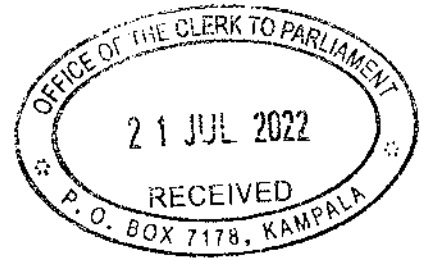




THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA



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


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THURSDAY 21st JULY 2022

Hon. Nanyondo Veronica District Woman Representative, Bukomansimbi

1. Concerned about the high and consistently rising cost of agricultural inputs. She reiterated that prices of key items like seeds, herbicides, fertilizers, tools, implements and machines among others were prohibitive which was making agricultural enterprises unviable. The District Woman Representative for Bukomansimbi therefore requested to know the interventions and plans government has to address them.

Interventions and Plans by Government

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- Rt. Hon. Speaker, Government is encouraging the use of E-Agriculture system, to cushion farmers from the escalating prices of agro-inputs.
 - Government is promoting the local manufacturing of agro-inputs including seed, acaricides, vaccines, fertilizers and herbicides.

For example, Government is working with private sector actors like

- i. ERAM (U) Limited to do fill and finish poultry powders;
 - ii. SANGA VET CHEM Limited to produce acaricides;
 - iii. VERMI-PRO to manufacture organic fertilizers and pesticides;
 - iv. While NARO and Makerere College of Veterinary Medicine and Bio-security (COVAB) to produce tick, Foot and Mouth (FMD) and African Swine Fever vaccines;
- Strengthen agro-dealer associations: This intervention aims to facilitate pooling of agro-input orders/demands from farmers and bulking the purchases to take advantage of economies of scale and to reduce transaction costs between agro-input manufacturers and dealers, which will translate into reduced prices to farmers;

- Building and strengthening capacity of farmers to properly use agro-inputs while sensitizing and preparing communities to adjust to the rising prices
- We want to advise our farmers to remain fugal in this period as we wait for prices to stabilize.

Hon. Nyamutoro Phiona, National Female Youth MP

2. Recently the Government of Uganda launched the free distribution of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Starter Kits targeting one million households in a bid to promote safe and clean cooking. Rt Hon Prime Minister may you please update us on the status of this programme?

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon Colleagues,

Over the years, heavy reliance on biomass (firewood and charcoal) as the primary cooking energy has eroded Uganda's national tree cover with adverse effects on the environment and the health of the population. The National Development Plan (NDP III) emphasizes the need for increased uptake of LPG, as an alternative and efficient cooking technology.

Government will give out **1 million LPG Starter Kits** to Ugandans for free – comprising locally



manufactured 13kg cylinders with accessories and a cook stove. to deserving households not using LPG who will be required to pay for the gas at a cost of approximately 100,000 shillings. The project will initially target cities and urban centres because of their high charcoal consumption and will then be rolled out to other areas. Please note that Parliament approved 19 billion for FY 2022/23 for this purpose. The Kits are being distributed on behalf of the Ministry of Energy by Vivo Energy Uganda, Total Energies Marketing Uganda Ltd and Stabex International Uganda Ltd. The companies shall distribute the cylinders to the households in different parts of the country following the agreed guiding criteria.



On the 5th July 2022 the Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, Hon. Ruth Nankabirwa, launched the distribution of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) at Makindye Sabagabo- Bugo zone Busabala, Starter Kits and the full distribution of these Kits commenced on the 12th July 2022 by TotalEnergies Marketing Uganda Ltd and Stabex International Uganda Ltd on behalf of Government of Uganda.

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honorable Members, increased usage of LPG will address the problem of continued dependence on biomass, resulting in a

massive reduction of plant cover, which is currently manifested through prolonged dry spells that have recently been experienced.

Rt. Hon. Speaker, our target is to achieve 20% distribution to House Holds across the country by 2030 from the current 0.8%.

We continue to encourage Ugandan households to embrace the usage of LPG, which is clean for those who can access it.

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Hon. Odur Jonathan, Member of Parliament, Erute South

3. Concerned about the deplorable state of Kamdini-Lira Road, whose funding from World Bank had delayed, leading to the abandonment of the site by the contractor.

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honorable Members,

Following the finalisation of the design and approval of safeguards requirements, the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport together with the area Members of Parliament conducted a ground breaking ceremony for the rehabilitation of the road on 22 April 2022. Thereafter an instruction to commence major rehabilitation works was issued on 17 June 2022 by the Consultant.

The contractor has fully mobilised and started with the major works including rehabilitation and improvement works effective 01 July 2022. The contractor has also commenced drainage construction as part of the major rehabilitation works. The full rehabilitation of the corridor from Soroti to Kamdini is expected to last 36 months by 30 June 2025.

In order to make the section motorable during the works execution, forward maintenance of the Lira – Kamdini section has been undertaken.



The poor sections from Lira to Loro about 50km have been improved with crushed stone material mixed with gravel and sealed with bitumen and these will be sealed to minimise on dust. 15km have been so far been sealed. The remaining section up to Kamdini is being completed by end of August 2022.

Hon. Ssenyonyi Joel Basekezi, Member of Parliament, Nakawa West,

4. There is a looming eviction of over 30,000 people, some of whom are bonafide occupants of land belonging to Uganda Railways Corporation, in areas of Banda and Kireka in Nakawa Division, who have been given an ultimatum of up to 31st August 2021 to vacate;

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honorable Members,

The Government is currently undertaking rehabilitation of the Meter Gauge railway track from Malaba to Kampala. The project requires the railway reserve void of encumbrance and mainly for safety reasons.

URC has had several consultative meetings with the railway reserve occupants, in the presence of Minister of Works, Area MPs, local District councils,



security personnel and other stakeholders in the preparation of this project since 2018.

URC has also conducted a Resettlement Action Plan which is in two phases the Malaba – Namanve.

The Namanve -Kampala- Kyengera and Port bell line.

The Chief Government Valuer has already approved the Malaba – Namanve section.

The Namanve – Kampala-Kyengera and Port bell section awaits the Chief Government Valuer's approval.

In adherence of the law of the land, URC has also issued eviction notices both radio and News Papers (attached is the notice for eviction to the Public)

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Hon. Akamba Paul, Member of Parliament, Busiki County

5. On the delay in compensation of Project affected persons (PAPs) of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) project and the need for evaluation of the land, whose value has appreciated since its initial valuation time.

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honorable Members,

- Entire Right of Way (ROW) from Tororo-Kampala was demarcated and Gazzeted.
- Total land to be acquired is 4700 acres (including main line and spurs);
- Total land compensation cost was estimated to be UGX 584.90bn in 2016, to be paid to 10,676 Projected Affected Persons;
- The government chief valuer approved UGX 254.90bn from Tororo-Mayuge and Buikwe plus fish ponds and Sole Hope in Jinja in 2016;
- Out of the UGX 254.90bn worth of approved reports, UGX 100.39bn has been paid to 4,274 Project Affected Persons.
- Reports on the section between Jinja to Kampala (except, Buikwe) where revaluation is ongoing are expected to be approved by Chief Government Valuer soon.

- Overall, about 51% of the required land has been acquired.

**Hon. Lutaaya Geoffrey, Member of Parliament,
Kakuuto County**

6. On the uncertainties regarding the compensation of Project Affected Persons (PAPs) along the Masaka-Mutukula Road contrary to the 21st April, 2022 undertaking by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister during her visit to kakuuto County that PAPs listed by Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) would be compensated.

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honorable Members,

The Feasibility Study and Detailed Design for the rehabilitation of the project was completed in December 2020.

Government of Uganda requested the African Development Bank to consider the project for funding. The rehabilitation will follow the existing alignment of the road however there will be some widening of the road to improve safety especially the climbing lanes.

Compensation will be limited to areas where there will be widening because its already an existing road. There is not need to acquire more land.



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However, Uganda National Roads Authority as awaits funding, is carrying out routine maintenance on the Road.

Hon. Lukyamuzi David Kalwanga, Member of Parliament, Busujju County,

7. Is concerned about the abandonment of development projects in Mityana District, citing the case of water, roads and energy projects, which were prematurely deserted by contractors shortly after commencement of construction and the need for an investigation into the matter;

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honorable Members

ELECTRICITY:

BUSUNJU

Butayunja Subcounty – Busujju County bordering Kakindo Town Board the works are ongoing now.

MITYANA NORTH

The line in Mityana North from Misere - Jungwe – Naalyankanja – Bulera is also ongoing.

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ROADS

Uganda National Roads Authority is currently undertaking the rehabilitation of Mityana – Mubende and upgrading of Mityana – Town roads.

The Contractor is on site and the works are ongoing.

**Hon. Tibandeke Charles, Member of Parliament,
Baale County**

8. a) Is concerned about the discriminative issuance of trading licenses to fish traders

b) And limitation of licensing the trade in fish maws to aliens to the detriment of the natives

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honorable Members,

Fisheries licensing is a fisheries management tool that is carried out on an annual basis and is supposed to be conducted from 2nd January to 31st March of each year.

Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry & Fisheries has upgraded from manual licensing to electronic licensing;

The licensing activity involves application by the intending fishers, traders, processors and exporters.

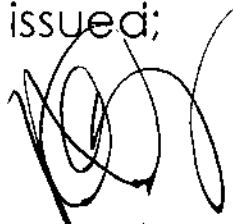
The applicants log into URA portal where assessment is done and Bank Payment Forms are generated. Once the licensee pays in the Bank, their details are

forwarded to Directorate of Fisheries Resources where logging is done on Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry & Fisheries licensing portal to complete the licensing process and issue a license; Therefore, the system is not discriminative since it is automated.

Fish Maw is the swim bladder of Nile perch and hence it is a by-product. The sustainability of Fish Maw business depends on the sustainability of Nile perch catches and stocks;

Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry & Fisheries and specifically the Directorate of Fisheries Top Management has established and agreed on a criterion on which the Fish maws traders were to be assessed and only those that meet the minimum requirements are licensed;

This year a total of 37 firms/individuals have had their premises/facilities inspected and recommended for issuance of the licenses for the year 2022. Those with the minimum basic facilities as per the regulations and fulfilled the criteria set by the Directorate Top Management are already issued with the 17 licenses. Others are being issued as and when they comply. A total of twenty-One (21) licenses have already been issued;



The licensing of fish maw collectors and traders for 2022 has however delayed due to a number of reasons:

- The need to register and vet all fish maw dealers before they are licensed for purposes of regulating and control the number of fish maw dealers licensed per district on the 3 lakes which have Nile Perch (Victoria, Kyoga and Albert);
- Following the massive deaths of Nile perch in late 2020 and early 2021 due to fish poisoning, the factories experienced a sharp decline in supply of Nile perch fish for processing which has also negatively impacted on fish exports. There are reports that the sharp decline in Nile perch supply is linked to the primitive fishing methods of fish maw dealers.

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Hon. Okot John Amos, Member of Parliament, Agago North County.

Hon. Lagen David, Member of Parliament, Agago County.

Hon. Akello Beatrice Akori, Woman District Representative, Agago District,

9. Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, there have been unrest caused by cattle rustlers hailing from Karamoja region affecting the areas of Omiyapacwa, Paimol, Lai-motu, Parabongo, Lapono, Lirakato Sub-Counties, and part of Wol and Kuywee Sub-Counties, and over 27 parishes in Agago-North County whee affected. And Adilang town council and Adilang Sub-county, Laperebong, Lukole, Ajale, Kotonor subcounties affected over 26 parishes in Agago County.

In the last 3months, the insurgency has caused a lot of disaster in the area including:

- Over 30 people have lost their lives,**
- Over 7000 households are in need of food support.**
- Over 700 herds of cattle and 2000 goats were stolen.**



Our prayers are:

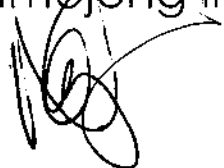
- a. The affected communities/households be supported with food relief, planting seeds, agricultural tools and equipment to revive their livelihoods.**
- b. The army/UPDF involve the local vigilante/arrow boys in their operations.**
- c. The security roads be opened between Karamoja and Acholi Sub-region.**
- d. Combative Deployment in the hilly areas.**

Rt. Hon. Speaker.

Several meetings have been held here in the Prime Minister's Office with Members of Parliament and Ministry of Disaster Preparedness others have been held at Adilang Sub county Agago District concerning the recent alarming security situation in the area.

Command was changed and deployment of the deputy Commandant of 73rd Brig. Omagino has been deployed in Adilang

Notably in Adilang Subcounty and Town Council more 3 detachments were added to the already existing 7 detachments making a total of 10 in order to close the karamojong infiltration roots.



On 17/July/2022 warriors stole 41 cows from Adilang from the below mentioned persons

1. Abala merry 11 all recovered
2. Omiya Martine 7 stolen 5 recovered
3. Alayo flourence 10 all recoved
4. Aloyo santina 11 all recoved
5. Okot Walter 4 stolen 2 recovered when our soldiers made a follow-up

In addition, changes in command and deployments we're made in presence of district leaders, local area leaders and the community to improve security environment of the area.


The leaders present were

LC5 chairman Hon ojok Leonard Opio

RDC Hon Okot Emanuel

LC3 Adilang Sub county okwii Muhammed

Rt. Hon. Speaker.

 Government today has already dispatched relief items to the affected Districts

Government is coming up with the following suggestions:

- i. Deployment of drones to detect night attacks.
- ii. Helicopter for surveillance in the hilly areas.