

Wakiso district leaders want sh7b for an industrial park

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Wakiso district has appealed to the central government to help raise sh7b for buying land to build the district's industrial park.

The demand followed the district council resolution recently to have a gazetted industrial park in the district, saying the population is growing at a high rate and that there could be land shortage in the near future.

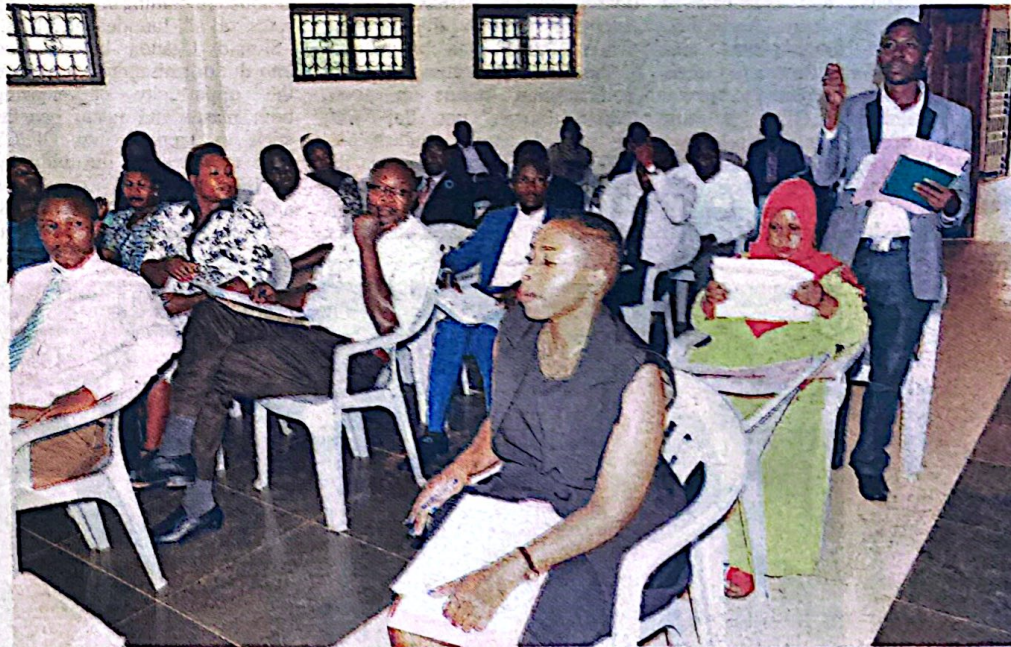
Wakiso district speaker Simon Nsubuga said the five square miles of land has already been identified in Kakiri sub-county.

He pointed out that the land will have factories and demonstration farms, which they expect to reduce the unemployment rate in the district.

According to Nsubuga, the land is occupied by tenants, but they will not be evicted.

He pointed out that the district had not earmarked money for the project, but that they had already started mobilising funds from all urban councils towards the cause. He added that they want to clear the land before the end of the financial year.

The district deputy chief administrative officer, Wasswa Masokoyi, wants Wakiso district



Wakiso district councillors in a meeting recently at the district headquarters, where they came up with a resolution to build an industrial park. Photo by Job Nantakiika

to be granted a special status in the Operation Wealth Creation programme.

Masokoyi said the district has no land for planting the seeds that are distributed by Operation Wealth Creation, because of the small

pieces of land.

According to Masokoyi, Wakiso will implement projects such as poultry, piggery, cattle keeping and fish farming, which require small pieces of land because the district is becoming urbanised.

Masokoyi said he has already written to the executive director of the National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS) to fund the enterprises. He said he was expecting a positive response from NAADS.

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