

Join co-operatives to fight hunger

EDITOR: The latest Uganda National Household Survey findings released by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics indicate that household poverty went up from about 19% to 27%, with the worst hit areas being Busoga, Bukedi and Karamoja.

The report adds that farmers engaging in subsistence agriculture were severely hit by the dry spell that ravaged Uganda last year and early this year, pushing up prices for food and other items.

The only way for farmers engaged in subsistence agriculture to survive such calamities is to join up their lands and operate in unison. For this to achieve its purpose co-operatives need to be formed and where they existed, maybe they should be re-established.

In a co-operative, it is possible to invest in large-scale agriculture, acquire considerable capital and also afford irrigation equipment.

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