

Japan to fund Kampala flyover Phase 2

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The Government of Japan has confirmed funding for the construction of the second phase of the Kampala Flyover project, aimed at easing traffic congestion and reducing flooding along Jinja Road.

The Minister of Works and Transport, Gen Katumba Wamala, shared the news yesterday.

"I have good news for the people of Kampala. We have long awaited Lot II of the Kampala Flyover, and this morning we received firm confirmation from the Government of Japan that construction will proceed," he said.

Gen Wamala made the announcement during the launch of the General Specifications for Road and Bridge Works, 2026, held at Munyonyo Resort Hotel in Kampala.

Lot II will extend the Clock Tower Flyover (Lot I) to Kitgum House junction and Wampewo Avenue.

The project will also include new roads linking to Coronation Road near Lugogo Bypass and the Jinja Expressway, whose construction has not yet begun.

The minister said Phase II of the flyover will play a major role in decongesting traffic and addressing flooding challenges at Kawempe Avenue Roundabout on Jinja Road.



Gen Katumba Wamala

"We will implement Lot II exactly as it was designed. It will be a magnificent structure. We have already acquired 94 per cent of the land required, and only a few utilities need to be relocated, so we are ready to go," he said.

He added that the contract signing is expected by October, with construction set to begin in January next year.

"It will also improve drainage around Airtel House, Wampewo Roundabout, and the former Electoral Commission headquarters at Centenary Park," Gen Wamala said.

At the same event, Gen Wamala officially launched the General Specifications for Road and Bridge Works, 2026, which establish uniform standards for road and bridge infrastructure across the country.

"These specifications set clear guidelines for contractors, as well as central and local government authorities. Any deviation from these standards will attract legal

accountability," he said.

"By defining standards for materials, workmanship, testing, and quality control, these specifications will ensure roads and bridges are built to a consistent, reliable standard, last longer, and deliver greater value for public investment," he added.

Mr Stephen Kitonsa, the engineer-in-chief at the ministry, said the new standards require contractors to use materials suitable for Uganda's climate. For example, the policy shifts from

conventional penetration-grade bitumen to performance-graded bitumen, which can withstand the high temperatures of up to 45°C common in Uganda.

Conventional bitumen softens under heat, making pavements prone to cracks, rutting, and premature failure.

"At such temperatures, conventional 60/70 bitumen starts to lose stiffness, causing pavements to deform and deteriorate quickly," Mr Kitonsa explained.

The new policy also transfers the responsibility of land acquisition from contractors to the government, ensuring smoother project implementation.

Contractors are further required to recycle and reuse materials from existing roads to cut costs and minimise wastage.

Mr Bageya Waiswa, the permanent secretary of the ministry, said the regulations will lead to durable, safe, and resilient roads.

BACK- GROUND

The Kampala Flyover project is part of the government's broader efforts to improve urban mobility, traffic management, and flood control in Kampala, one of the fastest-growing cities in East Africa.



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA KASESE DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVITATION TO BID (ITB) / REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)



Provision of Consultancy Services for the development of the Climate Risk Vulnerability Assessment (CRVA) Report for Kasese District. Procurement Ref No. KSE/BSR/SRVCS/2025/2026/00007

1. Introduction

Under the Local Climate Adaptive Living (LoCAL) programme, Kasese District Local Government has received and allocated funds to be used for the acquisition of consultancy services for the development of the District Climate Risk Vulnerability Assessment (CRVA) Report for Kasese District Local Government.

2. The Client now invites sealed proposals from eligible, qualified consultancy firms to provide the following service: "Development of a District Climate Risk Vulnerability Assessment Report". Detailed technical specifications and terms of reference (TOR) are provided in the bidding documents.

3. Eligibility criteria

Interested consultants MUST provide:

1. Valid Certificate of Incorporation
2. Valid Income Tax Clearance Certificate
3. Proof of valid trading License/Operating Licence
4. Evidence of similar assignments undertaken in the last five (five) years).
5. Profiles of key personnel proposed for the assignment

4. Procurement Procedures:

Bidding will be conducted in accordance with the Open Bidding Method contained in the Government of Uganda's Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act, 2003 Order 2021, the PPDA (Procurement of Consultancy services) Regulations, 2023 and the procedures described in Part 1:

Proposal Procedures and is open to all consultancy firms.

5. Obtaining Bidding Documents

- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at: Procurement and Disposal Unit at 8:00am to 5:00pm.
6. The Request for proposals document in English may be purchased by interested from procurement and Disposal Unit upon payment of a non-refundable fee of UGX. 50,000.
7. Proposals must be delivered to Procurement and Disposal Unit on 13th April 2026 at 12:00pm. And bids will be opened 13th April 2026 at 12:30pm in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend.

Planned procurement schedule (subject to changes) is as follows:-

Publish of bid notice/advert	15th March 2026
Pre meeting	N/A
Bid closing & opening of bids	13th April 2026
Evaluation process	14th April 2026
Display of best evaluated bidder notice	16th April 2026
Contract award & signature	30th April 2026

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