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Editors Note

Dear Reader and Esteemed Partners,

Welcome to the Sixth Edition of the Ssezibwa Journal, released during this blessed festive season as Uganda and the world celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This edition presents a brief but impactful roundup of key government interventions and community engagements across our districts.

Highlights include Mukono District's end-of-year community outreach at St. Elizabeth Children's Home, the commissioning of learning and sanitation facilities in Koome Sub-County, staff thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, and the handover of solar-powered water and irrigation systems to support agriculture. We also feature the President Museveni Campaign Rally, know your leader, the revival of Buvuma Emyooga SACCOs, road maintenance works in Buikwe and Kangulumira, and compassionate support to vulnerable groups in Kayunga district.

Overall, this edition reflects progress, collaboration, and commitment to quality service delivery. We thank our readers and partners for their continued support and invite you to engage with the stories shaping our shared journey.

Happy reading and a blessed festive season

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Bridging Community Through Service Delivery: The State and Progress of Government Project in Kayunga, Buvuma, Buikwe and Mukono.

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MUKONO LEADERS RENEW COMMITMENT THROUGH CELEBRATION

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hief Administrative Officer of Mukono District, Mr. Ddamba Henry together with some leaders cutting cake as they celebrate the end of the year 2025.

Mukono district staff and leaders' gathering for a thanksgiving service and Christmas celebration has marked a year of service, challenges, and achievements.

The event held at Grand Parclos Gardens in Nasuuti on Friday, December 19th, 2025, was more than a festivity; it was a moment to reflect, give thanks, and recommit to serving the community with integrity.

Ven. Canon Edward Balamaze Kironde, the Archdeacon of Seeta, referred to public service as a calling, urging the leaders to serve the community diligently.

"Serve faithfully, and the impact will reach far beyond your office," he said.

Chief Administrative Officer Henry Ddamba thanked staff and political leaders alike, acknowledging that cooperation and teamwork had been key to the district's successes.

The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Stephen Muhumuza, noted that the ceremony provided a chance to assess progress and set goals for the year ahead.

Speaker Rt. Hon. Betty Hope Nakasi and Hon. Martha Nassazzi praised staff dedication and called for unity as Mukono heads into the election period.

Certificates of appreciation honored outstanding staff and councilors for their contributions, while cultural displays and community outreach highlighted the district's commitment to inclusivity and

service.

The celebration sent a clear message that with teamwork, accountability, and faith-driven commitment, Mukono district leadership is ready to face 2026 stronger, more united, and focused on improving the lives of its residents.

The district's end-of-year celebration underscores the power of gratitude, recognition, and collaborative governance in driving sustainable development.

Ven. Canon Edward Balamaze Kironde with the District Leaders, Heads of the Department after the Thanksgiving Service

The Office of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Office of the District Chairperson awarded certificates of appreciation to outstanding staff members and recognized District Councilors

BUVUMA: GOVERNMENT INJECTS OVER UGX 1.09BN INTO BWEEMA SEED SCHOOL

Wasswa Zebio, Communication Officer, Buvuma District

The Government of Uganda has released over UGX 1.09 billion to operationalize Bweema Seed Secondary School in Buvuma district, marking a major step towards strengthening access to secondary education on the islands.

The funds, channeled through the Ministry of Education and Sports, are intended to address staffing, operational needs, and outstanding construction-related obligations at the new public school.

According to Hon. Aminah Nakiranda, the District Secretary for Social Services, the allocation covers staff wages, school operational expenses under USE, and value-added tax owed to the contractor.

"Bweema Seed Secondary School has been operating with limited funding, inadequate wages, and insufficient supplies to fully support its mandate," she said.

The release follows a supplementary budget approved by the Buvuma District Council during its sitting on December 17th, 2025, at the district headquarters after concerns were raised about the school's limited funding since completion.

The school, constructed at a cost of around UGX 3.6 billion, was completed earlier this year, and the government has already recruited and posted 30 teaching and non-teaching staff to begin service delivery.

Confirming the release, Chief Administrative Officer Isa Mbooge said the funds had been provided by the Ministry of Finance and assured staff that salary payments, including arrears, would be processed promptly.

Bweema Seed Secondary School students in their main hall

Bweema Seed Secondary School becomes the second government seed secondary school in Buvuma, following Nairambi Seed Secondary School, reinforcing government efforts to expand education infrastructure in hard-to-reach island communities.

Magnificent buildings of Bweema Seed Secondary School

GOVERNMENT MOVES TO VERIFY BUVUMA LAND CLAIMS

Wasswa Zebio, Communication Officer, Buvuma District

The government has launched a verification exercise to assess land compensation claims by residents of Buvuma district who say they were left out when land was acquired for the National Oil Palm Project.

The move follows growing concerns from communities alleging unfair treatment during earlier compensation phases.

The verification targets about 444 claimants from 22 villages across Busamuzi, Buwooya, and Nairambi sub-counties, as well as Buvuma Town Council.

Earlier this month, the group petitioned the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) in Entebbe, prompting renewed scrutiny of the compensation process.

Starting December 18th and running until December 29th, 2025, the exercise is being jointly conducted by the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, MAAIF, the National Oil Palm Project, and Buvuma District Local Government.

Ibrahim Magemeso, the MAAIF Commissioner for Land Surveying, said that the goal is to separate genuine claimants from opportunistic cases.

"There are people who truly deserve compensation, and there are others trying their luck. We must ensure public funds go to the right hands," he said.

A team of surveyors at Buwooya ready to survey the areas under claim.

NOPP Project Manager Suzan Lakwonyero urged local leaders to mobilize all affected residents.

"This process must be thorough and final. No one should be left unheard," she said.

District Chairperson Adrian Wasswa Ddungu welcomed the intervention, calling it a step towards restoring trust.

Claimants' lawyer Baker Ntale added that his clients are ready to follow government procedures, expressing optimism that the long-standing issue will finally be resolved.

The verification comes amid broader efforts to balance agricultural development with community land rights in island districts like Buvuma, where land disputes remain sensitive and deeply personal.

BUVUMA EMYOOGA SACCOS REVIVED WITH OVER UGX 320M BOOST

Wasswa Zebio, Communication Officer, Buvuma District

Buvuma District has received a major boost after the government injected over UGX 320 million in additional seed capital to revive Emyooga Savings and Credit Cooperative Organizations (SACCOS) that had been dormant for three years.

The funding targets 16 SACCOS whose operations were officially relaunched on December 18th, 2025, following their closure in January 2022 due to mismanagement and loan defaults.

Each SACCO has received UGX 20 million to restart lending and savings activities aimed at supporting household incomes.

Addressing members at the Resident District Commissioner's office, Uganda Microfinance Support Centre Central Region Manager William Kirunda cautioned beneficiaries against politicizing government programs.

"Whether the money comes during the campaign period or not, poverty strikes you alone. This money is yours. We must be tough on people who misuse the Emyooga money," Kirunda said.

District leaders welcomed the revival, saying the funds could restore lost development momentum.

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Isa Mbooge, noted that earlier losses had slowed progress but expressed optimism about the new funding.

The Emyooga program is a government initiative aimed at transitioning Ugandans from subsistence to commercial livelihoods through affordable credit and savings mobilization.

Holding the dammy cheque (left to right) Deputy RDC Kato Dauda, Centrall Region UMSC Magager William Kirunda, Greater Mukono Emyooga Coordinator Jennipher Nyakato and the Buvuma CAO Isa Mbooge with SACCO leaders

The Greater Mukono Emyooga Coordinator Jennipher Nyakato addressing the SACCO members at the office of the RDC

BUVUMA POLICE PASS OUT OVER 200 CONSTABLES FOR ELECTIONS

Wasswa Zebio, Communication Officer, Buvuma District

The Uganda Police Force in Buvuma has passed out 278 Election Special Police Constables to strengthen security ahead of the 2026 elections.

The brief ceremony was held at Busamuzi sub-county headquarters after ten days of intensive training at the same venue.

The Buvuma RDC Hawah Ndege delivering her speech

The new constables, made up of 205 men and 73 women drawn from across the district, were trained under the guidance of the Ssezibwa Police Region leadership. They are expected to support regular police in maintaining peace, especially during the busy election period.

Buvuma Resident District Commissioner Hawah Ndege told the graduates to be disciplined.

"Wear this uniform with discipline and respect because the community is watching you," Ndege said.

Buvuma District Police Commander SP Michael Bagoole issued a firm warning to the constables that will work outside the law.

"Do not turn your training into a problem for the public. If you abuse power, the law will deal with you," he said.

He further asked them to serve with honesty and patriotism so that order is preserved.

The Special Police Constables will serve on a three-month contract from January to March 2026, earning a monthly salary of around UGX 469,000.

The event was attended by local leaders, civil servants, parents, and community members, reflecting strong public interest in peaceful elections.

The Buvuma DPC SP. Bagoole Michael addressing the SPCs at the passout function at Busamuzi Sub County Headquarters

MUKONO DISTRICT UNVEILS SOLAR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

Kaddu Derrick, Communication Officer, Mukono District

Assist RDC Mwanje together with District Councilors commisioning Tap water in Ntenjeru Kisoga Town Council.

Mukono district has officially handed over three solar-powered water supply and irrigation systems in Mpumu, Nakasuku, and Kyungu, boosting agricultural productivity and supporting farmers' livelihoods.

The projects, implemented by Nexus Green (UK) Limited through the Ministry of Water and Environment, aim to promote climate-smart agriculture and ensure consistent food production even during dry seasons.

The Kyungu system, valued at EUR 188,211.8, irrigates five acres for crops like cocoa, grapes, onions, and avocados. Nakasuku's EUR 144,013.91 system serves four villages, while Mpumu's EUR 155,564.79 installation supports coffee, tomatoes, onions, and cabbage cultivation across 8.05 acres.

Farmers will now have steady access to water, reducing losses caused by erratic rainfall.

During the handover on Monday, December 22nd, 2025, the District Water Officer, Eng. Denis Zaake Nadduli, thanked the government for its continued support to farmers, emphasizing that the initiative will help prevent food shortages in the district.

"This initiative will help our farmers avoid food shortages and farm more consistently if the systems are well protected and used responsibly," he said.

Assistant Resident District Commissioner Hassan Mwanje added that the projects show government commitment to agricultural transformation, noting that one system also supports a nearby school.

Ibrahim Kiwalabye, speaking for the CAO, urged communities to maintain these systems and observe proper hygiene practices. While Hon. Ssentongo called for more projects to meet high local demand.

The commissioning ceremonies attracted local leaders, beneficiaries, and community members, reflecting strong local ownership.

The three projects mark a key step in Mukono's drive toward sustainable agriculture, with leaders calling for proper maintenance as demand for similar interventions continues to grow.

Solor Power which supports the Water Supply.

The Nakasuku Water project after commissioning.

MUKONO LAUNCHES MAJOR SCHOOL SANITATION DRIVE

Kaddu Derrick, Communication Officer, Mukono District

Mukono District Local Government has commissioned new five-stance VIP latrines in several government-aided primary schools and launched construction of additional sanitation facilities to improve hygiene and learning conditions across the district.

Schools benefiting from the initiative include Kyetume SDA, Sir Apollo Kaggwa–Nakisunga, and Mpumu Church of Uganda Primary Schools.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on Thursday, December 18th, 2025, at Nsanja and Katente Church of Uganda Primary Schools, while Mpunge Seed School also received a new fence.

Kayoro Pontious, speaking on behalf of CAO, cautioned contractors against substandard work, urging strict adherence to the Bills of Quantities (BOQs) and emphasizing transparency and accountability throughout implementation. He asked school authorities and management to closely supervise the work.

"Congratulations to the selected schools. We urge contractors to maintain quality work and adhere to approved specifications," he said.

Hon. Betty Hope Nakasi, the District Speaker, appealed to parents to support school hygiene by providing essential items such as toilet paper, emphasizing that community participation is key to sustaining sanitation standards.

Assist RDC Kakire Shadic ,Hon. Nakasi Betty Hope, the District Speaker during the commissioning of New Latrine at Mpumu Church of Uganda Primary School

Henry Kimbugwe, the Inspector of Schools, added his voice, saying that proper maintenance and security of the facilities would help attract more government support.

Mukono District Local Government reaffirmed its commitment to improving school sanitation and learning environments. Similar initiatives are scheduled for Koome sub-county, highlighting transparency, quality infrastructure, and community involvement as pillars for advancing hygiene, health, and education for all learners.

One of the Stance VIP Latrines by Mukono District

Secretary for Production Hon Wampi Afende Nathan launching the construction of new sanitation facilities at Nsanja Church of Uganda Primary School.

BUIKWE BRACES FOR PRESIDENT MUSEVENI CAMPAIGN RALLY

Mutegubya Timothy, Communication Officer, Buikwe District

Buikwe district is is preparing to host President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni on January 3rd, 2026.

The president is scheduled to address a large public rally at Mehta Stadium in Lugazi Municipality as part of his ongoing campaign activities.

Local leaders and security agencies are working together to ensure a smooth and orderly event.

Party mobilizers have also intensified preparations, calling on supporters from across the district to turn up in large numbers.

Traders, youth groups, and community leaders said that the visit has already sparked renewed energy and attention in the area.

"This is a big moment for Buikwe. We want the president to see our progress and also hear our concerns directly," a local council leader said.

Another resident noted that they are eagerly waiting for the opportune moment to attend the rally.

"We rarely get such opportunities. People are ready to come early and listen," a resident noted.

The visit is expected to provide a platform for the president to outline his plans while giving Buikwe district a chance to highlight development achievements and ongoing challenges, including infrastructure, employment, and service delivery.

MUKONO COMMISSIONS SCHOOLS' LEARNING FACILITIES

Kaddu Derrick, Communication Officer, Mukono District

Mukono District Local Government has commissioned new learning and sanitation facilities in government schools in Koome sub-county, strengthening efforts to improve education standards and public health for island communities.

The commissioning, held on Friday, December 19, 2025, covered a fully furnished three-room classroom block at Koome Church of Uganda Primary School and a five-stance VIP latrine at Ddamba Parents Primary School. The projects, implemented by Savanah Engineering Works Ltd., cost a combined UGX 145 million.

Godfrey Lutwama, the head teacher of Ddamba Parents Primary School, noted that the project uplifted the education standards in the area.

"These facilities will greatly improve hygiene and create a safer learning environment for our pupils. We thank the district for remembering schools in hard-to-reach areas," he said.

Henry Kimbugwe, speaking on behalf of the District Education Officer, said the projects were a government commitment to communities.

"We ask schools and parents to protect and maintain what has been provided so it serves learners for many years," he noted.

Representing the District Chairperson LCV of Mukono, Mr. Isaac Kitongo, the District Councilor for Koome Sub-County commissioning the VIP Latrine in Koome.

District leaders also urged parents to support children academically and promote discipline.

Officials applauded community initiative, public-private partnerships, and timely delivery of quality work, calling the developments a step toward better education and health outcomes in Koome sub-county.

Some of the New Classroom Blocks at Koome sub-county

MUKONO LEADERS PRAISE ST. ELIZABETH CHILDREN'S DISABILITY CARE EFFORTS

Kaddu Derrick, Communication Officer, Mukono District

Representing the Chief Administrative Officer of Mukono, Mr. Francis Kizito Walubi with some District Official together with the Children of St Elizabeth with the itemes they got.

Mukono District Local Government leaders have commended St. Elizabeth Children's Home in Nangwa, Nakisunga sub-county, for its dedicated care of vulnerable children, including those with disabilities.

The praise came during the district's end-of-year 2025 community outreach visit held on Tuesday, December 17th.

District leaders and technical staff interacted with children and management, assessing welfare conditions and service delivery.

Moses Lubega, the Nangwa village chairperson, welcomed the visit, noting that it strengthened trust between the community, the district, and child-care institutions. He emphasized that the home plays an important role in protecting and nurturing children who would otherwise be at risk.

"This home has restored hope to many children and families, and the care we have seen here speaks for itself," he said.

Similarly, Nakisunga sub-county Speaker John Walusimbi Mpanga said the children were well cared for and free from exploitation, dismissing negative claims circulating in the community.

Established by a foreign couple to restore hope to vulnerable children, St. Elizabeth Children's Home is now a registered NGO. District leaders reaffirmed continued collaboration, monitoring, and support to ensure Mukono's commitment to child protection, inclusion, and community partnership.

Some of the Community Members of Namuyenje picking up donations donated by the District Staff.

KAYUNGA LAUNCHES KEY RURAL ROAD WORKS

Tibanenda Zaik, Communication Officer, Kayunga District

Kayunga District has launched major road maintenance works in Kangulumira Subcounty and Town Council to improve transport and boost agricultural production.

The works target the Bukeeka–Kawomya–Kitabazi–Soona road and the Kalagala–Maligiti road, which are vital links for farmers and traders.

The community-focused launch held on Monday, December 22nd, 2025, was led by the District Chairperson, Andrew Muwonge, alongside district leaders and residents.

The District Engineer's office, represented by Clerk of Works Denis Buyinza, explained the scope of the works and how they will improve road access and reduce transport costs.

"This road will open up business opportunities and encourage local investment. Good rural roads are the backbone of economic growth," Muwonge said.

Community Sensitization Meeting for kalangala - Maligiti Road Maintainance works in Kayunga Subcounty.

The Area District Female Councillor, Halima Nabukwasi, praised government support to Kayunga and thanked district leaders for prioritizing community needs.

The project is funded through a UGX 1 billion annual allocation from the central government for FY 2025/2026. Of this, UGX 50 million will maintain the Kalagala–Maligiti road, while UGX 65 million is allocated to the Bukeeka–Kawomya–Kitabazi–Soona road, reinforcing Kayunga's push for rural development and better service delivery.

Community Sensitization Meeting for Bukeeka - Kawomya - kitabazi - Soona Road Maintainance Works in Kangulumira Town Council.

BUIKWE DISTRICT ROADS GET MAJOR UPGRADE

Mutegubya Timothy, Communication Officer, Buikwe District

Buikwe district is seeing a major change as the local government rolls out a wide road construction program to improve movement and daily life.

Several important roads are being upgraded or completed, making travel easier for residents and traders across the district.

Works are ongoing on key routes including the Ssi–Muvo, Ssi–Ssenyi, Buwooya–Kigaya, Lweru–Makindu, and Ajija–Kasubi roads.

According to a Buikwe district works official, the improved roads are expected to cut travel time, reduce transport costs, and help farmers and traders reach markets faster, boosting local business activity.

"This project is about opening up our communities and supporting economic growth. Better roads mean better access to services, markets, and opportunities for our people," he said.

Residents have welcomed the changes, saying the roads are already making a difference.

"Transport used to be very difficult, especially during the rainy season. Now we can move our goods more easily and save money," a trader from Buwooya noted.

The road works are part of Buikwe district's broader plan to strengthen infrastructure, support trade, and reduce poverty by improving connectivity across the district.

Kikakanya-Buwogole Nkombwe Road

Nangunga-Senyi Road

Makindu-Busagazi Road

GOVERNMENT BOOSTS BUIKWE FARMERS' PROJECTS

Mutegubya Timothy, Communication Officer, Buikwe District

Artificial insemination beneficiary at Kikooli village.

Buikwe district farmers have received a significant boost this week as government officials inspected ongoing agricultural initiatives in Buikwe Town Council, a drive aimed to enhance food security, promote modern farming practices, and raise household incomes across the district.

The field visit focused on the progress of Farmer Field Schools (FFS) and Artificial Insemination (AI) programs aimed at improving crop yields and livestock quality.

Speaking during the visit, Senior Fisheries Officer James Katali, who represented the District Production Officer, expressed satisfaction with the results.

"Government is committed to supporting our farmers because agriculture is the backbone of our communities. These projects are crucial for food security and income generation," he said.

Farmers shared their success stories from the programs.

"Thanks to the Farmer Field Schools, our maize yield has increased by 30%. The artificial insemination project has also helped us upgrade our cattle breed, which is improving our income," one farmer reported.

At the same time, artificial insemination technicians highlighted challenges such as limited resources to reach remote farmers.

Officials, however, pledged continued support for these projects to ensure wider reach and sustained impact.

The visit underscores the government's ongoing commitment to strengthening agriculture and improving livelihoods in Buikwe district. Currently, the FFS program benefits over 500 farmers, while the AI initiative has upgraded cattle for around 200 households.

Farmer Field School in Seruti village

Artificial insemination beneficiary at Seruti village

Artificial insemination beneficiary at Nantwala village

Artificial insemination beneficiary at Kyamabale village

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Tea growing is one of the traditional and significant agricultural activity in Greater Mukono, a central region in Uganda known for its hilly terrain suitable for tea cultivation. It has remained a traditional hub for this cash crop, which contributes to the local economy and provides livelihoods for many households in the region.

KNOW YOUR LEADER

KAFEERO COLLINS: SERVING WITH COMPASSION

In Kayunga district, Kafeero Collins is known not just as the Senior Probation and Social Welfare Officer, but as a leader deeply connected to the people he serves.

On December 22nd, 2025, he put that commitment into action by leading a donation drive that reached more than 119 vulnerable residents of Suuka village in Kayunga sub-county.

Kafeero's work focuses on restoring dignity to those often forgotten. The beneficiaries, including child-headed families, families of incarcerated persons, single mothers, widows, the elderly, people rendered homeless after eviction, and individuals living with HIV, received clothes, food, drinks, bedding, and education support to ease daily hardships.

"My duty goes beyond office work; it is about standing with people in their most difficult moments," Kafeero said.

Residents praised his hands-on leadership, with one beneficiary noting, "He listens to us and acts when we need help."

Beyond material support, Kafeero also prioritized awareness, sensitizing beneficiaries on child safeguarding and sexual and gender-based violence.

The initiative was funded by well-wishers who channel their support through him, reflecting the trust Kafeero has earned as a leader committed to social welfare.

Mr Kafeero Collins Addressing some of the Beneficiaries Before the exercise.

One of the Beneficiaries Handing over a Cock to Mr. kafeero Collins as a sign of appreciation.

Mr. Kafeero Collins handing the Items to one of the Beneficiaries.

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