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Kyengera Muslims seek sh1.2b

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The Muslim community at Masjid Noor Katale-Bukwenda in Kyengera town council, Wakiso district, is seeking sh1.2b to complete their stalled mosque.

The construction of the mosque started three years ago, but has stalled because of lack of funds.

Once completed, the new mosque will accommodate over 2,000 worshippers as opposed to the current one, which accommodates about 200 people.

The construction of the new mosque followed the increased number of Muslims in the area, which the old mosque could no longer accommodate.

Speaking during the Idd Adha prayers on Wednesday, Hajj Ishaq Katongole, the chairperson of the mosque construction committee, appealed to the Muslims and well-wishers to support God's work.

"We appeal to the Muslim community and well-wishers to support us to complete our mosque," Katongole said.

Muhammad Luyima, the imam, said building a mosque is one of the most significant forms of charity in Islam.

"Prophet Muhammad said, 'For whoever builds a Mosque, Allah will build for them a house like it is in paradise'," he said.

Luyima noted that as long as people pray, learn or remember Allah within its walls, the donor continuously receives spiritual rewards even after their lifetime.

He thanked women whom he said have since made some great contributions towards the construction of the mosque and challenged men to borrow a leaf from them.

Hakim Mubiru, the information secretary at the mosque, said they also accept building materials.

"If you have building materials such as cement and iron bars, we welcome them because we need to have this Mosque completed within the shortest time possible," Mubiru said.

He said mosques are not just for prayers, but they also serve as catalysts for holistic community development, fostering social bonds, unity and brotherhood.



Katongole standing in front of the incomplete mosque. Once completed, the new mosque will accommodate over 2,000 worshippers



Muhammad Luyima

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