

Kibuule, Chinese investors widen stream to avert flooding in Mbalala

MUKONO

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After days of heavy flooding and destruction of property, residents of Kasenge and Mbalala in Nama sub-county, Mukono district have got a reason to smile following intervention by Chinese investors.

On Saturday, the residents petitioned their area Member of Parliament, who is also the state minister for water, Ronald Kibuule, over the problem.

The residents accused the Chinese of blocking drainage channels and the stream when they constructed factories in the area.

The two factories, Li Da and Sena Industries, manufacture sacks.

Shallow stream

However, Kibuule said during the tour they discovered the stream was flooding because it was shallow and the culverts on it were too small to handle flood waters.

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"I asked the Chinese to



Residents work on the stream in Mbalala, Mukono. The Chinese provided tractors. Photo by Henry Nsubuga

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widen the stream and build a bridge to connect Kasenge A and Kasenge B villages.

"We have offered tractors and the fuel. These are our brothers and sisters and we do not want to see them suffering," Li Shi Qing, the director of Li Da, said.

No help from authorities

Pastor Victor Mangeni said he petitioned Kibuule after they failed to get help from sub-county and district authorities.