

...the event, the imam of Nakasero Mosque, Sheikh

Kiggundu appealed to Muslims to work towards the

Some Muslims do not want to work for the development of the faith. This is very

...because no one else is going to promote Islam except Muslims," he explained.

Preachers asked to teach saving

PALLISA

By Lawrence Okwakol

Imams have been challenged to include messages that promote the culture of saving in their sermons (khutubah), especially during the Friday prayers (Juma) that are attended by many people.

Sheikh Abdu-Karim Mujumbi, the Pallisa district kadhi, said this during prayers at Noor mosque in Pallisa town on Wednesday.

Mujumbi said if Muslims start Savings and Credit Co-operative Societies (SACCOS) at their mosques, it will be easier for them to lobby help from the Government and other organisations.

"The Government prefers supporting organised groups with financial discipline. That is why we want to preach this message through Imams," he said.

Mujumbi said the only organised Muslim group in his area of jurisdiction is Kagoli Muslim Women, which has benefited from the women entrepreneurship programme that is being rolled out by the Government.

Idi Mayanja, the district community development officer, said rural communities fear starting SACCOS because they think they will be cheated by the elites in the group.

Mayanja said his office is teaching people numeracy, literacy and income-generating



Sheikh Abdu-Karim Mujumbi of Pallisa speaking to Muslims on Wednesday. Photo by Lawrence Okwakol

skills, but many people have not embraced it.

"Now that the district kadhi

is in support of SACCOS, our instructors will take up the task," Mayanja said.