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Inside Kiteezi, Bududa Shs65b disaster money

The Office of the Prime Minister has outlined how the disaster money was divided among the Kiteezi and Bududa disaster victims.

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The government, through the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), has acquired land and funds for resettling people in disaster-prone areas of the Elgon Sub-region and compensation for the victims of the Kiteezi landfill collapse.

Information from OPM indicates that the Cabinet approved Shs57b for the victims of the Bududa and Bulambuli landslides, targeting 11,095 households, to prevent future losses and pain associated with landslides. This is in addition to another Shs8b to compensate the Kiteezi landfill disaster victims.

Addressing journalists at the OPM offices yesterday, Mr Alex Kakooza, the



Mr Alex Kakooza, the Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), addresses journalists at the OPM offices yesterday. PHOTO/TONNY ABET

The Commissioner said they plan to have well-planned satellite villages using a new resettlement model and land demarcation plus boundary opening are being done by the Lands ministry.

"People will settle on one side while the other is left for farming. We don't want to fragment land because of its related challenges," she added.

Mr Kakooza said they expect "Prime Minister Robinah Nabbanja to launch the first tranche of people we are moving to our settlement area on March 27."

"We also want to inform the public that the money that was allocated for that purpose is intact, apart from what was used for land purchase and that which will be used for resettling the people," he added.

Kiteezi victims' compensation

Ms Nakabugo also provided an update on the compensation process for the August 2024 Kiteezi landfill disaster, saying 35 people died, 18 were injured, and 233 households were displaced.

"In response, we worked with several partners and all the injured people were given Shs1m each by the President to facilitate their treatment. For the bereaved families, money was given to support burial of the deceased," she added.

She said Internally Displaced People (IDPs) were paid Shs2m per household to rent because it was not sustainable to keep them in the camp. "We were also taking care of their feeding plus meeting their social and basic needs like water and sanitation facilities. A memo was presented to Cabinet and Shs8.4b was released to support this response."

The Assistant Commissioner said this money was spent on procuring food and non-food relief items. "It was used to support the very displaced households with a disturbance allowance and Shs1b was spent on compensating the houses that were destroyed during the passage of the machinery to access the scene of disaster," she said.

"The rest of the houses were let to Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) to compensate, and I'm aware that this was effected. The only glitch came when eight households claimed that their houses were undervalued and the chief government valuer looked into it and the matter was sorted with a new value and money give," she added.

KITEEZI VICTIMS

• Shs2 million paid to each household to rent outside (Provided by OPM, KCCA, and URCS)

• Relief items provided include 65,376kgs of posho, 12,637kgs of rice, 9,231kgs of beans, 8,914kgs of beans, 2,140 sachets of salt, 974 litres of cooking oil, 50 packets of wheat flour. (Provided by OPM, URCS, and well-wishers)

• Shs175m for the burials. (Provided by the President)

• Shs18m for the injured people. (Provided by the President)

• Shs8.437b was released to OPM for emergency operations across the country. (Shs3.437b for emergency interventions in the Kiteezi landfill collapse and Shs5b for food and non-food items across the country.)

LANDSLIDES

• Shs57 billion for resettling the victims of the Bududa and Bulambuli landslides.

• 11,095 households targeted.

• 2,661 acres of land acquired in Kween district for resettlement.

• Shs10 million for per household.

Permanent Secretary at the OPM, explained that in 2010, Bududa suffered landslides, followed by another in 2024, which mainly rocked Bulambuli.

"It was, therefore, crucial that we move the people to safer areas. Initially, we moved them to a camp, for the case of Bulambuli, as we also met their basic needs," he added.

Mr Kakooza said life in camps was neither conducive nor sustainable for the families and the government.

"People need to return to an environment where they can grow food, fend for themselves, and take their children to school," he said.

With this, Cabinet approved money to resettle people who have returned or are staying in the disaster-prone areas. The 2,661 acres of land acquired in Kween District will allow each household to get two acres of land.

"That land will carry about 1,077 households, which will cost us about Shs10.644b in land acquisition. Each resettled household will get Shs10m to construct a house and livelihood support. The total spend will be Shs21.414b," he continued.

"That will leave us with about Shs35.56b, which we hope will be sufficient for the next procurement round to get land for the remaining households," he added.

Satellite villages, new planning

Ms Rose Nakabugo, the Assistant Commissioner for Disaster Preparedness and Management at OPM, said they have started establishing or improving social services such as schools, access to clean water, health facilities and roads for the people.

"All these are within the master plan, and plans are underway to ensure that these services are provided in these new sites where we are going to relocate people," she said.



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