

Wakiso seeks more funds for Ndejje road project

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Wakiso district has appealed for more funds to ensure the completion of the Namasuba-Ndejje-Kitiko road project, which is under construction.

According to the district engineer, Sam Mwesigwa, the road is 10.12km and they need sh24b for it to be completed. However, they only have sh8b, which is affecting the work progress.

So far, only about 2km of the project, which began in 2015, have been completed. Works stalled after the 2016 elections until about a month ago, when they resumed.

Mwesigwa says if they do not get more funding, they are likely to work on only a section – from Namasuba to the municipal road and leave the areas of Ndejje-Kibiri and Ndejje-Kitiko out. The road, among others, is intended to provide a bypass between Kajjansi and Namasuba and reduce the traffic jam along the Kampala-Entebbe highway.

Mwesigwa added that the road has been a problem to the community due to the floods during the wet season, but this is going to stop because they have started widening the drains to improve the water flow.

He appealed to the community in areas where work is going on to offer part of their land for the expansion of the road without compensation.

However, over 100 people are likely to lose their homes and business premises, especially those who built in the wetlands because they have been blocking the flow of water, causing floods.



Engineers from the works ministry and Makindye municipality inspecting the works on Namasuba-Ndejje-Kitiko road on Tuesday. Photo by Job Nantakiika

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The assistant commissioner for urban roads in the Ministry of Works and Transport, Engineer Joseph Mukiibi Kiwanuka, appealed to Mwesigwa to speed up construction of the drains before the rains start.

Mukiibi hailed the communities

along the road, who have offered land for its expansion without asking for compensation.

He also called on the contractor, Abubaker Technical Services, to ensure there is value for money by doing quality work, saying the road

should last for at least 30 years.

Mukiibi said once complete, the road will solve the traffic jam on Entebbe Road and eliminate floods.

However, the Makindye Ssabagabo municipality physical planner, Matia Lukyamuzi, said there is need to sensitise communities about the spread of HIV/AIDS during the construction of the road.

“We need to sensitise the people to be careful while dealing with those building the road because they have money to spend on women and this may increase the spread of HIV/AIDS,” said Lukyamuzi.