

# Rain ravages over 5,000 homes

## ISINGIRO

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Gardens and houses worth millions of shillings were ravaged by a heavy downpour that hit Birere and Nyamuyanja sub-counties in Isingiro North, Isingiro district.

The storm swept away Kishuro bridge, which connects the two sub-counties – the only route residents have been using to transport their produce.

The storm also killed 18 goats, sheep, cattle and also destroyed Aisha bridge which connects to Aisha Girls Secondary School.

Moses Mujuni Kaheeru and Joseph Besigye, the chairpersons of Nyamuyanja and Birere sub-counties, said they were worried about their next source of income since the livelihood of the residents in the two sub-counties

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Over 5,200 households were left stranded after their food crops that included cassava, banana plantations, maize and beans were destroyed by the heavy rains.

depended on agriculture. Besigye attributed the disaster to the destruction of Kahenda wetland, which can no longer contain running water, hence destroying people's property. He said management has already contacted all relevant authorities requesting for immediate food relief to help the affected families.

The area MP and state minister of veteran affairs, Lt Col Bright Rwamirama, said he had already notified the relevant ministry and had also informed the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) about the collapsed bridges.

"I was notified about the affected area and I have already informed all relevant authorities for immediate intervention, especially Kishuro bridge, which connects two sub-counties," Rwamirama said.

According to Mujuni, the LC3 chairperson of Nyamuyanja sub-county, they need over sh250m to repair Kishuro bridge.

The affected areas include Kibumba, Ijugangoma, Nyarwashama, Rwamagundo, Nyakibare, Kyera parish, Kikowa parish, Kasana parish, Kishuro parish and Kahenda parish.

Last week, Muhamba village in Kashari North was also hit by heavy rains killing 11 goats, six sheep and one cow. The heavy downpour also destroyed several properties, including people's crops.

At the beginning of this month, Bucuro and Bubaare sub-counties were also hit by heavy rains.