

River Muzizi bursts its banks, road closed

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The road connecting Kibaale and Kyegegwa districts has been closed after River Muzizi burst its banks, causing flooding.

Felix Geria Osoa, the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) Fort Portal station manager, said the Kyegegwa-Hapuyo-Kibaale road has been cut off by heavy flooding at Ruzaire Bridge, 17km from Kibaale and 20km from Kyegegwa.

Geria said the alternative routes that motorists can use for the time being are Kitutu via Buterevu to Kyegegwa and Kitutu via Katebe to Kyegegwa (from and to Kibaale).

He said UNRA's maintenance team is doing all it takes to



Residents at a flooded road. Photo by Ismael Kasooha

restore the road in the shortest time possible.

"We are moving equipment

from Kamwenge district to the site so that work can start as soon as possible. We call on the

residents to remain calm," Geria said.

This followed the heavy downpour and the washing away of culverts at the bridge near Hapuyo.

The Kibaale resident district commissioner, Samuel Kisembo, said this had paralysed business in both districts and school-going children could not access their schools.

He said this road had been an alternative route to Kampala because of the ongoing road construction works on the Kibaale-Kakumiro-Mubende road.

Kisembo said some children who had gone to school were sleeping in classrooms because they cannot go back home.

However, he assured the public that everything was being done to rectify the situation.

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