

MINISTER ORDERS ON CAOS. In a bid to improve service delivery in the country, chief administrative officers (CAOs) have been directed to reside in their districts of work. Addressing Bundibugyo stakeholders at the district headquarters on Tuesday, the Minister of Local Government, Mr Tom Butime said most CAOs spend a lot of money travelling to and from their work places something he described as wastage of government resources and asked them to stop the vice forthwith. [Langina Muhirwa]



PROPER FOOD HANDLING

Quality

Women dry cassava on the improvised local dryers in Kabwohe Town Council in Sheema District recently. Cassava is one of the most grown foods in the sub-region. Government has always advised farmers to ensure proper food storage facilities so as to preserve food quality.

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Rukungiri water project behind schedule - leaders

Delayed. By July 17, just about 35 per cent of works on the Kahengye Gravity Water Project was done two months to the expected completion date of September 2017.

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RUKUNGIRI. On April 26, 2016, government, through Rukungiri District local government, entered a Memorandum of Understanding with an Indian firm, Techno FAB Engineering Services, to construct a Shs44b gravity water project.

Kahengye Gravity Water Project is funded by the World Bank and the government of Uganda.

The construction kicked off on July 14, 2016 and completion is expected in

District water officer, said only 35 per cent of the civil works had been done by July 17.

Mr Tukwatse blames the delay on slow cash flow to the project, delay in acquisition of land and physical hurdles.

"The other unanticipated factor was of the rocks in the ground. Originally, the design was to cater for the excavation of basement for the tanks, but later, there was need for rock blasting that consumed two months of the project time and this stopped other works," he said.

The work done so far includes laying of foundations for the eight water treatment facilities and setting up of the concrete walls, according to Mr Tukwatse.

Construction of the main water reservoir at Mukazi in Kebisoni Sub-

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"In our observation, there must have been a challenge of cash flow to the whole project. This could have affected acquisition of manpower, machinery and other necessary materials,"
DEUS TUKWATSE,
RUKUNGIRI DISTRICT

chines and transformers have not been installed yet.

Mr James Turyamubona, the district speaker, said the project is far from being complete.

"They [contractors] have requested for more time, which has been granted. We have given them three more months from when the project was meant to be complete, so we expect the contractor to finish the project on December 11, (2017). But according to my projection, we may get into 2018 before this project is finished," he says.

Mr Charles Makuru, the Rukungiri mayor, who is also the vice chairperson of the committee constituted to oversee the project, has asked the ministry to intervene and have the contractor speed up his work.

The State minister for Water, Mr

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Judicial officers warned

MASINDI: Principal Judge Yorokamu Bamwine has threatened to expel judicial officials over missing case files. Speaking during a Court Open Day at Masindi court on Tuesday, Mr Bamwine said there are scenarios where court officials have reported to his office cases of missing files. He directed that anybody who reports loss of a file would be held as a prime suspect and will take them out of the system. He also cautioned court officials against corruption, but also warned court users against tempting the officials in their quest for justice. [Fred Kiva]

Minister urges parents

IBANDA: The State minister for Primary Education, Ms Rosemary Seninde, has asked parents in Ibanda District to support the education of their children in government-aided schools in a bid to fight poverty in different families. Ms Seninde made the call on Tuesday during her monitoring and evaluation visit to Ibanda District where government is building classroom blocks at 11 schools with support from the World Bank. She also asked parents to provide sanitary pads to girls such that they can remain at school even during their menstruation.

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Ronald Kibuule, visited the project on May 23 to assess the progress of works.

He told *Daily Monitor* then that "...the water project has issues, the contractor is said not to be on ground."

Rukungiri Resident District Commissioner Martin Mugabi told *Daily Monitor* in May that "...the project is supposed to be completed on September 14 but the contractor was given extension of three months so he is expected to finish in December."

Rukungiri Municipality MP Roland Mugume Kaginda said they had contemplated procuring another contractor.

"We thought of stopping the contractor and procure another one, but we realised it would take a long process and decided that time for the current contractor be extended," Mr Kaginda said.

The former Rukungiri District chairperson, Mr Charles Byabakama and Ntungamo District chairperson, Mr Dennis Singahanche, said they have played their part and what is remaining is for the contractor.

"We had secured land and sensitised the locals affected by the project when I left office. We are only waiting for the contractor to have the water flowing. I know all the district leaders are equally eagerly waiting," Mr Byabakama said.

Mr Kenneth Kilangwa, the site project supervisor, notes that while the leaders say they secured the land, they did not secure it in time and they [contractor] were again inconvenienced by the land owners while setting up the project site.

He asked the leaders to give them some more time so that they do a good job.

Ms Oliver Bamutambira, a resident of Kahengye Trading Centre, noted that they can't wait using the safe water after the completion of the project. "We get clean water here only when it rains. If it does not, then we use contaminated water from the river. This is the reason clinics and hospitals are making a lot of money from us. You find people here suffering from diarrhoea and typhoid," Ms Bamutambira said.

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THE PROJECT

Water source. Water is to be tapped from River Kahengye flowing through Ntungamo, Rukungiri and Mitooma districts.

Beneficiaries. The scheme is expected to benefit 120,000 people in Rukungiri and Ntungamo districts. At least 80,000 people in Rukungiri Municipality, Kebisoni, Buyanja and Nyakagyeme sub-counties in Rukungiri will benefit. Another 40,000 people in Bwongyera Sub-county, Nyamunuka and Rwashamairi town councils in Ntungamo are also expected to benefit from the project.

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