

# Residents protest over Masuliita road

WAKISO

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Residents of Masuliita in Wakiso district walked out of a meeting convened over a road because they were not satisfied with explanations from the leaders.

This happened when the district assistant engineer, Lillian Namutebi, informed the residents that the Gebero-Masuliita road would be expanded without compensation.

She informed the residents that the district council passed a resolution that the road has to be expanded from 11 meters to 13 metres, adding that the district has no money to buy murram and asked residents to provide it.

The residents said since they were not going to be compensated for their land, the district should buy the murram from them at a subsidised price.

The district engineers further faced difficulty when the mayor of Masuliita town council, Moses Mayanja, asked them to show them the road design.

Mayanja insisted that the district



**Wakiso officials and Masuliita residents making measurements ahead of the construction.** Photo by Job Nantakiika

works department present the road design and later promised to mobilise the residents and provide them with the murram.

The chairperson of the works committee, Sarah Namugga, told the residents that there was no road design to be presented to them.

Felix Mudali, one of the engineers, said the residents thought the road would be tarmacked, which is not the case.

"The residents and the mayor think that the project is big but what we are going to do is our usual mechanised road maintenance," Mudali said. One of the residents identified as Nickson Dumba threatened to secure a court order stopping the project if they do not produce the road design.

## RESIDENTS' EXPECTATION

She even threatened to relocate the project to another area if Masuliita residents were not ready to cooperate.

This resulted in some of the residents leaving the meeting protest.