

KABAROLE DISTRICT APPROVED A SH25B BUDGET, PUTTING MORE EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION, ADMINISTRATION

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Ibanda district council has passed a sh18.8b budget for the financial year 2018/2019, up from last year's sh17b budget.

Education will maintain sh8b, while administration will take sh2.5b from last year's sh2.7b.

The health sector was allocated sh2.4b, up from sh1.9b that the department was allocated last financial year.

Elias Tumubweine, the district youth councillor who doubles as the secretary for finance, said the district would focus on increasing revenue to finance their activities.

He said revenue generation was poor, something he attributed to the creation of more local government units, especially some town councils that do not remit revenue to the district.

Kagadi

In Kagadi, the district council approved a sh29.9b budget.

Robert Birungi Kanyeihamba, the secretary for finance, said education would take the lion's share, with almost 28% of the budget, followed by health, agriculture and road infrastructure, respectively.

However, the budget will rely on funding from the central government, with the district contributing less than 5%.

District budgets: Health, education take big share



Davis Lukyamuzi, a councillor in Mukono, deliberating during a council session. Mukono passed a sh42.4b budget on Monday. Photo by Henry Nsubuga

Mukono

Meanwhile, in Mukono, the district council on Monday passed a sh42.4b.

Passing the budget dragged on, with the council

speaker, Emmanuel Mbonye, demanding audit reports from the current district government.

"This is an era of accountability and I cannot succumb to a situation where

we will be looked at as being insolent to the taxpayer," Mbonye said.

The secretary for finance, Anna Lubulwa, said the budget had been amended

from sh37.4b as earlier recommended by sectoral committees.

BETWEEN THE LINES

■ Elias Tumubweine, the Ibanda district youth councillor, said revenue generation was poor, something he attributed to the creation of more local government units, especially town councils that do not remit revenue to the district.

Lubulwa said the amendments were occasioned by changes in indicative planning figures issued by the central government, reflecting higher figures in donor funds, and unconditional grants.

Kaberamaido

In Kaberamaido, a district council approved a sh24.3b budget for the financial year 2018/2019, compared to sh20.9b for 2017/2018.

The secretary for finance,

Jane Judith Ayudo, said education would take sh8b, health sh3b, and community development sh2.8b. She also said the budget would facilitate expanding water coverage and infrastructural development, among others.

Kabarole

Kabarole district council has approved a sh25b budget, putting more emphasis on improving education and administration.

Augustine Kisembo, the Kabarole district secretary for finance, said the education sector was allocated sh9.1b, production sh1b, administration sh6b, health sh4b, works sh1.9b, while water was the least funded sector, with sh500m.

Richard Rwabuhinga, the district LC5 chairperson, asked heads of department to use the money received to improve service delivery.

However, Clovis Mugabo, a resident of Kasenda, expressed dissatisfaction with the money allocated to the water sector.

"Sh500m is meagre when you realise people are sharing water from the crater lakes with cows in the areas of Kasenda," Mugabo said.

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