

BRIEF

Infrastructure development

San Bwire Opio, the mayor of a municipal council, told the press that his ministry had done everything to improve infrastructure development. "The Government, through Uganda Revenue Authority, each month collects over sh70 billion here," Opio said adding that the Government should consider remitting at least 0.01% of collected revenue for the development of the town.

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Farmers demand govt support for irrigation

DOKOLO

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Farmers in Lango sub-region have asked the Government to allocate more funds to the agricultural sector to support irrigation to reduce losses they suffer due to the dry spell.

Farmers who have benefited from the Operation Wealth Creation (OWC) programme in Dokolo district made the appeal to the Minister of State for Economic Monitoring in the President's office, Dr Kasirivu Atwooki.

Atwooki was monitoring the progress of government programmes in Dokolo district.

Concern was on the growing of citrus, which most farmers say is hard to venture into without irrigation during the dry season.

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fruit fly.

Elilu revealed that he picked interest in planting citrus when President Yoweri Museveni was sensitising Ugandans through the media at the beginning of the NAADS programme.

Elilu, who only studied up to Primary Three, told the minister that despite his level of education, he had been supported by district

officials who supplied him with 600 citrus seedlings and guided him on how to manage them.

He said recently traders from Kampala and Kenya came to buy his oranges at sh25,000 per sack.

Elilu said out of the 600 seedlings, he has been able to look after his family. Seven are in school. Two had completed Senior Six, the other two sat for Senior Six exams this year. One graduated last year.

Atwooki, responding to the concerns from farmers, said the purpose of the visit was to find out how they were performing in the different programmes in the northern region.

He said the assessment made would help them with future plans.

On irrigation and diseases, the minister said his office would meet leaders in northern Uganda to come up with solutions and later bring them to the attention to the President.

The deputy director of OWC, Lt. Gen. Charles Angina, said he was impressed with the level of farmers who had understood the model of the programme.

Betty Angwech, a cassava grower, said cassava brown streak and mosaic were becoming a threat to their enterprise.