

but they are no more. So it surprises me when those who Bishop Egesa for not only ministering to the people through the ranks to diocesan secretary. He has many asking to be permitted to enter Busoga Diocese," Wakula said.

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Ntungamo farmers urged to practise modern farming

NTUNGAMO

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Farmers in Ntungamo district have been urged to invest in modern farming technology in order to maximise their harvest.

Henry Nyakojo, the board chairman of TPO-Uganda, told farmers that best farming practices would increase their output and enable them to kick poverty out of their homes.

He made the call on Friday after being told by the youth in Kibatsi sub-county, Kajara in Ntungamo that most farmers in the district still depended on traditional ways of farming. They said this had largely hampered their agricultural output.

Nyakojo challenged the district leadership to invest in helping farmers by building their skills in value addition and urged the Government to build the capacity of institutions so as to help farmers.

He advised farmers with small pieces of land to use them efficiently and specialise in particular farm products. He said specialisation



TPO-Uganda members visiting some of the projects supported by their organisation on Friday. Photo by Abdulkarim Ssendendo

would make it easier to raise quantity and be able to approach the market from a position of strength.

"Some people plant a lot, but harvest less. When you have quality and quantity, you have a better chance

BETWEEN THE LINES

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of negotiating good prices," he said.

Mary Katushabe, the TPO-Uganda regional co-ordinator for the southwestern region, said the organisation had reached out to over 16,961 households and 95,852 beneficiaries in the 12 districts in the region.

Psychosocial support

TPO Uganda started about 25 years ago to deal with psychosocial problems of societies. It started by attending to people displaced by war in northern Uganda and has operations in over 30 districts, addressing problems of vulnerable households.

Patrick Onyango Mangeni, the TPO country director, advised the youth engaged in farming to always select products whose market has been properly surveyed.

He was impressed by the way in which beneficiaries have embraced the projects and pledged more support by the organisation.

A number of beneficiaries gave testimonies on how the projects had improved their livelihoods.

"Feeding my children was stressful, but when this programme came I got equipped with skills in managing my home better. Everything has positively changed," Rovence Kikyamama from Kibatsi said.

The Ntungamo district speaker, Eliija Atuhaire, commended TPO-Uganda for their intervention to support vulnerable families and pledged district support for the sustainability of the programmes.

However, he called for an extension of the duration of the programme, saying they are yearning for more support because the challenges faced by vulnerable families in the district are enormous.