

Address climate change challenges to improve youth livelihood programmes

Climate change is majorly arises from global warming, which negatively affects the entire global ecosystems. Indeed global warming threatens to undo many years of development efforts and frustrate poverty and unemployment eradication programmes, especially the Youth Livelihood Programmes associated with agriculture.

Climate change has started manifesting itself through droughts, floods and landslides, among others. It is becoming a serious threat to Uganda's natural resources, social and economic development.

Deforestation is one thing that contributes to climate change. It is caused by a number of factors, including increased demand for charcoal and firewood.

The youth are not able to benefit from some of the youth projects such piggery projects, etc, due to the effects of climate change, which greatly affects livestock and crops. Despite technological advances, productivity is still low due to severe reduction in quantity and quality of pastures, increased flood



and drought-related diseases.

Drought results from severe water shortage, leading to loss of animals, increased food prices to feed the livestock as well as plants withering prematurely. Floods also wash away crops and make transportation difficult hence raising the transportation costs of products to markets.

Consequently, this frustrates the youth efforts to recover the funds they invested in specific projects. Therefore, this will not have solved the problem of unemployment and income generation by the youth.

As Ugandans, we need to first address the climate change challenge in order to improve, among others, the Youth Livelihood Programme. Let's focus on renewable energy such as solar rather than cutting down trees for, among others, burning charcoal, which greatly affects the climate.

The government should also make solar panels affordable and provide cheap electricity. This will go a long way towards addressing the climate change.

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