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per year should only be paid by registered tenants. He said those sh200m.

Kaberaimaido hydrofoam machine left to rust

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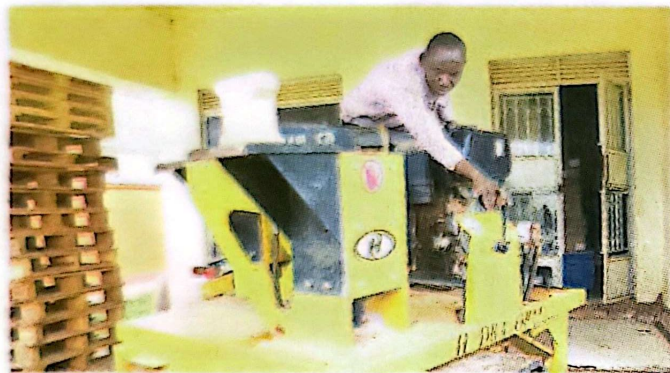
By Emmanuel Alomu

The hydrofoam machine donated to Kaberaimaido district by the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) has been lying idle for close to four years.

About 10 years ago, the Government, through the OPM, imported and distributed hydrofoam machines to each of the 40 pilot districts. District staff were also given the relevant training in the operation and maintenance of the machines.

Hydrofoam machines were intended to help construct low-cost housing for vulnerable people and classrooms.

Officials from the OPM said the machines



A resident looking at a rotting hydrofoam machine in Kaberaimaido on Thursday.

Photo by Emmanuel Alomu

had helped improve accommodation for teachers in some districts such as Amolatar.

However, the machine given to Kaberaimaido has never been used.

The district chairperson, Albert Anthony Ejoku Osama, said the machine

got spoilt when it was taken to Mukongoro sub-county in Kumi district for the training of operators in 2014.

"All the hydrofoam machines from Teso were taken to Kumi to be used in training youth operators, but ours was returned when

HOW IT WORKS

The system uses two distinct well-tested technologies. The first is the soil-cement technology, where the blocks are compressed from a mixture of soil and cement. The second is the dry stacked technology where the blocks have an interlocking shape and are dry stacked into the wall, probably with minimal mortar.

it was spoilt. It has never been repaired," Ejoku said.

He said the district leadership asked the OPM to repair the machine, but they did not respond.

Davis Mwenyi, the principal development officer in the OPM, said when the Government gives equipment to districts, they should know that it is their responsibility to operate and maintain them.

Mwenyi, however, said the hydrofoam machines were a

new technology in Uganda and the spare parts may not be easily available.

"Since the Government has overcome such challenges, I am sure that machine will be fixed as soon as possible," he said.

The OPM worked closely with Hydrofoam (the South African-based company) and with funding provided by the Government, as well as the European Commission to rebuild the conflict-affected areas.

Kaberaimaido had a tour of the border stations: Elegu, Afogi, Oraba, I which ended on Sunday, appreciating the operational points and their uniqueness.

"We appeal to the Government to build the road because it is a national road. Kenya is ready to open the border post, but Uganda is not adding: "The road is 1

In terms of trade, it indicates that in the last year, cleared imports worth sh2.5 trillion. I sh2 trillion and sh60

The Koboko North district said it was a nation not provided its country

Aruu County MP C component for the URA if Uganda National Road not fix the road.

The committee chairman said they would request the floor of Parliament counterpart funding are addressed.

Ministry of Works

When contacted, the ministry said the road only identifies the comment. He said permanent secretaries could not be reached.