

TESO

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More than 5,000 households in the Teso sub-region are set to benefit from the first phase of the government's cattle compensation and rehabilitation program aimed at families that lost livestock during past insurgencies.

The development follows President Yoweri Museveni's directive to compensate communities in Teso, Acholi, and Lango for cattle lost during years of conflict.

This has brought renewed hope to thousands of families that have waited decades for redress.

Leaders in Teso have confirmed that the identification and verification of beneficiaries has now been completed, paving the way for payments to begin before the end of this month.

BENEFICIARIES CLEARED

According to regional statistics, 5,066 beneficiaries from Teso have been cleared under the first phase of the rehabilitation program. The compensation initiative stems from a longstanding dispute in which leaders from Teso, Acholi and Lango challenged the Government over cattle losses

Teso cattle compensation beneficiaries identified

HIGH DEMAND

Katakwi District LGS chairperson Geoffrey Omolo said the demand far outweighs the available slots.

"We have 109 parishes in Katakwi, but only a limited number of beneficiaries could be selected in each parish. Naturally, many people feel left out," Omolo said.

suffered during insurgencies.

Although some war claimants had previously been compensated through court processes, many leaders argued that the compensation model was inadequate and left many affected households dissatisfied.

In August last year, during a meeting with Teso leaders, President Museveni resolved that each affected household



Omolo

would receive compensation equivalent to five cows.

REHABILITATION

"We do not compensate for war and we do not compensate for national disasters. For us in Teso, this is rehabilitation and restocking," Museveni told the leaders.

The president also directed Vice President Jessica Alupo



Ekesu

to engage leaders from Acholi and Lango on the same arrangement, which was later accepted by the two regions.

5 COWS FOR EACH BENEFICIARY

In the last financial year, the government allocated Shs80 billion for the first phase of the program across the three regions. Rather than purchasing cattle directly, the



RDC Tukei

Government resolved to pay each beneficiary Shs5m, an amount equivalent to the value of five cows.

The identification exercise was conducted by parish chiefs together with Parish Development Committees (PDCs), with the lists later verified by chief administrative officers and district internal security officers before submission to the Office of the Prime Minister.

Most districts in Teso have already submitted their verified lists to the Office of the Prime Minister, with beneficiaries expected to receive the money through mobile phone transfers.

INCONSISTENCIES

Julius Odeke, the communications officer for Kalaki District, said 306 beneficiaries were initially selected, but 25 were rejected by the system due to inconsistencies in National Identification Numbers or lack of registered phone numbers.

"We had 306 beneficiaries selected, but the system rejected 25 people due to challenges ranging from unmatched NIN numbers to lack of phone contacts. We eventually submitted 281 names," Odeke said.

In Amuria District, Principal Assistant Secretary Rebecca Apio said 792 beneficiaries had been selected.

"We picked eight beneficiaries from each of the 99 parishes in the district. Priority was given to the elderly, widows, persons with disabilities and people living with HIV/AIDS," Apio said.

THE DISTRIBUTION

The Teso sub-region was allocated Shs24 billion from the Shs80 billion set aside for

the three regions. Kaberamaido District registered the lowest number of beneficiaries at 290, a situation local leaders attribute to the district's limited number of parishes.

"The previous council did not create new parishes, leaving us with administrative units as large as sub-counties, such as Swagere," said district chairperson Victor Rex Ekesu.

District leaders say the cap on beneficiaries per parish between five and ten people has sparked complaints from many households left out of the first phase.

Amuria District received the largest allocation with 792 beneficiaries, followed by Serere District with 700.

Gabriel Otira, the Principal Assistant Secretary for Serere, urged residents to remain patient.

"We selected ten people from each parish and assured residents that this is only the first phase of the program," he said.

Bukedea District, which has the highest number of parishes in Teso at 152, selected 608 beneficiaries.

STRICT SCRUTINY

District Commissioner Wilberforce Tukei said strict scrutiny was applied during the selection process.

"We carried out due diligence to ensure the right beneficiaries are paid. We protected vulnerable people from wealthy individuals who wanted to influence the process," Tukei said.

Although the allocation for the next financial year remains unclear, leaders say Teso still has more than 480,000 households awaiting compensation.

RECEIVING PAYMENTS

According to the roadmap issued by the Office of the Prime Minister, beneficiaries are expected to start receiving their payments before the end of this month.

Beneficiaries by district in Teso: Amuria 792, Serere 700, Bukedea 608, Kumi 560, Katakwi 545, Soroti 486, Soroti City 400, Ngora 365, Kapelebyong 330, Kalaki 306, Kaberamaido 290 and Kumi Municipality 84.

This brings the total number of beneficiaries in Teso to 5,066 households.

**BUNDIRUGYO DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT****INVITATION TO BID UNDER OPEN DOMESTIC BIDDING****PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO.1**

Bundibugyo District Local Government invites detailed application from interested and competent registered contracting companies to bid for the following areas of service delivery during the financial year 2026/2027;

A. Prequalification for supplies, goods, services and works for the following items;**SUPPLIES**

1. Supply of office, School Furniture, Metallic Safe, Shelves and filing cabinets
2. Supply of Computers, Laptops, Cameras, Public Address Systems, accessories and other office equipment
3. Agricultural and Veterinary Supplies and Services
4. Supply of electrical appliances and Solar
5. Supply and installation of Pipes and fittings

WORKS

1. Construction and renovations of buildings and fencing of Government buildings
2. Construction and rehabilitation of Latrines, medical waste and placenta pits
3. Construction, rehabilitation, restoration, maintenance of gravity flow Schemes, protected water springs and incidental repairs.
4. Construction of Bridges and material supply

SERVICES

1. Electrical repair services and installation
2. Garbage collection and Disposal
3. Provision of Auctioning Services
4. Maintenance of Medical/Assorted Equipment

FRAME WORK CONTRACTS

1. Supply of Petroleum Products, oils and lubricants
2. Supply of Stationery and other office consumables
3. Provision of Hire Services for road equipment
4. Provision of Security services at Bundibugyo Main Hospital
5. Supply of reinforced Concrete Culverts

6. Supply and fixing of spare parts and consumables of road plants
7. Supply of Gravel, Murrum, Sand, Cement, Hardcore materials, Lime, and Bitumen
8. Repair, maintenance and servicing of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles, generators and equipment for road works
9. Supply of Batteries, Tyres, Tubes and grader spare parts
10. Provision of Catering and conference facility services

Contracts reserved for Special Interest Groups

- **WOMEN** - Provision of Catering Services/Supply of food and refreshments
- **YOUTH** - Supply of Stationary and Consumables
- Supply of Computers and accessories, Laptops, Cameras, Public Address Systems, and other office equipment
- **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY** - Supply of office, School Furniture, Metallic Safe, Shelves and filing cabinets

CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATION

1. Interested eligible bidders must enclose in their applications the following:
 - Certificate of Incorporation/registration – legal status fully certified by URSB
 - Valid trading license/operational permit
 - Valid tax clearance certificate
 - Documentary evidence of past performance, qualification and experience of key staff
 - Beneficial Ownership of the company, Bank A/C Numbers and National Identity Cards of the Directors.
2. Physical, postal and telephone numbers and active email addresses of the company
3. Memorandum and Articles of Association
4. VAT Registration Certificate where applicable
5. Registered Powers of Attorney fully stamped by RRSB

- Bid Securing Declaration
 - Bank statements/audited books of accounts
 - Evidence of equipment ownership, hire or lease and manufacturing facilities.
2. Complete sets of Bidding documents in English may be purchased by bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Uganda Shillings 50,000/=. Each item must be applied for separately, pay
 3. The method of payment for the bidding document shall be through Uganda Revenue Authority Using IRAS to generate PRN. Evidence of payment shall be presented to the district cashier for generation of payment receipt which shall subsequently be presented to PDU for issuance of the bidding document.
 5. The deadline for Bid submission is **28th May, 2026 at 12:00 Noon** and thereafter bids will be opened on the same day at **12:30 PM** in the Procurement and Disposal Unit and in the presence of the bidders / their agents who may wish to attend. Late submissions shall be rejected.
 6. In addition to the original document, the number of copies required are two (2) and must be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marking the subject and addressed to:

**The Head of Procurement and Disposal Unit
Bundibugyo District Local Government
P.O Box 1166, Bundibugyo**

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGES)

Date	Activity
11 th May, 2026	Publication of bid notice
20 th May, 2026	Pre-bid meeting
28 th May, 2026	Bid Closing and opening date
1 st – 12 th June, 2026	Evaluation process
15 th June 2026	Contracts Committee Decision
16 th – 30 th June, 2026	Display of best evaluated bidder Notice and
2 nd July, 2026	Contract Signing

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, BUNDIRUGYO