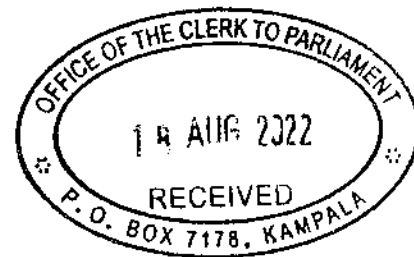




THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA



**RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT BY
THE RT HON. PRIME MINISTER DURING PRIME MINISTER'S
TIME**

THURSDAY, 18th AUGUST, 2022

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1. Hon. Nandagire Christine Ndiwalana, Member of Parliament, Bukomansimbi North County.

Rt Hon. Prime Minister,

We received information concerning the outbreak of various diseases arising from usage of unsafe water in Bukomansimbi District.

PRAYER:

a)Rf Hon. Prime Minister, can you please update the House about this outbreak?

RESPONSE:

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues, the Ministry of Water and Environment in consultation with Bukomansimbi District Technical staff are not aware of any disease outbreak and one of the key areas monitored by the Ministry, is water quality.

In the Financial Year 2021/2022, Bukomansimbi District Water Office carried out water quality sampling and testing of sources in the District and 100% of the sources tested met the national standards for drinking water.

Bukomansimbi District Local Government has good potential for underground water in nearly all the sub-counties except Kitanda and Bigasa sub-counties.

Honourable Colleagues, the safe water coverage stands at 86% as at 30th June,2022. The District has a total projected population of 169,583 people, comprising of five sub-counties, four town-councils, 39 parishes and 254 villages.

The water technology options comprise of;



- 163 protected springs
- 262 shallow wells
- 102 deep boreholes
- 1 pumped water system with 655 tap stands
- 310 Rain Water Harvesting Tanks of at least 10 cubic millimeters capacity and;
- 16 valley tanks and one dam for production facilities.

In the Financial Year 2021/2022, the Ministry, together with development partners under the program of Uganda Sanitation for Health Activity (USHA) supported Bukomansimbi District to build capacity to implement Market-Based Sanitation Implementation Approach (MBSIA) and strengthen Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS).

In addition, Uganda Sanitation for Health Activity has rehabilitated boreholes and shallow wells and also constructed sanitation facilities in the entire District.

Under Uganda Sanitation for Health Activity (USHA) still, the Ministry has implemented a UGX 600 Million solar powered piped water project in Bigasa Town, covering Bulenge Rural Growth Centre. This project is ongoing and due for commissioning in November 2022 and targets serving more than 500 households.

Rt. Hon. Speaker and colleagues, let us appreciate Government interventions in Bukomansimbi District. However, Hon. Nandagire Christine should provide my Office with detailed information on the symptoms of the disease, the persons affected and their locations for Government follow up.



**2. Hon. Etuka Isaac Joakino, Member of Parliament,
Upper Madi County**

Rt Hon. Prime Minister,

Given the escalating famine situation in Karamoja, the Minister for Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees, Mr. Hilary Onek, flagged off 552 metric tonnes of maize flour and 238 metric tonnes of beans at the Office of the Prime Minister Stores in Namanve, Wakiso District on Wednesday, 20th July 2022 and the Government committed Shs 135 Billion to feed Karamoja for the next three months.

PRAYERS:

- a) Rt Hon. Prime Minister, can you assure and confirm to Ugandans the number of beneficiaries who have actually benefitted from relief aid.
- b) You will recall that in 2020, 40% of the beans given as relief food to the vulnerable people had gravel and stones. Can you assure Ugandans about the quality of food that you have provided to the people of Karamoja this time?



c) Can the government initiate a comprehensive Value For Money audit into the funds committed by Government to provide food in Karamoja?

RESPONSE:

a) Rt Hon. Speaker and Honourable Members,

The District Disaster Management Committees held meetings to identify the most vulnerable population following needs assessment reports by District technical teams.

The Office of the Prime Minister dispatched relief food to the most vulnerable population estimated at 388,500 people in Karamoja Sub-region. The relief food was dispatched to the Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) who are the Accounting Officers in their respective Districts.

This is a summary of relief food delivered to Karamoja Sub-region since March to July 2022;

MARCH & APRIL 2022

- Maize flour - 740,000 Kg (740 tonnes)
- Beans - 370,000 Kg (370 tonnes)



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JUNE 2022

- Maize flour - 1,605,000 Kg (1,605 tonnes)
- Beans - 625,000 Kg (625 tonnes)

JULY 2022

- Maize flour - 572,000 Kg (572 tonnes)
- Beans - 286,000 Kg (286 tonnes)

b) Rt Hon. Speaker and Colleagues, as a requirement, all food supplied to the Office of the Prime Minister is subject to quality assurance by Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS). A certificate is then issued and presented to the Office of the Prime Minister stores on delivery of supplies.

c) Rt Hon. Speaker and Colleagues, the Office of the Prime Minister requested for UGX 135 Billion and the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development released only UGX 20 Billion from the Contingency Fund to cater for Karamoja and other parts of the country affected by disasters.

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**3. Hon. Muhumuza David, Member of Parliament,
Mwenge County North, Kyenjojo District**

Rt Hon. Prime Minister,

Kyenjojo District is the largest District in the Rwenzori West Policing region. It has two main highways of Kampala-Fort Portal and Hoima-Kyenjojo-Kamwenge. Accidents, highway robberies, theft and murders are common but the District has no single police vehicles to help them when need arises.

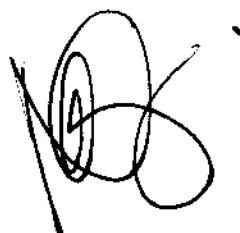
The District occasionally borrows a vehicle from Kitagwenda District which is too old to serve the purpose.

The DPC, OC/CID and CI are all committed and hard-working women which is a good affirmative action for women empowerment but they are not well facilitated in terms of mobility.

PRAYER:

Rt Hon. Prime Minister,

a) When will police vehicles and motorcycles in good working condition be delivered to the District for quick responses when issues of security and safety arise?



RESPONSE:

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues, Kyenjojo Police Station was allocated a brand-new vehicle, Toyota Hilux Single Cabin **UP 5489** model 2015 signed for by the then DPC, SP Mbabazi Martin.

This vehicle, like other vehicles in the same series have a mileage of 157,268 kilometres as per the records available for its last service.

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues, Kyenjojo District Police Vehicle is still in good motorable condition.

4. Hon. Mugabi Susan, Buvuma District Woman Representative, Buvuma District

Rt Hon. Prime Minister, there is a move by the Buvuma District Executive Committee in collaboration with the National Forestry Authority (NFA) to evict residents of 14 villages in the sub-counties of Nairambi and Buwooya, in preparation for the National Oil Palm Project and the need for Government to resettle the affected people.

PRAYER:

a. Rt Hon. Prime Minister, can you update the House about the matter?

RESPONSE:

Rt Hon. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues, Buvuma District is one of the areas earmarked for palm oil development where government is implementing the



National Oil Palm Project through the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries (MAAIF).

The project has acquired its own land in parts of Buvuma District and is also encouraging smallholder oil palm farming by private landowners in the District.

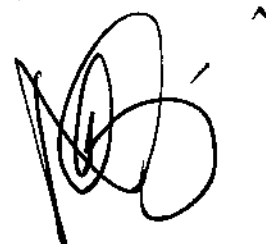
As part of the environment and social safeguards, the National Oil Palm Project (NOPP) works with the local leaders and other stakeholders with land interests in the project area to ensure the oil palm plantations are free of conflicts.

Honourable Colleagues, in February 2022, the National Oil Palm Project wrote to the National Forestry Authority notifying the Executive Director of the Project's intention of engaging the smallholder farmers in Buvuma District. The project requested National Forestry Authority to open the boundaries of two forest reserves to ensure that the smallholder farmers do not encroach on the forest reserves.

The National Forestry Authority thereafter engaged the District leadership and the District security team on the intention of re-opening the boundaries of two forest reserves (Lukale and Bugomba) located in Nairambi and Buwooya sub-counties.

On the 2nd August, 2022, a meeting was held at Buwoya Sub-county headquarters and was attended by RDCs, LCVs and over 300 members of the community.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform the community of the intended boundary opening exercise and solicit their support and participation as neighbours to the forest reserves.

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The District Surveyor and the National Forestry Authority embarked on the exercise of re-opening the boundaries of the two forest reserves.

Honourable Colleagues, the exercise has started with identifying existing points/Coordinates (previous survey marks) before a cutline is made on the 11km total boundary length for the two forests.

Bugomba Central Forest Reserve has a total area of 272 hectares with a boundary length of 5.9 km while Lukale Central Forest Reserve has a total area of 383 hectares and a boundary length of 6.1 km. The two forest reserves were gazetted in 1948.

Rt Hon.Speaker and Honourable Colleagues, during the exercise, it was discovered that some of the residents had encroached on the forest reserves and these are the people claiming that they have lived on the land for years and have fears that they will be evicted from the forest reserves.

Rt Hon. Speaker and Colleagues, the Ministry of Water and Environment and the National Forestry Authority are engaging the District leadership to get the best ways by which the encroachers will vacate the forest reserves. For now, the encroachers have been given time to harvest their crops and voluntarily vacate the forest reserves and pave way for forest restoration.

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5. Hon. Afidra Ronald is concerned about the delayed construction of Kia-Kia and Aringa Bridges affecting transportation of pregnant mothers and School going Children in Madi Okollo District.

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members, the works on the above bridges are ongoing projects of Government. The Government is planning to construct Kia-Kia Bridge on the Rhinocamp - Rigbo-Ewang Road and Aringa bridges.

The feasibility study and design for the bridge is done.

Hon. Members, these are the efforts Government is using to gradually improve and maintain the road and bridge infrastructure in Ma'di Okollo District using the available resources.

In Mad'Okollo District, through Uganda National Roads Authority, the Government has embarked on maintaining the Roads as follows:

- a. Wandi –Rhinocamp – 27km
- b. Ocoko – inde – 18km
- c. Okollo – inde 29km
- d. Pakwach – inde = 18km
- e. Inde – Rhinocamp - 23
- f. Arua – Nebbi 34km
- g. Rhinocamp – Ferry Access – 5.8km



Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members, I would like to assure you that Government of Uganda has prioritized investment in developing and maintaining

key transport infrastructure across all the Districts of Uganda.

The Government is aware of the importance of Transport infrastructure in supporting the socio-economic development of Ugandans society and is committed to use the available resources to provide the needed infrastructure.

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