

# Farmers seek ginger processing plant

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**T**he rising demand for ginger in Uganda, Congo and Sudan has prompted farmers in Mukono to create an association that is intended to boost their produce.

Last Sunday, more than 100 farmers in Nsanja-Katosi unanimously agreed to form the Mukono Ginger Farmers Association to help them boost the production of this crop.

The newly elected chairperson Eriya Obur said they are going to educate farmers on how to grow ginger and how to mobilise resources such as seeds and fertilisers.

According to Edward



Farmer shows off his grown ginger. PHOTO BY JESSICA SABANO

Kisubika, the group's coordinator, a kilogramme of ginger ranges between Shs2,000 and Shs1,000 while a bag of seeds goes for Shs250,000.

The group plans to lobby funds from government and other farming agencies so that they get a ginger processing

machine in Mukono to enable them export processed products.

At the moment, Mukono is required to produce 60 tonnes monthly to satisfy the available market but they are yet to meet the demand.