

# Short hair saves water, says Butaleja LC5 boss

**BUTALEJA**

By George Bita

Butaleja district chairman Richard Waya has advised residents to maintain short hair or bald heads to save on water during the dry spell.

According to Waya, once soap is applied to long hair, it forms thick foam that needs a lot of water to wash it away.

"We are aware that January to March is usually a dry season during which water becomes scarce. So, all means of saving the precious resource must be put at our disposal including not giving safe borehole water to cattle," Waya said.

He urged parents to keep cutting off the hair of their children as they are wasteful when bathing on their own.

"Someone with long hair may need almost five litres of water to wash off soap while me with my shaolin (bald head) take just half a litre. Hence the need for having short or no hair at all," Waya claimed.

He made the remarks during a safe-water-chain sensitisation drive for people of Buhehe village in Butaleja on last week.

Richard Gulume, the resident district commissioner, warned that wastage of water puts a lot of pressure on the limited water sources, such as boreholes.

"Let us realise that these are machines that break down. Lots of use during the dry period may also empty the source," Gulume cautioned.

Richard Wasige, the district water officer, noted that with



Residents get water from a borehole at Buhehe village, Butaleja. Photo by George Bita

*The water coverage in Butalaleja district is at 65%*

the water coverage of about 65% in the area, there was need to embrace a water-saving culture.

"The borehole locations need fencing to keep off animals that also compromise hygiene. If water is wasted, we may end up sharing with animals at open wells or swamps," Wasige said.

**WHAT RESIDENTS SAY**



**Margaret Nabwire, resident of Butaleja town:** Water is needed for most of the domestic use. It does not matter if we have long or short hair, still a lot of it would be used since the children are on holiday.



**Abdullah Mugoya, resident of Buhehe village:** Whenever something is available, it creates room for wastage. Some years back, residents would move long distances to collect water and, consequently used it sparingly to avoid endless trips.

## Bunhole-Bunanhumba chieftdom in leadership battle

**MAYUGE**



an offer from the President to facilitate all