

NRM to start performance assessment on manifesto

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The ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM), through the office of the party chairman President Yoweri Museveni, is today launching a nationwide assessment of the implementation of the party manifesto.

The office has sent a team comprising 10 members to traverse the country, mainly targeting the district party chairpersons.

The exercise, which will run for 10 days, is intended to establish, monitor and check performance in line with pledges the party made during 2016 general elections.

Milly Babirye Babalanda, the personal secretary to the party chairman and a senior presidential advisor, said they have to account and let the public know of the achievements.

"We have constituted a team of trusted cadres who will go to various districts meeting party chairpersons to follow up on achievement of manifesto milestones since 2016," Babirye said yesterday during a press conference at Edinburg Avenue in Kyambogo, a Kampala suburb.

"A year-and-a-half has elapsed since the President swore in for a new term. After the countrywide assessment, the officials will report back to him (President Museveni)."

The office of the national chairman is autonomous and manages the party activities of President Museveni in fulfillment of manifesto pledges and monitoring compliance with development programmes such as Vision 2040.

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What others say

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ordinator for Bukedi, Bugisu and Sebei sub-regions, said party leaders will also be asked to follow up on the different developments provided for by the Government for compliance.

"There has been corruption, especially in infrastructural developments in the country because local leaders are not monitoring them. Through the assessment, we intend to emphasise monitoring and evaluation," he said.

He also said the co-ordinators will be required to defend the party position on several issues, including the constitutional amendments.

Kamba stressed that with looming issues on land and the presidential age limit Bill, the district leaders will be sensitised on how both are important for the party and national development.

Robert Tukamuhebwa, the co-ordinator of Kigezi sub-region, called for change of strategies to deliver the party's pledges.