

# Agriculture recruits field extension workers

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**I**n 2014, Cabinet made some decisions for the benefit of the agricultural sector. One was that agriculture as a ministry should streamline extension service and eliminate parallel institution arrangements for extension service delivery.

It meant that they had to recall the function of extension from Naads secretariat and create a directorate of extension service in the ministry of Agriculture.

Thereafter, the government authorised the extension service directorate to recruit extension workers countrywide and so far more than 3000 have been recruited of the 25,000

needed to cause an agricultural revolution. And in a bid to ensure that they execute their duties efficiently, the government has provided the wage bill of about Shs40b for extension workers to be deployed and provide services, Director Agricultural Extension Services (AES), as Beatrice Byarugaba revealed.

Speaking during the pre-season meeting that attracted multitudes of farmers' representatives from Ankole sub-region, district local leaders and commercial officers as well as operation wealth creation commanders in Masaka this week, Byarugaba said the government was willing to help extension workers operate and provide services. This was because they are the ones with the most frequent contact, with the small-scale farmers in the areas.



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