



President Yoweri Museveni (seated, sixth-left) in a group photo with National Resistance Movement party chairpersons for districts, cities, municipalities and divisions. This was after a meeting at State House Entebbe on Friday. (Scan picture using the Vision Digital Experience to watch video)

NRM LEADERS URGED TO PROMOTE WEALTH CREATION

By Vision Reporter

President Yoweri Museveni has urged leaders of the National Resistance Movement (NRM) to prioritise wealth creation, strengthen accountability and improve delivery across the country.

He made the remarks on Friday during a meeting with NRM chairpersons for districts, cities, municipalities and divisions at State House Entebbe.

Museveni, who also serves as NRM national chairman, congratulated the leaders on their victory in the recently concluded elections. He said the latest polls reflected greater national cohesion compared to previous cycles, likening the unity to that witnessed during the 1996 elections when, he said, Ugandans rallied behind the NRM due to its problem-solving approach.

Museveni attributed this cohesion to what he termed *okuyenuura* leadership that responds directly to people's needs.

He cited the restoration of security through a disciplined army and the stabilisation of essential commodities such as sugar during the early years of NRM governance as examples.

The President observed that after 1996, household poverty became more apparent, prompting the introduction of revolving funds at sub-county level in 1997 to spur wealth creation.

Subsequent interventions, including National Agricultural Advisory Services, were rolled out to distribute seedlings and boost agricultural productivity, although a significant

WHAT PARTY LEADERS SAID

National Resistance Movement (NRM) deputy secretary general Rose Namayanja congratulated Museveni on what she described as a landslide victory, attributing it to the party's commitment to visionary leadership and service delivery.

The NRM chairperson for Gulu district, Christopher Ochen, thanked the President for empowering party structures to campaign effectively, saying it contributed to the overwhelming support.

He requested that district chairpersons be incorporated into district executive committees to strengthen supervision of government programmes.

Wamala Ssalongo, the NRM chairperson for Mukono municipality, appealed for representation of municipality and city chairpersons on the party's national executive committee to ensure inclusive participation in decision-making.

proportion of the population remained outside the money economy.

This, Museveni said, informed the introduction of the Parish Development Model (PDM), designed to channel funds directly to beneficiaries through parish committees to ensure transparency.

He noted that PDM is performing well in some districts and pledged additional funding to enhance its impact, urging party leaders to closely monitor implementation.

On education, the President said the NRM anticipated a crisis and introduced free education to widen access. However, he expressed concern at the alleged sabotage by some teachers and weak supervision by local leaders.

He also raised alarm over corruption, particularly accusations of job-selling within some district service commissions, cases of land grabbing and theft of medicines

from public health facilities.

Museveni called on NRM leaders to intensify oversight and enforce accountability.

He criticised poor road maintenance and substandard infrastructure works, partly blaming weak budgeting priorities, including the creation of new districts and municipalities at the expense of frontline services.

On employment, Museveni emphasised agriculture as the backbone of job creation, with manufacturing and services offering higher-value opportunities.


He pledged to produce more literature in the next term focused on socio-economic transformation and addressing the needs of ordinary citizens.

Beyond programmes such as PDM and Emyooga, the President stressed the need to strengthen the private sector through affordable financing, particularly via the Uganda Development Bank, to enable

enterprises to expand. He added that once production challenges are addressed, attention must shift


to markets, noting that local consumers are the first buyers. Increasing household incomes, he said, would spur demand for

products such as milk, cement and steel, eventually paving the way for expansion into regional markets.




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