



Rwoth Olarker planting a tree at Nyaravur trading centre, in Nebbi district on Friday. Photo by Benedict Okethwengu

UNRA, Alur to plant trees in West Nile

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The Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) has partnered with the Alur cultural institution to plant trees along major highways and national roads in West Nile region.

The trees will be planted in phases, with the first phase targeting the 49km stretch of the Pakwach-Nebbi road.

Rwoth Phillip Olarker Rauni III, the Alur cultural leader, launched the tree-planting campaign at Nyaravur trading centre in Nebbi district on Friday.

A UNRA official, Allan Ssempebwa, said the partnership is part of the authority's national campaign to ensure that road reserves are protected and highways are given fabulous tree sceneries.

UNRA first planted the trees along Gayaza-zirobwe road, according to Ssempebwa.

"I thank UNRA for partnering with us. Since we have started planting the trees, the rest of the people will emulate us," Rwoth Olarker said.

Olarker explained that climate change is a global challenge that needs the involvement of all stakeholders, for it to be dealt with effectively.

"It is only in the last 10 to 15 years that the world started noting the effect of climate change. People dispel it as an affair of the environmentalist. If we do not act now, the effect will be very destructive," he said.

He urged his subjects to co-operate with and support government institutions in carrying out their duties.

Olarker, however, appealed to UNRA to respect the cultural values and norms when carrying out their activities.

He said UNRA should consider tarmacking the Nebbi-Paidha-Zeu-Warr road, saying it is the worst in the region.