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# Kinyara to pay farmers more

**MASINDI**

**By Vision Reporter**

Kinyara Sugar on Monday agreed to pay a top-up of sh27,500 for every tonne of sugarcane supplied by farmers between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

Kinyara has been paying sh100,818 per tonne. The current price stands at sh128,318 and every farmer who was paid earlier will have the balance paid as arrears.

Kinyara had meetings and negotiations to address farmers' challenges, including the price of sugarcane with the farmer's board of directors, under the Masindi Sugarcane Growers Association Limited (MSGAL).

Kirunda Magoola, the corporate communications manager of Kinyara, said: "The changes that have taken place in the sugar market warrant revision of the sugarcane price for 2016/2017."

Kirunda also said other factors, other than sugarcane price, need to be addressed, in order to safeguard the interests of the sugarcane farmers in Masindi. According to him, jaggery and cane poaching practices are the most pressing issues that require a collective effort to overcome.

Robert Atugonza, the chairperson of MSGAL, said: "It is not the best price, but it is fair and we think that has been a good response from Kinyara."

Atugonza said negotiations to have an increment for the next financial year have commenced and hopes that Kinyara will respond positively.

Cosmas Byaruhanga, the district chairperson of Masindi who is also the vice-chairperson of MSGAL, said farmers had earlier advocated to be paid at least sh150,000, but will go with what has been provided.

He said the increment has been long overdue, the reason as to why some farmers have been selling sugarcane to outside buyers.

Melekizedeki Kanaginagi, a farmer in Pakanyi sub-county, said: "It is better than nothing. But we would like Kinyara to pay them as much as the other sugar companies in the eastern Uganda, which are paying nearly sh180,000 per tonne."