

city currently has only two garbage trucks.

At the Gulu Main Market located in the Laroo-Pece Division, Aber has an uphill task in gar-

dents in the central business district. Aber has since promised to en-

Nyeko's body was found in the middle of Laroo Road, located

poorly maintained road

Bugiri Municipality residents ask new MPs to fix roads, market

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BUGIRI. Residents of Bugiri Municipality have outlined key challenges they want newly elected Members of Parliament to address, highlighting the stalled construction of Bugiri Central Market, flooding in town, poor roads and garbage collection.

Speaking on behalf of residents, Mr Saidi Kagere, the chairperson of the ruling NRM party in Bugiri Municipality, said leaders ought to prioritise service delivery if the party wants to have public trust and support in future elections.

"We are happy that the NRM party took over almost all elective posi-

tions in Bugiri Municipality. As leaders in power, we must deliver services to people, if we want to retain our positions," Mr Kagere said.

He added that poor road maintenance and alleged misuse of government funds by municipal officials remain major concerns among residents.

"We are ready to work with our leaders to improve household incomes and fight corruption," he added.

Traders operating in Bugiri Central Market raised concern over deteriorating sanitation conditions, warning of a possible disease outbreak due to congestion and inadequate facilities.

Mr Badiru Kilego, the chairperson of Bugiri Central Market Traders Associ-

ation, said the market urgently needs new pit-latrines following an increase in the number of vendors.

Poor sanitation at market

"The two pit-latrines we have been using are already full and some people have resorted to using polythene bags to ease themselves. We informed municipal council officials about the matter," Mr Kilego said.

He warned that congestion in the market, especially after the eviction of traders who had been operating outside the facility, has heightened the risk of fire and disease outbreaks.

Bugiri Central Market is one of the municipality's main sources of local revenue.

Mr Ayubu Kisubi Mulikiliza, the Bugiri Municipality mayor, said construction of new pit-latrines had already been included in the 2026/2027 budget.

"We received all the complaints from Bugiri Central Market and we are working around the clock to ensure the issues are addressed as soon as funds are released by the central government," he said.

The newly elected Bugiri Municipality MP, Mr John Francis Oketcho, pledged to raise the matter on the floor of Parliament.

"I am also an entrepreneur and I understand these challenges. I will engage the line ministry on the construction of Bugiri Central Market," Mr

Oketcho said.

He also called for unity among residents regardless of political affiliation.

The Bugiri District Woman MP, Ms Eunice Namatende pledged to closely monitor government programmes to ensure women and vulnerable groups benefit.

She added that single mothers operating small businesses should be prioritised under the GROW project.

The NRM National Treasurer, Barbara Nekesa Oundo, warned newly sworn-in leaders against misusing public funds. She also commended residents of Bugiri District for overwhelmingly voting for President Museveni and urged leaders to avoid divisive politics.