

when the Bank of Uganda had advised against it.

accounts committee, asked Parliament to allow the committee

so that they decide whether the loan was properly used and if

"The recommendation... harsh. I have no fault," he said.

By Andrew Musinguzi

The Government, through the finance ministry, has set aside sh700m for the construction of Nyamarwa Secondary School in Kibaale. This was revealed by the state minister for primary education, Rosemary Nansubuga Seninde.

Seninde said the central government would release the money in the next financial year.

"Our target is to revamp the education sector by adequately funding government-aided primary and secondary schools across the country. We want to ensure parents educate their children, especially the girls, in order to empower women in social, economic and political aspects of life," she said.

Sseninde was on Friday speaking as a chief guest at the belated International Women's Day for Kibaale district held at Nyamarwa playground. The function was organised by the Kibaale Woman MP, Noeline Kisembo Basemera.

She said: "The Government,

## Legislators plan sh700m school for Kibaale



Police women in Kibaale marching during the belated International Women's Day celebrations in Kibaale district last week. Photo by Andrew Musinguzi

through the education ministry, has earmarked sh500m. The finance ministry will top up sh200m towards the construction of a multi-billion science block, administration block, 13 pit latrine stances and a four-classroom block at Nyamarwa Secondary School

in Kibaale district."

Seninde told people in Kibaale and the entire Bunyoro sub-region to make educating their children a priority so as to register socio-economic and political transformation.

The finance minister and MP for Buyanja constituency, Matia

Kasaija, re-echoed the potential of women in development, emphasising that men should support them to realise transformation.

"I do not want to hear that there are men who still batter, harass and divorce their wives unnecessarily. This habit is

### BETWEEN THE LINES:

Finance minister Matia Kasaija advised men to engage their wives in productive ventures and work as a team to educate their children, particularly girls, so as to improve household income and fight poverty.

counterproductive. I want to hear about the increasing number of projects, such as piggery, coffee and fruit growing, as well as SACCOS and improved household incomes," he said.

Kisembo said there are over 20 women groups that have registered success in poultry rearing, piggery, weaving, beauty salons and SACCOS.

She asked for more funding for women groups in a bid to

improve their enterprises and applauded the Government for championing the plight of women groups in the district.

Robinah Bamwesige, the district chairperson for Uganda Women Entrepreneurship Programme, said sh114m was disbursed to over 20 women groups and at least sh34.6m has been ploughed back as a revolving fund.

"We need more funding to support other groups that have not yet got support," she said.

The Women's Day theme was: "Empowering Women, Girl child, an opportunity for development".

It was characterised by a parade march mounted by the Police, Prisons, school children and women groups. The march was led by St Aloysius Primary School Brass Band.

Other guests at the function included the board chairperson of Uganda Investment Authority, Dr Emely Kugonza; Kumi District Woman MP, Monica Amoding, Norah Nyendwoba officials from the Ministry of Gender and the clergy.