

# Rivers dry up in Acholi as dry spell hits harder

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**KITGUM.** Many areas in Acholi sub-region are currently experiencing severe droughts. This has since seen water levels at numerous water bodies in the region receding.

River Pager in Kitgum District is among some of the water bodies in the region that have since dried up due to the prolonged dry spell.

Mr Martin Anywar, the Kitgum District forestry officer, estimates that about 50 per cent of the river dried up to its bed since November last year when rainfall stopped in the catchment areas where the river flows.

In Gulu District, Oyitino dam, from where National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC) pumps water for its clients, dried to its bed on two consecutive occasions in 2016 and 2017 due to dry spell, triggering acute water shortage.

According to Uganda National Meteorological Authority weather forecast reports, eastern northern parts (Lira, Kitgum, Agago, Lamwo, Otake, Pader, Alebtong, Kole, Amolatar, Kaberamaido and Dokolo) districts are expected to experience prolonged dry spells until February.