

Agric minister decries soil erosion

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The Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Vincent Ssempijja, has decried the ongoing massive soil erosion in Kabale District.

Ssempijja, who presided over a tree planting exercise at Karengyere Agricultural Demonstration Unit in Kabale District as one of the activities

to mark the World Food Day, was attracted to huge gorges caused by run-off rainwater in nearly all the crop fields along the hills.

He said that anybody who breaks the soil for agriculture or for any other reason ought to take the necessary precaution to ensure that his or her activities do not degrade the soil.

"Knowledge must come

from here and spread to the neighbouring farmers," he said.

"This beautiful district which is also a tourist attraction should be the highest crop producer. This region should continue being the most important Irish potato producer in the country but you cannot do so when you have degraded soil."



Vincent Ssempijja (C) the minister for agriculture, animal industry and fisheries. FILE PHOTO