

...government, but they have never received any response," Mr Binoga said yesterday in an interview.

made in December last year.

He said many of the trafficked persons were allegedly working as sex workers.

...formal report to us, we suspect that they were shy about the trade they were doing in Thailand," he said.

He retaliated that many Ugandan women are hoodwinked by human

get them lawful employment abroad, but they only end up in brothels.

In January, two Ugandan women were rescued by Turkish police from a sex ring and deported to Uganda.

Experts punch holes in Shs22b agri-business project

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KAMPALA. Agriculture experts have punched holes in a Shs22.2b government project launched yesterday to help farmers boost household incomes through increased production.

Government in partnership with Kilimo Trust and Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa launched the project that it hopes will boost the production in the agriculture sectors.

Kilimo Trust is an independent organisation working on agriculture for development across the region.

The project seeks to promote re-

gional solutions to local problems.

The State minister for East African Community Affairs, Mr Julius Maganda, said the new project will support 300,000 small holder families grow maize, rice and potatoes for an initial five-year period. However, it's not clear how the beneficiaries will be picked.

"The main objective of this project is to strengthen access to inputs including seed, fertilisers, agrochemicals, technologies and outputs so as to strengthen the capacity of farmers and other value chain actors to be more profitable in the markets," Mr Maganda said

However, Mr Julius Ahangaana, an Agro-business consultant from MTK

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Uganda Ltd, a private company suggested, that the Shs21b should be invested in communal-like infrastructure projects to address key bottlenecks to increased production and productivity.

"Instead of breaking down that

money into small amounts, the government should put up reserve places for the produce to help farmers. This would have been a better option because farmers lack standard reserve stores," Mr Ahangaana said.

Mr Ahangaana also explained that although targeting women and youth is good, there is no element in the project implementation plan of changing the negative attitude among the youth who hold the view that farming is not for the educated.

Mr David Okello, another specialist, proposed that the number of beneficiaries be reduced so that the project can serve its purpose.