL, WARD2 CENTRAL DIVISION, BUSHENYI/ISHAKA MUNICIPALITY



ST KAGWA BOARDING PRIMARY is a church founded school that was established in 1945 by the Archdiocese of Mbarara. It's a day and boarding Primary school implementing the Universal Primary Education (UPE) Program.

The sustained academic excellence at St. Kagwa has continued to make the school special and to always stand out as it is among

the top government schools in the Country. Just in last year's (2022) PLE results, the school had 188 candidates in 1st grade and only 2 in 2nd grade. Three students scored 4 aggregates each!

Unlike many UPE schools which are struggling with enrollment, the enrollment at St. Kagwa stands at about 1200 pupils! The above sustained and continued growth is attributed to a dedicated staff who mean what they do in terms of teaching. It is also attributed to participation of the parents, good management by the members of both Board of Governors and the PTA.

Not only does St. Kagwa excel in academics but the school also participates in co-

curricular activities at district, regional and national levels.

Due to the confidence that parents have gained in the school, the school's catchment area has now extended to Kampala and some parts of the Eastern region.

### Some of the major achievements

- Constructed a three storeyed girls' dormitory
- Constructed a commercial building which is now being rented by Mushanga SACCO.
- Constructed a two storeyed classroom block which accommodates P4 to P7 classrooms.

All the above projects are funded by parents.



## How Swazi Highland Tea Factory 'Ended Exploitation' of Tea Farmers

For those who know the history of Tea as a cash crop in Bushenyi district, you know what the farmers have gone through until recently when investors like Africano Bakeihahwenki decided to bring monopoly to an end and put a smile on many faces of tea farmers.

"Had it not been Bakeihahwenki, we would have abandoned our tea plantations because the tea had almost lost value and exploitation was a lot." Angela a tea farmer says as she walks out from Bakeihahwenki's factory in Butare town in Kyamuhunga where she got paid from.

"We thank Bekeihahwenki because he broke the record when he saved us from exploitation by setting up his own tea factory," Angela says.

"Forget about the issue of tea farmers waiting to be paid only at the end of every month! These days we go with our money home every day because we supply our green tea leaves on cash basis," Angela goes on to boast as she attributes it to Swazi Highland tea factory which introduced the concept of cash basis payment in the green tea industry.

Bakeihahwenki the factory Managing Director says tea farmers are now happy because they no longer waste their tea.

"The factories which have been existing in this tea growing area could not handle or receive all the harvested tea from us (as tea farmers) to the extent that they could dictate on when a farmer should harvest, and could also limit us on the number of kilograms a farmer should supply," Bakeihahwenki says as he explains what led him to establish a tea factory to liberate the tea industry. He says tea farmers were losing out on their income. "When you



don't pluck tea when it's due, the quality and quantity gets affected."

"That is why we started thinking of setting up our own tea factory because tea had started to become a difficult business for me and many other farmers," he explains.

Bakeihahwenki recalls how he was supplying the tea factories with tea leaves but the situation got out of hand and he had to think of plan B.

At first, some tea farmers perceived him to be selfish because of establishing something small for only his own tea but years down the road; he is now perceived as a liberator or a pace setter.

Bakeihahwenki notes that with government's support towards the tea industry, tea is now flooding."If I had not opened, I don't know what farmers would be going through," she explains.

After opening the factory which he individually feeds with 1000-15000 kilograms of green tea leaves daily, he admitted in other out growers and other dealers. "This way I have provided them with an alternative and we are happy there is no tea farmer who is stranded with an outgrown tea plantation just because of lack of market," Bakeihahwenki boasts.

***His factory currently runs one line of production whereby it handles about 60000 kilograms of green tealeaves daily."Had it not been the limited funds, it***

***would now be processing 180000 kilograms daily because there is room for expansion," he notes.***

Bakeihahwenki adds that farmers are now the 'Kings' because of the competition created by tea factories. Tea farmers can now easily access farm inputs like fertilizers, pesticides on credit and soft loans..... which they pay back later."Tea farmers now have their own preferences and we cannot force them on who to supply and who not to supply," he explains. He says due to many players in the tea industry, it is now difficult for one factory to own a tea farmers stressing that, "if there is no binding agreement, it's just mutual understanding."

Bakeihahwenki says they started with their little funds which they had saved over sometime. He says to run tea business of running a fully-fledged factory one needs a working capital to payoff tea farmers' daily buy firewood, power electricity among others.

**Market**

Bakeihahwenki is not complaining about issues of market. He however says the tea industry is usually affected by wars in some countries and price fluctuations. When tea is of quality it will be sold."Quality determines the price you get and we are the best interms of quality. He says the local market is low compared to the international markets which he attributes to low consumption of tea by Ugandans.



Tea ready for export



# Bassajjabalaba Bushenyi's icon

*One of the names that many Bushenyi people are proud of is that of AlHajji Hassan Bassajjabalaba who has single handedly spurred Bushenyi's development. Infact there is a question that lingers in many Banya-Bushenyi's heads is, "where would Bushenyi be had it not been Hassan Bassajjabalaba?"*

**H**assan Basajjabalaba is treated as a 'liberator' for his creation several opportunities for all the categories of people. There is something that everybody is tapping from Bassajjabalaba's business acumen directly or indirectly. His entrepreneurship skills are a game changer to Bushenyi people and the entire country.

His decision in 2004 to establish Kampala International University (KIU) Western Campus and later a Teaching hospital in the region particularly Bushenyi has led people especially those of Bushenyi to believe in him that he has steered the district in issues of development

The people whose properties especially land had remained idle for a long time are rejoicing as their properties have tripled in value which they credit to Bassajjabalaba's establishment of the university.

Before the University and hospital were established in Ishaka Town, Bassajjabalaba was popular in the district because of his hides and skins business that sold his name throughout the communities.

**“Had it not been the extension of the Kampala International University (KIU) Western Campus in Bushenyi district, it would have taken centuries for Bushenyi people to realize their potential.”**

The two major towns of Bushenyi that is; Bushenyi and Ishaka are developing at a high speed. Buying land especially a plot in these two towns is like buying a plot in major towns like Kampala and Mbarara due to high population that has been created by KIU. Farms

and plantations which were the characteristics of the area are no more as they are being replaced with buildings. The villages neighboring the university have now become suburbs.

Business in the area is steadily booming because of the population increase. Prices of agricultural products and house rent have almost tripled.

Accommodation in the area has become the biggest challenge because of the competition from the population. House rent for just single rooms moved from Sh15,000 to between Sh150,000-Shs200,000=

“Many people have been forced to shift to cheaper areas neighboring the town like Rwemirokora and Kizinda because they cannot afford the house rent that has been hiked due to competition,” said one resident.

The university has solved the problem of idleness especially in Ishaka and Bushenyi towns, as over 1500 people directly employed in the university in different sections while others are indirectly benefiting from the institution.

“If you are to check with the police records, The crime rate must have reduced in Ishaka and Bushenyi towns because those who used to be jobless and idle have what to do now,” according to Amos Muhwezi Kahara a lecturer at the university.

In agriculture, Bassajjabalaba has caused a paradigm shift in the tea industry by establishing Global Tea factory in Kyamuhunga town council. “The tea industry is no longer business as usual,” Bassajjabalaba vowed in one



**Al Hajji Hassan Bassajjabalaba  
Chairman**

of the interviews.

Even after the split of Bushenyi, Bassajjabalaba has continued to be a development influencer. In the newly created districts like Buhweju, Basajjabalaba is an icon through his Global Tea factory which he has extended there hence changing the trend of tea industry in the area.



KIU Ishaka campus



## Igara Growers Tea Factory a pace setter in tea industry

### 'Uganda's model business small scale farmers' organization'

One of the Institutions you cannot leave out when you are talking of Bushenyi's social and economic development is Igara Growers Tea factory.

Established in 1969 by Uganda Tea Growers Corporation (UTGC) to serve small scale tea farmers, Igara has steadily continued to empower and strengthen the tea farmers' capacity and giving the tea industry a direction. Igara remains a benchmarking centre for all matters in the tea industry.

The institution draws its strength from the over 7000 shareholders who have sustained it since its inception. It is the above shareholders who have enabled Igara to always stand

out in terms of production capacity and productivity.

"From 2008 to-date, our capacity has grown from handling 16.8 Million Kilograms of leaf to over 40 million Kgs of green leaf annually," says the factory General Manager Mr. Nsanze adding that, "and you can imagine had it not been Igara Growers Tea factory, where would all that green leaf be going?"

He says for over time, the factory has been building the farmers capacity to increase tea production by expanding their gardens under tea and opening new fields, which has culminated into increased tea production in the Greater Bushenyi region.

### How Igara has impacted on the tea industry

According to Nsanze, offering trainings to tea farmers to have a commercial concept of tea growing has greatly contributed to an increase in tea production.

"On top of giving them fertilizers on loan basis and on a subsidized price, we give our tea farmers field extension services where we educate them on sustainable production, fertilizer and herbicide application and conservation of the natural environment."

Igara has established green leaf collection service whereby, using hired vehicles and computerized weighing scales, our clerks collect the tea farmers' leaf from designated green leaf collection shades and transport it to the factory for processing into the final product which is black CTC made tea.

"We continue to source for more and better markets

abroad in order to sell more teas at better prices than those from the Mombasa auction for the benefit of the farmers." Says Mr. Nsanze.

On realizing profits, Igara shares with the farmers by increasing the price of green leaf and giving them a 2nd payment on the leaf supplied and paying them dividends on their shares.

### Giving back to the community

As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility, Igara has, through the Fairtrade Premium, played a pivotal role in communities by funding construction of a number health units, staff houses and classroom blocks in some schools, installing safe and clean water systems, constructing rain water harvesting tanks and repairing some green tea collecting roads.

### Future plans

- To improve the prevailing services especially timely supply of inputs.
- Continued extension services to boost production so that farmers can produce better quality tea to fetch a better price on the World market.
- To upgrade the processing systems to continue being a

'leader' in the tea industry.

- To continue sourcing for better markets abroad and also exploit the local market chain.

**"We commend government for its different interventions in the tea industry especially providing our tea farmers with tea seedlings to expand and establish more gardens of tea,"** the manager concludes.

# WHY IT'S TIME FOR WETLAND RESTORATION NOW TO SECURE A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

By Mwesigwa Charles,  
Environmental Officer

A wetland is an area which is permanently or seasonally flooded by water where plants and animals have become adapted. (The National Environment Statue 1995).

Wetlands provide habitat for thousands of species of aquatic, terrestrial plants and animals. They are also valuable for flood protection, water quality improvement, shoreline erosion control, natural products, recreation and aesthetics.

Wetlands are key drivers of economy although their roles are not directly linked to major sectors of economy. For this reason economic players have continued to encroach and degrade wetlands under the guise of economic growth.

In agriculture sector, which is the back bone of Uganda's economy, Wetlands play a vital role in the hydrological cycle by influencing climatic patterns which affect crop yields. The unprecedented weather patterns result into crop failure, floods, disease outbreaks and prolonged dry spells all of which result into famine and poverty. More so, In terms of animal husbandry, water is essential for production and without it, it becomes difficult to do farming as a business. Currently, a number of farmers are adopting Zero grazing practices and poultry farming on a large scale and in case of an interruption in water supply it creates a crisis among farmers leading to low levels of production. What has been a common practice is that, we tend to aim at extending water closer to people but little emphasis put on protecting water sources.

In Works and Transport sector, Wetlands hold water and release it in small amounts. At times, during the rainy seasons, degraded wetlands have no ability to hold water. It therefore means mass flow of water



Bushenyi district authorities led by the Former Deputy Resident District Commissioner (D/RDC) Rosemary Atuhaire (lady) monitoring and enforcing the restoration of a wetland in Ishaka Division, Bushenyi/Ishaka Municipality.

resulting into floods hence destroying road networks especially bridges. This affects the flow of goods and services between the consumers and the producers in the long run affect the final prices of the goods and services. For example, the recent stampede that happened on Katonga Bridge that has paralyzed transport of goods and services to and from the western part of Uganda. The damage of road infrastructure costs government a lot of more to repair and the burden is finally put on the tax payer.

Health sector. The population becomes health, if there is abundance of food. The effects of climate change like floods and prolonged dry spells can result into poor feeding resulting into increased incidence of diseases. In flooded areas human waste management and provision of safe water for drinking may be a dream as people sometimes are forced to stay in camps. This may result into outbreak of waterborne diseases. The eventual result is procurement of drugs to treat such diseases by the government hence increasing a burden on the tax payer. Sometimes, the climate change effects like mudslides claim lives of people and their property. In some places where road infrastructure is damaged people cannot access health facilities which may also lead to loss of lives

and abandoning of family planning services.

Education. In many occasions, Climate effects have paralyzed education system for example in flooded areas and areas which are prone to mudslides, people are made to shift and stay in camp sites sometimes children can no longer access their schools because of the damaged road infrastructure which may result to discourage of learners and may even drop out of school.

The role of wetlands in water filtration cannot be underestimated, National Water and Sewerage Cooperation has the mandate to extend safe water to the population. Water is treated before it is extended to population for human use. The costs involved in the water treatment depends on the impurities present. In the absence of wetlands, the quantity of impurities becomes high and this makes treatment costs expensive. What we need to know is that extra costs involved is pushed to the final consumer.

Whereas Uganda is aiming at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, the planers of this country should bear it in mind that restoration of wetlands is one of the key strategies in mitigating the effects of climate change.

# GOVERNMENT GIVES UTC-BUSHENYI A NEW LOOK

## UTC Bushenyi focuses on competence based skills trainings

If you have been to UTC Bushenyi 10 years ago and you visit the college today, you may find asking yourself questions like; is this the UTC Bushenyi which I left here or I'm in another college? Later you will relax and have a feel/experience a new College which has been given a total 'face lift.'



The Principal Sam Byagweri attributes the new look to government which has invested a heavily through development partners like the Islamic Development Bank, Uganda Skills Development Program (USDP) and the World Bank.

It's indeed among the five Colleges in the Country with the state of the Art laboratories, Workshops, improved infrastructure and Transport with committed staff to sustain producing graduates who are competitive in the world of work.



"Our ultimate goal now is to further continue producing competent graduates that meet the needs of the employers especially manufacturing sector," says the college principal.

At UTC-Bushenyi, it is no longer only equipping students with skills and knowledge as the curriculum states/stimulates. With the available infrastructure, the College has gone ahead to put much emphasis on attitude and real life projects in the field. The students are now more engaged in practicals especially outside and within the College where they gain more experience through real life projects.

"We no longer hire outside labour. It's our students who fix each and everything and thus acquiring skills," the Principal explains.

The Principal says they have embarked on the above innovations on realizing that there has been a missing linkage between the graduates which institutions send out to the market and the employers. "We sat with the employers especially manufacturers and they told us what they need and the assurance we give them now is that we

are focusing on giving them products which are tailored to their needs. We are in line with what is on the ground/job market."

He further says they have assembled a team of teachers/trainers who went to France for training. These are to train students on the usage of the state of the art machinery installed in the college's three modern workshops which includes;

- Welding and metal fabrication
- Maintenance technology
- Production technology.
- According to Byagweri, the above courses were developed with the help of a twinning partnership between the college and Setere in France. The courses are internationally accredited.

"We appeal to the parents and the community to embrace and utilize the infrastructure. Let the machines not remain under utilized because we even have the arrangement of short courses which are meant to benefit the local community," Byagweri appeals.

## The impact of commercialization of politics in Bushenyi

### DEEPENING ELECTORAL DEMOCRACY AMIDST ELECTORAL POVERTY AND IGNORANCE

#### Dr. Innocent MURAMUZI, PhD

The traditional definition of democracy as the rule of the people, for the people and the people has become out of vogue. Newer definitions of democracy as the rule of the majority nonsense and democracy as the rule of those with fat bank accounts have recently taken over especially in least developed countries.

The commercialization of politics in Uganda in general and in Bushenyi district in particular has literally pushed leaders into offices that they really don't fit into. Leaders are generally expected to lead, to serve and spearhead the development issues of their electorates as well as political representation. But, when a leader goes into office after a fierce give and take marathon during party primaries as well as general elections, the aforementioned ideals are never remembered but rather, leaders concentrate on replenishing their personal coffers and servicing their "Kafuna" obligations accumulated during those financially demanding campaigns.

The proposals down here may sound rather extreme to some people but an afterthought may give a better understanding of how we can cure the electoral ills pertaining at the time in the country. I would call on my leaders at all levels but especially in parliament to digest the proposals down here and see if they can put our electoral democracy back on track the way we voted during the Constituency Assembly of 1994 as well as the 1996 general elections which were in a sincere opinion devoid of money.

Reinstate graduated tax on all adults willing to participate in any electoral process particularly voting to ensure a revenue source for the country as well as eliminating people who simply vote without electing.

Lower the voting age to 16 years to enable S. 4 leavers without any hope of going to A level or any higher education to vote leaders who can reassure such youthful voters of a bright future than having several 90 plus year olds who completely have



not debt to pay for their country any more. Banning court process proven victims of voter bribery from contesting in the next two general elections to serve as a bitter lesson against commercialization of politics.

Massive civic educations like the one we had in 1994 by Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC) which has not been seen to date. The current voter education has not empowered the electorate hence the current electoral hullabaloo.

Electoral democracy and poverty both mental and financial cannot co-exist. Well planned, streamlined, non-political economic empowerment programmes need to be rolled out to the needy and less economically empowered voters to curtail the habit of voters receiving money and still vote those who bribed them instead of their real choices even if they may not have given them anything.

# WHAT MAKES KYAMUHUNGA STANDOUT AS A RICH SUB-COUNTY IN BUSHENYI DISTRICT

*Has its potential been fully exploited? What can be done to harness its potential further?*



A tea plantation in Kyamuhunga sub county.

By Paul Kahigi and Chris Mugasha

Bushenyi District comprises of 17 sub-counties including Town Councils and Municipal Divisions. The Greater / former Kyamuhunga sub-County currently comprises of Kyamuhunga Town Council, Kyamuhunga Sub-County and Bitooma Town Council. The Sub-County shall be viewed in the context of Greater Kyamuhunga Sub-county. The Sub-County is among the rich Sub-counties not only in the District but also the region generally.

## Mineral rich Sub-County

Most of the rivers and vain the vallies in the Sub-County have gold deposits.

The Chinese have until recently pitched camp in the sub-county to explore the gold. **What needs to be investigated is whether they were doing exploration or real mining!** It's also confirmed that there other minerals like Tin, white mercury, copper, lead among others. There is also sand and stone mining activities going on in the sub-county.

## An Industrial hub for Bushenyi District-mainly Tea factories

- (i) Igara Growers Tea factory
- (ii) Kyamuhunga Tea factory (KTC)
- (iii) Mcleod Russel Factory
- (iv) Global Tea Factory
- (v) Swazi Highland Tea Company

There are two more factories coming up in the Sub-County very soon.

There are other small scale factories like, Yoghurt processing, wine processing, coffee.

## Forests

The Sub-County boarders Kalinju and Kasyoha-Kitomi Central forests and government through National Forestry Authority (NFA) allowed people to plant trees in the reserve mostly eucalyptus trees to provide five wood mainly to the said factories.

# Kyamuhunga's Potential

## Agriculture

The sub-County is also engaged in farming, animal husbandry and fisheries.

The land is favourable for both food and cash crops.

Some of the food crops include;

- Matooke, millet, sweet potatoes, Maize, Irish potatoes among others.
- Cash crops are mainly coffee and tea.
- Vegetables are also grown, tomatoes, carrots, pepper, beans, cabbages, peas, soya beans and ground nuts legumes).
- Fruit growing . These include, pineapples, jackfruits, ovacado, mangoes, Guavas, passion fruits, oranges, lemon, cucamba among others.
- Dairy farming, milk production is high.
- Poultry farming and egg production is also high.
- Piggery
- Fish farming and .....production to other fish farmers.
- The food production helps to feed the high workforce in the five factories.

## Other opportunities that can be exploited by potential investors

- There is need for more investment in the hotel industry
- The airfield is underutilized and needs further development
- There is need for more tea factories since the existing cannot consume all the green leaf during the rainy season. This would create more employment for the youth.
- There is need to invest in mineral mining and processing.
- These among others;

All the tea produced in Kyamuhunga is auctioned in Mombasa -Kenya and back in Kyamuhunga farmers and workers are paid every two weeks much of this money circulates in the sub-county in one way or the other making the sub county one of the richest in the District.

The sub county if well positioned can be a tourist destination there is an Eco- tourism Centre at Kayanga (Kyamuhunga) supported by the Japanese Government.

***Kyamuhunga has an operational air field at Mashonga which can be used by those tourists who would wish to travel by air.***

Students and researchers have often frequented the sub county to study tea farming and processing and forestry as well.

## Challenges

The high population working in tea factories comes from other different districts across the country and do not own land in the sub county but need food.

This exerts pressure on the food since there is a big population consuming but not producing and this has led to increased food prices.

***Much of the land has been used for tea farming leaving limited land for food production and this has made Kyamuhunga to lead in cases of malnutrition.***

There is increased school drop-out at both primary and secondary levels. Children from poor and average families go to work in the tea shambas/gardens and sometimes factories due to poor conditions in the homes and end up dropping out of school.

There is pollution caused by tea dust to the villages and towns neighbouring the factories. We may not tell the long time effects on the population by this tea dust.

The price of tea leaves per kilogram has drastically declined from Shs400= to Shs200= per kilogram of green leaf while the cost of inputs like fertilizers and herbicides have been persistently increasing eg. The cost of a bag of fertilizer increased from 95,000/= to 180,000/= so after paying for inputs and workers, farmers remain with peanuts causing the small tea farmers to remain partially poor.

It's unfortunate that some farmers have uprooted the tea gardens and many others are contemplating to venture into other enterprises.

There is little focus on the production of food stuffs and there's little incomes from cash crops that would be used to buy food. The population has exerted pressure on health centres.



# NATIONAL WATER AND SEWERAGE CORPORATION (NWSC)

## MORE UGANDANS RECEIVE WATER AS NWSC EXPANDS TO 268 TOWNS

National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC) is Uganda's Public Utility Company whose mandate as defined in the NWSC Act, Cap.317 Laws of Uganda 2000 section 5(1), is to operate and provide water and sewerage services in areas entrusted to it on a sound commercial and viable basis. The Corporation's Strategic Focus as enshrined in the Corporate Plan 2021 – 2024 is to ensure water for all, for the social – economic transformation of Ugandans and industrialization growth, through strategic partnerships. This is in line with the overarching Government Policy Direction enshrined in the Third National Development Plan (NDP III), Vision 2040, NRM Manifesto, and Sustainable Development Goals 2030 (SDG 6). The Corporate Plan is further

cascaded downwards into annual budgets, performance improvement programmes (PIPs) and operational plans at various levels.

Within the context of the Government of Uganda Manifesto, the Corporations' commitment broadly entails the following:

- a) Improving urban water supply and sewerage coverage.
- b) All cities, towns, trading centers, wards, cells and zones to get clean safe water (at least one source per village).
- c) Water and sewerage services for the planned industrial parks.
- d) Implementation of Capital Development Projects to enhance water and sewerage service delivery.

NWSC has developed a number of strategic undertakings in the Corporate Plan 2021 – 2024, to enable the Corporation realize its commitments above;

His Excellency the President unveils a list of NWSC projects completed during the celebrations to mark 50 years of NWSC



# ALL CITIES, TOWNS, TRADING CENTERS, WARDS, CELLS, AND ZONES TO GET WATER

This is being done by increasing service coverage through a deliberate and systematic takeover of towns in liaison with the Ministry of Water and Environment. The Corporation's geographical coverage has grown by 3% from 258 towns as at June 2020 to 268 towns as at March 2023 (an additional 10 towns). These towns are located in 97 districts across the country and constitute 11 cities, 257 urban centers (towns and sub-counties), and 16,687 villages. As at 31st March 2023, the village service coverage stood at 65% (10,799 villages with at least one safe water point). On the other hand, the Corporation's village coverage has increased by 50%, from 7,192 villages in 2020 to 10,799 villages served as at March 2023.

The growth is mainly attributed to the implementation of the SCAP 100 Project, whose target among others is to install at least two safe water sources in each village covered by NWSC.



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**Dr. Eng. Silver Mugisha**  
Managing Director

**NWSC-Nyaruzinga**  
Water Treatment Plant Bushenyi.



Special Report

# IMPROVING URBAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE COVERAGE

We believe that access to clean and safe water is a human right that must be enjoyed by all. The Corporation's aspiration is to increase its water service coverage from 74% in 2020 to 86% in 2026 and sewerage service coverage from 21% to at least 30%. As at 31st March 2023, the NWSC water service coverage stood at 78% while sewerage service coverage stood at 23%. The water service

coverage has grown by 5% from 74% registered in 2020 to 78%. The growth is attributed to increased connectivity of 22% mainly attributed to the expansion of the water network expansion through the implementation of the SCAP 100 Project and other Capital Development Projects in various NWSC Operational Areas.

**Table 1: NWSC Service Coverage for the FY 2019/20 – FY 2022/23 as of March 2023**

Indicator	2019/20 Baseline	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23 Mar23	Target 2026	% Achiev't	Growth from 2020
Water Production (million Ltrs/day)	389	400	456	466	592	79%	20%
Total Water Pipe Network (Km)	19,974	20,495	21,794	22,511	27,513	82%	13%
Water Connections (No.)	724,006	775,794	840,508	886,186	1,208,477	73%	22%
Public Stand Posts (No.)	21,600	24,867	26,955	29,120	44,698	65%	35%
Water Service Coverage (%)	74%	75%	78%	78%	86%	91%	5%
Population Served (No.) ("000")	15,703	16,097	17,585	18,236	23,365	78%	16%
Sewer Connections (No.)	23,914	25,180	28,007	28,612	29,557	97%	20%
Sewerage Service Coverage (%)	22%	23%	23%	23%	30%	77%	5%

## IMPLEMENTATION OF CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The Government's target is to ensure that all Ugandans have access to safe water and Sanitation by 2040. However, the current water infrastructure is unable to meet the needs of the existing population and threatens that of future generations. Thus, there is a need for major refurbishment of the existing infrastructure and the development of new systems in various

areas of the country to enhance service delivery capacity.

The projects are largely financed by the Government of Uganda in collaboration with Development Partners. The Corporation also sets aside funds from its internal revenues and through market financing to refurbish and expand the water infrastructure.

# Bushenyi water supply augmentation project

NWSC is implementing the Bushenyi Water Supply Augmentation Project whose main objective is to solve water supply challenges in the areas of Kakanju, Kizinda, Kyamuhunga and the surroundings.

The Project consists of:

- Construction of Water Abstraction Intake on River Walugo
- Construction of 2.36 km Water Pumping Main and associated pipework fittings and civil works
- Construction of a 2,500,000 million liters per day Conventional Water Treatment Plant at Kibatama

- Construction of 600m<sup>3</sup> Hot Pressed Galvanised Sectional Steel Tank on reinforced concrete pedestals, with the associated pipework fittings and civil works.
- Process and laboratory improvements in the Shuuku and Nyaruzinga Water Treatment Plants.

Currently, the works are underway and the project is at 40% completion status. The expected completion time is December 2023.

The Corporation has also registered the following milestones in regard to project implementation over the last three years;

*The achievement above notwithstanding the Corporation has experienced some challenges that continue to affect service delivery. These include;*

- A number of villages remain unserved
- Limited financing for capital projects,
- Climate change affecting the reliability of water sources,
- Illegal water connections, and Vandalism of NWSC infrastructure
- Delayed approvals by third parties



Minister of Water and Environment Hon. Sam Cheptoris together with the Chairman of the Board NWSC and Managing Director Dr. Silver Mugisha during recent project visits

Table 2: NWSC projects completed, ongoing and planned

**COMPLETED PROJECTS**

1. Katosi Drinking Water Treatment Plant Project
2. Nakivubo Waste Water Treatment Plant Project
3. Katosi - Kampala Transmission Mains
4. Nakivubo and Kinawataka Sewers Network
5. Kinawataka Pre-treatment and Pumping Station
6. Gaba 1&2 Water Treatment Plants Refurbishment
7. Arua Water Management and Development Project
8. Bushenyi Water Management and Development Project
9. Gulu Water Management and Development Project
10. Compact Sewage Treatment Plants for Fort Portal & Kisoro Towns
11. Kapchorwa Water Supply Project
12. Fort Portal Water Production Improvement Project
13. Sembabule Water Supply Improvement Project
14. Kapeeka Water Supply Project
15. Masindi Water Production Improvement Project
16. Buloba Water Supply Project
17. Parombo Water Supply Project

**ONGOING PROJECTS**

1. Kampala Network Restructuring & Rehabilitation
2. Improvement of Water Supply and Sanitation Services in Informal Settlements
3. Mbale Water Supply and Sanitation Project
4. Karuma Water Treatment Plant
5. Gulu - Karuma Transmission Mains
6. Adjumani Water Supply and Sanitation Project
7. Kagera Water Works
8. Mbarara Water and Sanitation Project
9. Masaka Water and Sanitation Project
10. Wakiso West Water and Sanitation Project
11. Hoima Water Production Improvement Project
12. Lyantonde Water Supply Project
13. Compact Sewage Treatment Plant for Kirudu Referral Hospital
14. Bushenyi Water Supply Augmentation Project
15. Kyankwanzi Water Supply Project
16. Kalungu Water Supply Project
17. Soroti Water Supply Project
18. Tororo Water Supply Project
19. Kanungu Water Supply Project
20. Moroto Water Supply Project
21. Lira Water Supply Improvement Project
22. Extension of Water Supply Services to EACOP Facilities
23. Refurbishment of Soono Water Works
24. Water Supply Project to Manafwa Town Council
25. Water Supply Project to Mukura Town Council
26. Kamuli WTP Modification and Upgrade

**PROJECTS AT PLANNING AND INCEPTION**

1. Ajono Water Supply Stabilisation Programme
2. Jupamocha III Water Supply System (Paidha)
3. Layibitecho Water Supply System
4. Parego Water Supply system
5. Pakwach Water Production Augmentation
6. Odubonga Water Supply system
7. Mbele water Supply System
8. Rwemigina WSSP
9. Nyakyeru Water Supply System
10. Rugarama Water Extension Project
11. Kihumuro Barracks Water Extension
12. Kamwezi Water Supply Improvement Interventions
13. Muhanga Water Supply Improvement Interventions
14. Gishegera Water Extension Project
15. Nkanka Phase II Water Supply Project
16. Kigabiro Water Extension Project
17. Kakindo Water Extension Project
18. Kati-Kanyabwanga Project
19. Bweranyangye Extension Project
20. Ntungamo Water Supply Stabilization Interventions
21. Kihanda Water Supply Extension Project
22. Katerero-Kengoma Water Extension Project
23. Improvements at Mpanga Water Treatment Plant
24. River Kyanjoki Raw Water Abstraction Project
25. Improvements of Water Supply in Kaabong Branch
26. Improvements of Water Supply in Kotido Main
27. Water Supply Stabilization in Serere Town Council



# Bushenyi District

# HIV/AIDS Status

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<b>252,400</b> District estimated Total Population	<b>19,616</b> Estimated number of PLHIV	<b>18,212 (93%)</b> Number of people identified with HIV	<b>17,018</b> Number of HIV positive clients active in HIV care (On ART) as at the end of Dec 2022
<b>15,997 (94%)</b> Number of clients on ART with suppressed Viral load	<b>6.4%</b> HIV prevalence rate (General population)	<b>5.3%</b> HIV prevalence rate (Males)	<b>7.5%</b> HIV prevalence rate (Females)

### Other efforts put in place to end HIV/AIDS by 2030:

In Health facilities where HIV/AIDS comprehensive care and treatment services are provided, we have expert clients who support health facilities in counseling People living with HIV/AIDS including newly identified and lost to follow up clients.

We also have Young People and Adolescent Peers (YAPS) at some health facilities and these help to provide psychosocial support to their fellow young people and Adolescents so that they can take up the services that lead to identification of more adolescents and young people living with HIV, adherence to drugs and viral load suppression.

### Note

- There is slight reduction on the new HIV Infections but still the highest HIV incidence is among the individuals aged between 20-24 years, with the Female sex affected most. A reasonable number of these individuals are commercial sex workers, Boda boda riders, Taxi drivers, Bar attendants, prisoners, tea workers, students in the Universities and other institutions of higher learning etc.
- It has also been noted that the other category of individuals acquiring new HIV infections are the men aged 35 years and above.
- Kyamuhunga, Kizinda-Kigoma, Rwentuha Town Councils and Ishaka Division have the highest HIV incidence > 9% (Hot spots)
- Community dialogue on HIV Prevention should be scaled up



## KYABUGIMBI CO-OPERATIVE SAVINGS AND CREDIT SOCIETY LIMITED

### About Our SACCO

Kyabugimbi Co-operative Savings and Credit Society Limited (KYAB) is a savings and credit cooperative society that was formed with a mission of providing members with excellent financial products and services that improves the standards of living.

Its located at Katikamwe cell, Kyabugimbi Town Council in Bushenyi District. Kyabugimbi Sacco commenced operations in 2000 following its incorporation as a company limited by guarantee, however, in 2002 a review of its legal status resulted in the change into a Sacco. To this end Kyabugimbi SACCO was duly registered with the Registrar of cooperatives and issued with a certificate NO. 6525.

### Loan products

- Agriculture loans
- Business / Commercial
- School fees
- Motorcycle loan
- Emergency loans
- Solar loans
- Home improvement loan



### Savings products

- Voluntary savings
- Fixed Deposit



### Other services

- Mobile money services
- Training

#### Vision

To be a strong financial institution promoting social economic development of its members

#### Mission

To provide members with excellent financial products and services that improves their standards of living

#### Core values

Professionalism, Integrity, Transparency and Accountability, Team work, Excellent Customer Service and Innovativeness.



*Demonstration of an effective micro scale irrigation system using a rain gun at Mr Kabangira's farm in Kyamuhunga*

## LOOKING AT BENEFITS OF TREES BEYOND PROVISION OF ONLY TIMBER, CHARCOAL AND FIRE WOOD

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Forests and trees provide a wide range of benefits to human kind. These benefits can be categorized as Commercial, Ecological, or Cultural/Spiritual benefits. The benefits from these trees can be derived as either tree products or services. Methods to obtain these products and services can either be destructive, where the tree is cut down to obtain the product or non-destructive where the tree doesn't have to be cut down while obtaining the product or service. Over the years, people have been looking more at the value of the tree as provision of Timber, Charcoal and firewood and other products whose extraction leads to destruction of the tree. This article highlights those products and services whose value and significance has not been well appreciated due to their non-quantifiable nature and their indirect contribution to the economy. However the consequences due to absence of these services are dire and directly impact the economy adversely. These products and services are obtained without the need to cut the tree and they include the following;

Reduction in people's exposure to water borne pollutants. Storm water runoff can increase people's exposure to pollution. However, where trees are planted, these trees can intercept and filter this storm water there by improving the quality of the runoff water which can then be released by the trees into water ways when it is cooler and with fewer pollutants.

Improving property value. Properties and structures situated in areas with well-planned tree planting have higher values compared to those in bare landscapes. This is attributed to the serene environment and the aesthetic beauty provided by the trees.

Removal of air pollution. In industrialized urban areas, air pollution is inevitable. These pollutants such as carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide and others pose a serious risk to human health. However tree planting in these areas is capable of removing tones of such pollutants thus reducing on the health risk of people residing in these areas.

Atmospheric heat reduction. With increasing global temperatures, increase in heat and heat related problems pose a very serious threat to human health



*The staff of Rukararwe (in green) explaining to visitors during their visit to Rukararwe's herbal medicinal forest.*

especially in urban areas given the dense population in urban and peri-urban settlements. Well planned urban tree planting can help ameliorate some of the heat on the urban dwellers there by consequently reducing on the risks of heat related health problems.

Provision of nutritious foods source and. Trees especially fruit trees within well-established orchards can provide food rich in nutrients to people within and around the planted areas there by improving food security and promoting the well-being of the people.

Well planned tree and forest planting can act as stress reliever. Studies have shown that presence of trees urban settlements improves mental health by reducing stress. This was demonstrated in lower levels of stress hormone cortisol in people living in areas with more green spaces. According to the study, when people are exposed to nature, they experience increased vigor and decreased depression.

Promoting a strong economy. Trees improve the value of the properties where they are well planted. The improved value builds stronger neighborhoods and vibrant communities with better facilities such as schools and health care units there by improving the health and status of the dwellers. Additionally, by reducing and /or preventing health related problems through cleaning both the air and water for people's consumption, trees promotes and improves the health and productivity of the population

there by saving the government of the resources which would have otherwise been spent to treat ailments emanating from pollutants.

Prevention and/or treatment of certain ailments. Plant extracts from some trees contain chemical compounds which are capable of preventing or treating certain ailments. For example the famous "Covidex tree" (*Warbugia ugandensis*) and *Prunus Africana* whose extracts have been used as support treatment for COVID-19 and prostate cancer respectively.

Trees can be used to mark important events as well as recording the history of institutions and families as they grow and develop alongside the family and institution. For example every time a child is born in a family a tree can be planted, like wise at every event in an Institution trees can be planted to mark and track the history of such events.

Trees can perform judicial functions for example, appropriate trees can be planted to mark land boundaries and this helps in prevention and/or resolving land disputes.

With increased mobilization and sensitization of the masses about the products and services we obtain from trees without the need to cut the tree as opposed to only looking at Timber Charcoal, and Firewood, the population will appreciate the significance of the benefits obtained without necessarily cutting down the trees. Consequently more trees shall be planted than are being cut.



Tourists admiring a rabbit at Muga Eco Village.

## BUSHENYI'S TOURISM POTENTIAL

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# Existing Tourism Sites In Bushenyi District

### Bitooma sub-county

Hot spring Found in Bitooma sub-county, makwetere cell, amabare village. It is Approximately 18 kilometers off the Bushenyi – Mbarara highway.

#### Activities include;

- Bird watching
- Nature walks through the forest.
- Swimming.
- Photography
- Camping

### Kakanju sub-county

Katunga crater lake

Located in katungavillage, kakanju sub-county. It's about 15km off the main road (Bushenyi-mbarara highway).

#### Activities include;

- Hiking above the lake for a clear view.
- Swimming around the shallow ends of the lake.
- Sports fishing
- Story telling about the existence of the lake
- Camping
- Photography

### Tea Estates

Between Butare trading center and mashonga in Kyamuhunga Sub County are the amazing tea estates that provide a very beautiful and attractive atmosphere for the photo lovers.

#### Activities carried out involve

- Guided nature walks
- Tea processing which involves cultivation, leaf collection, fermentation, drying and tasting the different samples.
- Photography
- Café in Butaare town council.

### Nyakabirizi division

Eco Tourism Centers. These help in the conservation and preserving of the environment.

They include;

- Rukararwe eco-tourism.
- Nyaruzinga wetland.
- Muga eco village.
- Karinju Eco- tourism

#### Activities;

- Tree planting
- Nature walks
- Agro tourism

### Bushenyi-ishaka municipality

Kabagarama Pork Palace, Located in Ruharo ward, Buashenyi –ishaka municipality off Bushenyi – Mbarara highway about 1 km from the main road.

#### Activities include

- Photography
- Pork feasting

### Kyamuhunga sub-county

Karinju forest reserve. Found in Kayanga village, Kibazi parish, Kyamuhunga sub-county and other parts of Nyabubaare sub-county. It is on Bushenyi- Kasese highway. Its approximately 375km, 5 hour drive from Kampala.

#### Activities Eco tourism,

- Chimp trekking
- Chimp habituation,
- Forest walk/nature walks
- Monkey tracking
- Butterfly identification,
- Research, conservation education
- Small mammal viewing, Camping.

## Ruhumuro sub-county

Waterfalls, Cave. Sight-seeing

These are located in Kasa 2 village, Ruhumuro sub-county approximately 18 kilometers off the Bushenyi –Mbarara highway. They create a boundary between Bushenyi and Buhweju District. It's also where the Kyambura Gorge starts from.

Activates include;

- Chimp trekking. This place also harbors a rare species of chimpanzees that are not elsewhere.
- Beautiful scenery (interlocking spurs),
- Nature walks,
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## Bushenyi/Ishaka municipality, Kizinda town council, Kyamuhunga Sub County.

Agro Tourism

Bushenyi is well known as the model district for Matooke (Bananas), coffee and Tea. There are 38 factories in the district.

Below is the list of agro farms where agro tourism can be carried out.

- The Bushenyi Youth Forum project (Bushenyi Development Farm)
- Mr. Batuna Yorokamu's farm in Kyamuhunga sub-county.
- Mr. Vicent Muhame's farm in Kizinda, Nyabubaare sub-county
- Mr. Tida Wines in Nkanga sub-county.
- Forest fruits in Nyakabirizi division.
- The presidential initiative project for bananas at Valley College.

Activities

- Visits to the farm land.
- Milking
- Education tourism
- Photography



Revelers enjoying Kabagarama pork market

# Tooke products hit market

In 2005, when Prof. Muranga set out to initiate the Presidential Initiative on Banana Industrial Development (PIBID) to transform banana industry through value addition, many thought it was a dream. Many doubted!

Muranga did not look derailed instead she remained focused on researching and innovating technologies that could transform livelihoods and save the farmers from suffering losses especially during the peak seasons of banana production from June to August and January February.

It should be noted that bananas would be left in the plantations to ripen or be harvested and served to cows but with her research she changed the banana shelf life to more than 1 year by making dried banana chips which are then milled to flour with a sophisticated technology and delivering a range of TOOKE banana products to both local and international markets.

The persistent alarming statistics in the banana production sector, of increasingly low production productivity, high post-harvest losses, very low export volumes and subsequent insignificant contributions of the banana sector to the GDP among others are what drove/informed Muranga to venture into the research.

By standing a test of time, those who doubted the story thinking bananas were just watery are now ambassadors of TOOKE brand as Muranga has succeeded in what she set out to innovate.

Tooke products which currently on market range from the secondary products include;

1. Raw Tooke Flour (RTF) This is used for production of other tertiary products such as confectionaries :  
Tooke cakes, Tooke Cookies, Tooke Flories, Tooke Mandazi, Tooke Bread(s)
2. Instant Tooke Flour (ITF) This facilitates the preparation of an instant Matooke Meal with the aid of just hot water while in the comfort of your office, or anywhere since it doesn't require peeling, steaming or boiling but rather a thorough mingle in hot water.

Prof. Muranga's research was envisioned on improving bananas competitiveness in both local, regional and international markets by investing in high quality science led products on shelves of both local and international stores, Raw Tooke Flour be availed to big players in food fortification and confectionaries across globe where as the Tooke starch be used to high end pharmaceutical companies to encapsulate expensive medicines

This will change Matooke from a local food to a commercial Global food.

PIBID has gone through a number of processes to cause the paradigm shift/a revolution in the banana industry and its now at a takeoff stage.

## Goals and objectives

PIBID's goal, therefore was to kick start a pilot industry in banana value addition, yielding products with both market strength and competitiveness, through a state of the art banana based sustainable processing enterprises, nurtured under a Technology Business Incubator (TBI) and an Industrial Technology Park (ITP) infrastructure framework enshrined into university academic and technical research and development, and manned by rural farmers and entrepreneurs.



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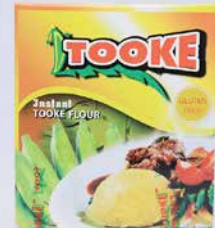


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