...College–Kambuga since 1982. The association was

A section of former students reportedly used the loophole to

incoming Rukiga Woman MP Sylvia Alinaitwe Tumuheirwe as chairperson. Other leaders

a proposal delegates firmly rejected.

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should also know the objectives of the association. Let us stop

said.

Restored batching yard becomes demo farm in Sembabule

BY PROMISE TWINAMUKYE

A former concrete batching and material storage yard at MCPY3 Camp in Kabayola village, Sembabule District, has been converted into a demonstration farm following environmental restoration works.

The site, previously covered in hardened concrete residue and compacted surfaces during pipeline construction, was rehabilitated by China Petroleum Pipeline Engineering Co Ltd (CPP) Uganda after completion of works at the camp.

According to project officials, restoration involved clearing construction waste, loosening compacted ground, replacing subsoil and spreading fertile topsoil before planting began.



Patience Katusiime, waste management coordinator harvests vegetables from the demonstration farm.PHOTO/COURTESY.

The land now hosts a demonstration garden nourished by organic manure produced on site. The fertiliser is generated using a food-decomposing machine installed at the camp, which converts segregated food waste into manure within 24 hours.

Julius Ssenyonjo, environmental lead at CPP Uganda, said the initiative was designed to manage organic waste sustainably while restoring disturbed land.

"We were generating a considerable amount of food waste daily. Instead of sending it out as refuse, we asked how we could manage it better on site," she said. "The composter gives us manure within 24 hours, and that manure is now improving the same land that had been disturbed during construction."

Previously, food waste was transported off site for disposal. The new system reduces waste volumes while supplying manure for crops grown at the camp and for landscaping.

Mr Zhang Haitao, CPP's national content manager, said the project goes beyond compliance.

"Restoration is not only about meeting environmental compliance requirements. It is also about leaving behind improved land use and creating opportunities for communities," he said.

Local residents have been employed to work on the farm, handling planting, weeding and harvesting. Part of the produce supplements meals at the camp, while some is shared with workers.

Abel Tumuheire, a casual labourer at the farm, said the project has provided both income and practical skills.

"Here I have learnt about soil preparation, spacing, and how manure improves crops. I can use these methods at my home garden," he said.

The organisation says the site will increasingly serve as a learning centre for soil restoration and compost use, turning a former construction yard into productive farmland.

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