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The government yesterday said it will hold village (LC1), parish (LC), and Women councils grassroots elections, three years after their current term first expired.

The current office holders were elected on July 10, 2018, with their terms scheduled to have expired in July 2023, but were extended for six months and six consecutive times.

ICT minister and government spokesperson Chris Baryomunsi, and his Local Government counterpart Raphael Magyezi said the elections will be held between March and April.

The ministers yesterday told reporters at the Uganda Media Centre in Kampala that the elections would be held just before President Museveni swears in for his seventh elective term in office in May.

They said the polls would help close the current leadership gap, promote service delivery, and spur national development.

Mr Magyezi described the village and parishes as critical administrative units, with the leaders ensuring environment cleanliness, orderliness, and security are maintained.

Village, parish polls return after three years of delays



People vote at the Railway Grounds Polling Station in Kampala as Uganda's presidential and parliamentary elections got underway in January. PHOTO/FILE

He said the new leadership will help to ensure government programmes such as the Parish Development Mod-

el (PDM) poverty alleviation initiative reach the intended beneficiaries.

"When you talk about parish devel-

opment model, the chairperson of the parish development committee is the elected LC2 chairperson, and then the

parish development committee, there are other offices from the special interest groups and so on, so we must have