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THE EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the June 2026 Edition of Bukedi Post.

This issue showcases steady progress in infrastructure, healthcare, climate-smart agriculture, and local governance across the Bukedi sub-region.

Highlights include the launch of construction on Tororo's One-Stop Border Post Service Centre, new administration blocks in Tiira Town Council and Lumino Sub-county, rollout of digital patient registration in Busia, and solar power installation at Budaka Health Centre IV.

We also cover youth reproductive health digital initiatives, climate-smart agriculture accountability training, Parish Development Model SACCO elections, and the validation of the Kamuge Physical Development Plan.

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TORORO: Gov't Begins Construction of One-Stop Service Centre

By Okello Mathew, Communication Officer – Tororo District



Construction of a Service Uganda Centre has commenced in Tororo Municipality, making the area one of the first local governments to benefit from the government's initiative to bring essential public services closer to citizens.

The facility is being constructed at the Posta Uganda premises

opposite Tororo Municipal Council and will serve as a one-stop centre where residents can access a range of government services under one roof.

An initiative of the Ministry of Public Service, the Service Uganda Centres are designed to improve efficiency in public service delivery by reducing the time and cost

citizens spend moving from one government office to another.

The six-month construction project is being undertaken by Hebron Investments Limited under the supervision of the National Information Technology Authority-Uganda (NITA-U), with funding support from the World Bank.

As part of the project's implementation, NITA-U trained grievance redress committees from Tororo Municipality and its Eastern and Western divisions on handling complaints that may arise during construction.

NITA-U Environmental Specialist Danson Asimwe said the committees are expected to receive and resolve project-related grievances promptly to ensure smooth implementation while promoting transparency and accountability.

Tororo Deputy Resident District Commissioner Albert Amula urged committee members to execute their responsibilities with integrity and encouraged residents to support the project, noting that it will significantly

improve access to government services.

He also clarified that construction at the Posta Uganda premises is a government project, dismissing speculation that the land was being illegally acquired.

Deputy Town Clerk Okoth R. Kitong, who chairs the Municipal Grievance Redress Committee, pledged close supervision of the construction works to ensure quality standards are maintained and any complaints are resolved before escalating into legal disputes.

Tororo Municipal Mayor Bernard Ochieng called on the contractor to prioritise employment opportunities for local residents and complete the project within the agreed timeframe.

Once completed, the Service Uganda Centre is expected to transform public service delivery in Tororo by providing citizens with convenient access to multiple government services from a single location, saving both time and travel costs while improving efficiency.

BUSIA: Masafu Hospital Set to Restore X-Ray Services After 15-Year Gap

By Moses Mangeni, Communication Officer – Busia DLG

Patients seeking treatment at Masafu General Hospital will soon access X-ray services closer to home following the delivery of equipment by the Ministry of Health, ending a wait of more than 15 years for one of the region's most essential diagnostic services.

The arrival of the first batch of equipment marks a major

milestone in improving healthcare delivery at the hospital, where patients have long been forced to travel to Busia, Dabani, and neighbouring Kenya for diagnostic imaging.

Medical Superintendent Dr. Fred Duuku described the development as a breakthrough for both the hospital and the surrounding communities, noting



Some of the equipment on arrival at Masafu General Hospital from Ministry of Health

that the absence of X-ray services has delayed diagnosis, increased treatment costs, and placed an additional burden on patients seeking specialised care.

“For many years, our patients have had to travel long distances to access X-ray services. This has been costly for families and has often delayed timely diagnosis and treatment,” he said.

Dr. Duuku welcomed the delivery of the equipment and appealed to the Ministry of Health to fast-track installation of the machine so that the hospital can begin offering the much-needed service.

Once operational, the X-ray unit will enable doctors to make quicker and more accurate diagnoses, reducing unnecessary referrals and improving the management of fractures, chest infections, and other medical conditions that require diagnostic imaging.

The hospital has operated without an X-ray machine for over 15 years, leaving thousands of patients dependent on health

facilities outside the district for services that are expected at a general hospital.

District health officials say the investment reflects the government’s commitment to strengthening health infrastructure and improving access to quality medical services across the country.

The restoration of X-ray services is expected to reduce the financial burden on patients, improve treatment outcomes, and enhance the hospital’s capacity to provide comprehensive healthcare



BUSIA: New Administration Blocks Boost Service Delivery in Tiira and Lumino

By Moses Mangeni, Communication Officer – Busia DLG

Residents of Tiira Town Council and Lumino Sub-county are set to benefit from improved public service delivery following the commissioning of two new administration blocks constructed under the District Discretionary Equalisation Grant (DDEG).

The new facilities, officially commissioned on 25 June 2026 by Deputy Resident District Commissioner Abdul Nasser Kisuyi, provide modern office

space designed to Ministry of Local Government standards. The investment is expected to strengthen local governance by creating a more efficient working environment for public officers while improving access to government services for communities.

The Tiira Town Council administration block was completed in three phases at a cost of Shs 93,099,327, while the Lumino Sub-county



Sub County Councillors pose for a group picture with the Deputy RDC, Abdul Nasser Kisuyi at the commissioning of Lumino sub county administration block



Tiira Town Council newly constructed administrative block, at Amagoro cell, Tiira ward, Tiira Town Council

administration block was constructed in a single phase at a cost of Shs 169,987,888.

Speaking during the commissioning ceremonies, Deputy RDC Abdul Nasser Kisuyi urged residents to embrace unity and safeguard government investments, noting that such projects are intended to improve service delivery and the well-being of communities.

District Chairperson John Charles Namayindi described the new headquarters as important symbols of authority and effective local administration. He said the district would continue mobilising resources to improve public infrastructure, including upgrading selected Health Centre

III to Health Centre III to expand access to healthcare services.

He also called on residents to reject tribalism and other forms of division, saying social cohesion is essential for sustainable development and equitable service delivery.

District Planner Wabwire Patrick reported that with the completion of the Tiira and Lumino administration blocks, Namungodi Town Council remains the only administrative unit without a standard headquarters. However, he noted that construction is already underway in phases and is expected to be completed during the next financial year, enabling the district to achieve full coverage of standard

administrative headquarters.

Chief Administrative Officer Oplot Bernard Apollo encouraged the leadership of both administrative units to prioritise the procurement of office furniture and equipment to ensure the new facilities are fully functional.

The completion of the two administration blocks marks

another milestone in Busia District's efforts to strengthen local governance infrastructure. By providing suitable working environments for public servants, the district is laying the foundation for more efficient, accessible and responsive service delivery for its growing population.

PALLISA: High Turnout Marks PDM SACCO Elections

By Akello Priscilla, Communication Officer – Pallisa District



Community members queue to participate in the PDM SACCO elections

Thousands of residents across Pallisa District have turned up to participate in the ongoing Parish Development Model (PDM) Savings and Credit Cooperative Organisation (SACCO) elections, reflecting growing public confidence in a programme designed to transform household incomes through financial inclusion and improved governance.

The elections are being conducted to choose new SACCO leaders following the expiry of the term of the pioneer committees that were elected when the Parish Development Model was introduced. The newly elected leaders will oversee the management of SACCO affairs and the Parish Revolving Fund, a key component of the government's strategy to move households from subsistence farming into the money economy.

The electoral process began on 25 May 2026 with the election of parish vetting committees and amendments to SACCO by-laws to broaden community participation. The second phase, running from 16 to 30 June, focuses on electing Boards of Directors and sub-committees that will guide the SACCOS during the next term.

According to Assistant Commercial Officer John Martin

Okike, about 75 percent of the exercise has been completed, with communities actively participating in the elections.

"The process is progressing well. We have completed about three-quarters of the exercise and only one-quarter remains. Communities have actively participated because they understand the importance of electing leaders who will oversee programmes aimed at improving household incomes," he said.

Okike attributed the strong turnout to increasing public confidence in the Parish Development Model and urged members to elect leaders with integrity, commitment and the ability to manage SACCO resources responsibly.

"Choose leaders who can sustainably manage PDM SACCOS and ensure that government resources benefit the intended households. The future success of this programme depends on the quality of leadership elected," he emphasized.

RDC Majid Dhikusooka assured residents that security agencies would continue providing a peaceful environment throughout the remaining stages of the elections and encouraged all stakeholders to cooperate with election officials.

As the election exercise draws

to a close, Pallisa District expects the newly elected SACCO leaders to strengthen transparency, accountability and effective management of parish resources, ultimately

improving the implementation of the Parish Development Model and expanding economic opportunities for more households.



Community members queue to participate in the PDM SACCO elections, reflecting growing confidence in the government's household income programme

BUDAKA: Solar Lighting Upgrade Improves Night-Time Services at Health Centre IV

By Iliotu Grace Opio, Communication Officer – Budaka DLG

Patients seeking treatment at Budaka Health Centre IV are expected to receive better emergency and night-time healthcare following the installation of solar lighting across key sections of the facility.

The solar lighting system, launched by Budaka District

Chairperson Anthony Kateu during a visit to the health centre, is expected to improve visibility, enhance security, and support uninterrupted service delivery, particularly during power outages.

Speaking at the facility, Kateu commended the District Health Officer, Erisa Mulwani, and

the health workers for their commitment to improving healthcare services despite resource constraints.

"I commend the health team for their dedication to serving the people of Budaka. These solar lights should enhance service delivery, especially during the night, and ensure patients continue receiving quality care," he said.

The District Chairperson noted that the progress being registered at the health facility reflects effective collaboration between district leaders, health managers, and frontline health workers.

District Health Officer Erisa Mulwani welcomed the installation, saying reliable lighting will improve working conditions for health workers and enable the facility to respond more effectively to emergencies at any time of the day or night.

He reaffirmed the district's commitment to strengthening

healthcare services through teamwork and continued investment in health infrastructure.

Senior Nursing Officer Agatha Nakamya said the District Chairperson's visit demonstrated the district leadership's support for frontline health workers, adding that improved infrastructure motivates staff to continue providing compassionate and professional care.

Health Unit Management Committee Chairperson Wilson Magoola also welcomed the intervention, noting that the improved lighting will enhance security within the facility while creating a safer environment for both patients and staff.

District leaders believe the investment will contribute to better healthcare outcomes by supporting uninterrupted service delivery, improving staff performance, and ensuring that patients receive timely medical attention regardless of the time of day.

BUDAKA: First Farmers in Bukedi Benefit from Climate-Smart Beekeeping Project

By Iliotu Grace Opio, Communication Officer – Budaka DLG



The Acting DPO Budaka, Mr. Asuman Makuma Khawanga sharing his experience on the inputs with the farmers.

A farmers' group in Budaka District has become the first in the Bukedi Sub-region to receive modern beekeeping inputs under the Uganda Climate Smart Agricultural Transformation Project (UCSATP), marking a significant milestone in efforts to improve household incomes through climate-smart agriculture.

Members of Bwikomba II Passion Fruit Growers Group in Mugiti

Sub-county received the inputs during the official launch of input distribution under the project last week.

The beneficiaries received 45 Kenya Top Bar (KTB) hives, 15 smokers, 15 protective bee suits, bee brushes, and elbow-length protective gloves to support commercial honey production.

Speaking during the launch, Deputy Resident District Commissioner

Steven Ogwang urged farmers to embrace UCSATP alongside other government wealth creation programmes such as the Parish Development Model (PDM), Emyooga, and the Micro-scale Irrigation Programme to improve household incomes and reduce poverty.

He called on beneficiaries to safeguard the project and make productive use of the support provided by government.

Acting District Production Officer Asuman Makuma Khawanga congratulated Bwikomba II Passion Fruit Growers Group for becoming the first beneficiary group under UCSATP in Budaka District and the wider Bukedi Sub-region.

He thanked the Government of Uganda, the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), and the World Bank for supporting the initiative, noting that it is expected to strengthen climate-smart agricultural production and encourage more farmers to organise into groups to access similar opportunities.

District technical officers also encouraged beneficiaries to seek continuous guidance from extension workers to maximise

production and ensure the sustainability of the enterprise.

Acting District Entomologist Siraji Higenyi advised farmers to establish forage for bees and adopt recommended beekeeping practices to improve honey yields. He noted that, with proper management, farmers in the region can harvest honey twice a year.

Beneficiaries welcomed the intervention, saying the equipment will improve honey production, increase incomes, and create new livelihood opportunities for their households.

District officials believe the project will accelerate commercial beekeeping, strengthen farmer groups, and promote climate-smart agriculture, positioning apiculture as an important source of income and resilience for communities in Budaka District.



The Deputy RDC, Mr. Ogwang Steven giving his remarks during the meeting

BUDAKA: MAAIF Trains Local Leaders to Strengthen Accountability Under Climate-Smart Agriculture Project

By Iliotu Grace Opio, Communication Officer – Budaka DLG



Mr. Etyang Samuel, a facilitator from MAAIF training both the district and subcounty stakeholders on Grievance Redress Management at all levels in the District Council

The Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) has trained district and sub-county leaders in Budaka on the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM), a key accountability tool under the Uganda Climate Smart Agricultural Transformation Project (UCSATP).

The training, supported by

the World Bank, is intended to strengthen transparency, improve stakeholder engagement, and ensure that complaints arising during project implementation are resolved fairly and promptly.

Held at the Budaka District Council Chambers, the training brought together production officers, community development officers, local council leaders, sub-county

chiefs, town clerks, and other stakeholders who will serve as trainers within their respective communities.

Speaking during the workshop, MAAIF facilitator Samuel Etyang said the Grievance Redress Mechanism is an important safeguard that enables farmers and other project beneficiaries to raise concerns, submit complaints, and provide feedback throughout project implementation.

He explained that an effective grievance management system promotes accountability, prevents conflicts, protects project beneficiaries, and strengthens public confidence in government programmes.

Representing the District Production Officer and UCSATP focal person, Martin Meri Mugambe said the climate-smart agriculture project continues to improve livelihoods in Budaka by supporting climate-resilient enterprises, strengthening farmer organisations, and promoting sustainable agricultural production.

He noted that several lower local governments have already benefited from project interventions, with farmer groups receiving agricultural inputs aimed at increasing productivity, improving food security, and

enhancing household incomes.

“As the project expands, it is important that all stakeholders understand and utilise the Grievance Redress Mechanism whenever concerns arise. This will ensure complaints are handled professionally, conflicts are minimised, and project benefits reach the intended beneficiaries,” Mugambe said.

Participants were also trained on procedures for receiving, documenting, investigating, and resolving grievances at both district and sub-county levels in line with environmental and social safeguards under UCSATP.

District officials believe the training will strengthen transparency and accountability while ensuring climate-smart agricultural investments continue to deliver lasting benefits to farming communities across Budaka District.



Participants keenly paying attention to the facilitator from MAAIF during the training.

BUSIA: Community Programme Strengthens Support for Competency-Based Learning

By Moses Mangeni, Communication Officer – Busia DLG

Efforts to improve the implementation of Uganda's Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) in Busia District have received a boost through a community engagement programme designed to strengthen the role of parents, school leaders, and local communities in supporting learners.

The initiative, being implemented by EDUKANS Uganda with support from the Mastercard Foundation, targets 31 secondary schools across the district, including both government-aided and private

institutions.

As part of the programme, Community Development Officers and education administrators from Busia District and Busia Municipality underwent a two-day capacity-building workshop to equip them with skills to mobilise communities and support schools in implementing the curriculum effectively.

Speaking during the training, EDUKANS Uganda Programme Supervisor for Busia, Philip Ojok Awong, said the success of the Competency-Based Curriculum



Some of the participants pose for a group photo after the training

depends on active participation from all education stakeholders.

He explained that the programme seeks to raise awareness about the responsibilities of Boards of Governors, Parent-Teacher Associations, school founders, teachers, community leaders, and parents in creating an environment where learners can acquire practical knowledge, skills, and values.

The trained officers will now conduct community engagements and school-based sessions to help stakeholders better understand their roles in supporting quality education.

Busia District Chief Administrative Officer Bernard Apollo welcomed the initiative, observing that effective education cannot be achieved through the efforts of teachers alone.

He challenged parents to become more involved in their children's education by working closely with schools and fulfilling their responsibilities in supporting learning.

The five-year programme, which will run until 2030, is expected to strengthen collaboration between schools and communities, improve understanding of the Competency-Based Curriculum, and create a more supportive learning environment for students across Busia District.

District education leaders believe that greater community participation will play a vital role in improving learning outcomes and ensuring that the Competency-Based Curriculum achieves its goal of equipping learners with practical skills for life and work.

BUSIA: Digital Health Initiative Expands Youth Access to Reproductive Health Information

By Moses Mangeni, Communication Officer – Busia DLG

Thousands of young people in Busia District are expected to benefit from a new digital platform designed to improve access to accurate sexual and reproductive health information through mobile technology.

The initiative, launched by ChildFund International in partnership with Viamo, will use Interactive Voice Response (IVR) technology and a WhatsApp chatbot to deliver age-appropriate Sexual and



Country Manager Childfund, Titus Tusiime sharing with stakeholders about the program during the launch

Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) information to at least 20,000 young people aged between 15 and 24 years across the Busia Programme Area.

Accessible in six local languages, the platform combines audio messages for users of basic mobile phones with interactive chat services for smartphone users, making reliable health information more accessible regardless of literacy level or internet connectivity.

Speaking during the launch in Busia, ChildFund Uganda Country Manager Titus Tumusiime said the initiative seeks to overcome

barriers such as stigma, distance, and limited access to youth-friendly health services by providing confidential and convenient digital information.

He explained that the platform will also guide young people to available health services while encouraging informed decision-making through interactive quizzes and personalised content.

Representing the Chief Administrative Officer, Principal Assistant Secretary Kayira Muhamud Waiswa welcomed the innovation, describing it as a timely intervention that complements government

efforts to digitise public services and improve access to health information for young people.

Viamo Uganda representative Ivan Tugume said the content was developed in consultation with young people and health experts to ensure that it is relevant, culturally appropriate, and responsive to the real challenges facing adolescents.

He added that the pilot will be closely monitored to assess user engagement, feedback, and referrals to health facilities, with the findings expected to guide future expansion to other districts.

Assistant District Health Officer and District Adolescent Health Focal Person Sr. Benah Nanyama described the initiative as an

important step towards using technology to improve adolescent health outcomes and strengthen health education.

As implementation begins, ChildFund Area Manager Geoffrey Kainja called on schools, community health workers, youth groups, and local leaders to support awareness campaigns so that more young people can benefit from the service.

District leaders believe the digital platform has the potential to improve young people's access to reliable health information, promote informed choices, and strengthen adolescent health services through innovative and inclusive technology.



Some of the stakeholders pose for a group photograph with Sr. Nanyama Benah – ADHO – MCH (seated) after the launch

BUSIA: Digital Patient Registration Rollout Set to Improve Healthcare Services

By Moses Mangeni, Communication Officer – Busia DLG

Busia District has taken a major step towards modernising healthcare services following the rollout of digital patient registration in public health facilities, a government initiative expected to improve patient management, data accuracy, and health service delivery.

The Ministry of Health has provided 40 tablets to health facilities across the district to replace paper-based patient registration with an electronic system.

During the handover of the devices at the district headquarters, District Health Officer Dr. Mathias Panyako Wabwire said the tablets

will be distributed to all 13 Health Centre IIIs and 13 Health Centre IIs, with each Health Centre III receiving two devices and each Health Centre II receiving one.

He explained that the transition to electronic patient registration will improve the quality of health data, reduce delays in reporting, and strengthen decision-making at both district and national levels.

“These tablets are more than communication devices; they are tools that will transform the way health facilities collect and manage patient information,” Dr. Panyako said.



Dr. Wabwire Patrick, DHO speaks to the Health Facility heads during the distribution of the tablets at the District headquarters

The rollout follows training of health workers on the operation of the new digital system. District health officials said the remaining step is the installation of reliable internet connectivity to enable seamless transmission of patient information.

Health facility in-charges welcomed the initiative, noting that electronic registration will speed up patient intake, minimise the loss of medical records, and provide timely information for planning, disease surveillance, and the management of medicines and other health supplies.

They, however, highlighted the need for reliable electricity, internet connectivity, and secure storage to ensure the equipment

is effectively utilised.

District Chairperson John Charles Namayindi described the initiative as an important milestone in government's efforts to strengthen primary healthcare through digital innovation.

He expressed confidence that once fully operational, the electronic patient registration system will improve efficiency, support evidence-based planning, and enhance the quality of healthcare services across Busia District.

The digital registration programme forms part of the Ministry of Health's broader strategy to modernise health information systems and improve access to efficient, patient-centred healthcare throughout Uganda.

BUTEBO: Leaders Rally Communities to Improve Sanitation and Public Health

By Tavuga Musa, Communications Officer – Butebo District

Butebo District has renewed its commitment to improving sanitation and public health, with leaders calling for stronger community participation in waste management and hygiene during the district's Sanitation Week celebrations in Kabwangasi Town Council.

The event brought together district leaders, health officials, and residents to promote good sanitation practices as a foundation for healthier communities and sustainable urban development.

Speaking during the celebrations,

Kabwangasi Town Clerk Susan Nabirya said the town council is prioritising sanitation despite challenges such as the lack of a designated garbage disposal site.

She revealed that the council plans to acquire land for waste collection and disposal, a move expected to strengthen solid waste management as the town continues to grow.

“We also encourage every household to construct and maintain latrines and rubbish pits because sanitation begins at home,” she said.

Kabwangasi Town Council Mayor Paul Muneko urged residents to work closely with local leaders in keeping the town clean, noting that community participation is essential for preventing disease and creating a healthy living

environment.

Health officials used the occasion to educate residents on the importance of proper waste disposal, handwashing, safe water use, and personal hygiene.

Assistant District Health Officer for Environmental Health Nathan Tebaccoo said good sanitation remains one of the most effective ways to prevent disease outbreaks and improve the wellbeing of communities.

District Health Educator Stephen Ekaba demonstrated proper hygiene practices and encouraged residents to adopt simple but effective measures such as regular handwashing, maintaining clean compounds, and protecting water sources from contamination.

Addressing the gathering,



Assistant Resident District Commissioner Lamula Naisanga called on communities to embrace sanitation as a shared responsibility, urging learners to become ambassadors of hygiene in their homes and schools.

District leaders also challenged residents to safeguard public health by ensuring every household has a latrine, a rubbish

pit, and access to safe water.

As the celebrations concluded, Kabwangasi Town Council reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening waste management infrastructure and working with communities to build a cleaner, healthier, and more resilient urban centre for the people of Butebo District.

PALLISA: Farmers Receive Boost as Climate-Smart Agriculture Project Takes Root

By Akello Priscilla, Communication Officer, Pallisa

Farmers in Pallisa District are set to benefit from improved livelihoods following the launch of input distribution under the Uganda Climate Smart Agricultural Transformation Project (UCSATP) in Chelekura Sub-county.

The project was officially launched in Akwamor Parish, Acowa Village by Deputy Resident District Commissioner Hajjati Nakussi Assa and marks a major step towards increasing agricultural productivity and climate resilience among farming communities.

The launch coincided with the commencement of construction works for five community fish

ponds under the Chelekura Farmers Cooperative Association, the first farmer group in Pallisa District to benefit from the programme.

Speaking at the event, the District Production Officer and UCSATP focal person, Dr Michael Okwalinga, said the project seeks to improve farmers' livelihoods through increased production and productivity across key agricultural enterprises.

He noted that the project supports four value chains in Pallisa District—livestock, crops, fisheries, and beneficial insects—with fisheries becoming the first enterprise to attract farmer co-

funding.

Dr Okwalinga revealed that the fish pond project is valued at UGX 71 million, with the Government of Uganda contributing UGX 57 million, representing 80% of the total cost, while the farmer group contributed UGX 14 million.

He commended the cooperative members for embracing the programme and urged them to properly manage the enterprise to ensure sustainable benefits.

"We have committed extension workers who will continue providing technical support to ensure the success of this project," he said.

Dr Okwalinga also warned contractors against substandard work, noting that both district and ministry technical teams would closely monitor implementation to ensure value for money.

Local leaders welcomed the initiative, describing it as a timely intervention for communities that depend heavily on fisheries for income and livelihoods. Chelekura Sub-county leaders said the project would create economic opportunities while supporting government efforts to promote sustainable use of natural resources.

Deputy RDC Hajjati Nakussi Assa praised members of Chelekura Farmers Cooperative Association

for mobilising resources to meet the co-funding requirement and urged them to safeguard the ponds after construction.

"This project belongs to you. Protect it, manage it well, and use it to improve household incomes and transform your families," she said.

District officials revealed that three additional fisheries groups in Opwateta and Kamuge Town Council are expected to benefit from similar support in the coming weeks after fulfilling the required co-funding obligations.

The project is expected to strengthen fish production, increase household incomes, and enhance climate-smart agricultural practices across Pallisa District.



Deputy RDC Hajat Nakussi Assa launches input distribution under the Uganda Climate Smart Agriculture Transformation Project (UCSATP).

PALLISA: Leaders Trained to Strengthen Accountability in Climate-Smart Agriculture Project

By Akello Priscilla, Communication Officer, Pallisa

Pallisa District has strengthened its capacity to manage complaints and enhance accountability under the Uganda Climate Smart Agricultural Transformation Project (UCSATP) through a Training of Trainers on the project's Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM).

The training, held on 12 June 2026, equipped members of the District Grievance Redress Committee and sub-county leaders with the knowledge and skills to receive, document and resolve complaints arising during project implementation. The initiative is expected to promote

transparency, build public trust and ensure that farmers benefit fully from the World Bank-funded programme.

Implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), the Uganda Climate Smart Agricultural Transformation Project aims to increase agricultural productivity, improve market access and strengthen climate resilience across selected agricultural value chains in 69 districts, including Pallisa.

Participants included the Chief Administrative Officer, District



DPO Dr. Michael Okwalinga gives his remarks during the training as participants follow attentively

Production Officer, District Community Development Officer, Local Council III Chairpersons, Sub-county Chiefs, Secretaries for Production and Community Development Officers, who will cascade the training to lower levels of local government.

District Production Officer Dr. Okwalinga Michael described agriculture as the backbone of Pallisa's economy and noted that climate change continues to threaten farmers' productivity. He said the project presents an opportunity to build resilience and improve livelihoods but stressed that its success depends on transparency, inclusiveness and accountability.

"For a project of this magnitude to succeed, the implementation process must be transparent, inclusive and accountable," Dr. Okwalinga said, adding that a functional grievance redress mechanism gives communities a voice while providing technical teams with a structured way to

resolve concerns before they escalate.

District Speaker Hon. Ariong Jeremiah noted that large development programmes often attract competing interests that can lead to misunderstandings if left unresolved. He encouraged participants to master the grievance handling procedures and reporting systems so they can effectively support project implementation in their respective communities.

By strengthening the capacity of district and sub-county leaders to manage grievances, Pallisa District is laying the foundation for transparent and inclusive implementation of the Uganda Climate Smart Agricultural Transformation Project. The initiative is expected to enhance stakeholder confidence, promote accountability and ensure that climate-smart agricultural interventions deliver lasting benefits to farming communities.



PALLISA: Newly Sworn-In Local Leaders Set to Drive Service Delivery

By Akello Priscilla, Communication Officer, Pallisa

Pallisa District has completed the swearing-in of all newly elected LC III Chairpersons and councillors, paving the way for a new five-year term of local leadership focused on strengthening governance and improving service delivery across sub-counties and town councils.

The district-wide exercise, conducted between 21 May and 15 June 2026, officially ushered the newly elected leaders into office and enabled the election of speakers for the respective councils, allowing the lower local governments to begin executing their constitutional mandates.

The swearing-in was officiated by Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Areu Simon Peter, assisted by Principal Assistant Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk to Council Okia John, alongside other government officials. District leaders also attended ceremonies held in various sub-counties and town councils across Pallisa.

Addressing the newly elected leaders, Mr. Areu reminded them that effective leadership extends beyond political office and requires a strong commitment to serving the public.

“As leaders, you are expected to perform four key functions:



representation, legislation, oversight and appropriation of funds. These are the responsibilities that should guide your service to the people throughout your term of office,” he said.

He further announced that the district will organize an induction programme to equip councillors with the knowledge and practical skills needed to effectively execute their responsibilities under the Local Government framework.

Clerk to Council Okia John urged the leaders to uphold integrity and prioritize public service over personal interests.

“Your responsibility is to ensure that government programmes reach the people. Do not expect to become rich through the council

or seek to recover what you spent during the election campaigns. Your work is to serve the people,” he advised.

The newly constituted councils are expected to provide representation for their communities, enact by-laws, approve budgets, oversee the implementation of government programmes and work closely with technical staff to address local development priorities.

The completion of the swearing-in exercise marks the start of a new chapter in local governance in Pallisa District. With functional councils now in place, residents can expect stronger oversight, improved accountability and more responsive delivery of public services over the next five years.



LC III Chairpersons and Sub-county/Town Council councillors pledge to serve their communities.

PALLISA: Stakeholders Validate Kamuge Town Development Plan

By Akello Priscilla, Communication Officer, Pallisa



Physical Planner Akello Sophia (in red dress) explains the proposed Physical Development Plan

Stakeholders in Kamuge Town Council have validated the draft Physical Development Plan for Kamuge Central Business District (CBD), marking a key step towards guiding orderly urban growth, improving infrastructure and creating a more attractive environment for investment.

The consultative meeting, held on 17 June 2026 at Kamuge Town Council Headquarters, brought together local leaders, landlords, religious and opinion leaders,

technical officers and members of the public to review the draft plan and propose improvements before its final approval.

The plan forms part of Uganda's physical planning framework, which promotes coordinated land use, sustainable urban development and environmental protection in line with the Physical Planning Act, 2010 (as amended).

Physical Planner Akello Sophia said community participation is

central to preparing development plans that reflect local priorities while meeting professional planning standards.

“Physical planning is about ensuring orderly and sustainable development. Although the whole country is a planning area, planning is undertaken in phases because of limited resources, with priority given to areas where the need is greatest,” she said.

During the engagement, residents proposed several public facilities they would like incorporated into the future development of Kamuge CBD, including a bus

park, a clock tower, a public cemetery and a mayor’s garden. The technical team assessed the proposals against planning standards, land availability and environmental considerations.

Akello assured stakeholders that all views would be carefully reviewed before the final plan is prepared.

“We have taken note of all the views raised today. The proposals will be reviewed and, where technically feasible and appropriate, they will be incorporated into the final Physical Development Plan,” she said.



Residents and local leaders contribute views during the validation of the draft Physical Development Plan for Kamuge CBD

Once revised, the draft plan will be presented to Kamuge Town Council for consideration before submission to Pallisa District Council for final approval.

Senior Environment Officer Omasai Abram emphasized the need to integrate environmental protection into future development to ensure sustainable growth.

Once implemented, the Physical Development Plan is expected to improve road connectivity, reduce land-use conflicts,

support the expansion of public utilities such as water, electricity and drainage, and create a well-planned urban centre capable of attracting investment and supporting economic growth. The validation exercise therefore marks an important milestone in shaping the future development of Kamuge Town Council.



Technical officers guide stakeholders through the proposed development plan for Kamuge Town Council



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