



RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

BY

**THE RT HON. PRIME MINISTER DURING PRIME
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1. Hon. Joyo Harriet (DWR-Obongi)

Kochi bridge construction in Obongi district, Itula sub-county commenced on 12th February 2023 under DRPIP-I in the Office of the Prime Minister and the end date was 27th December 2023. To date the construction is about 85% complete. Since December, 2023, the works have stalled for 2 years, affecting effective service delivery.

PRAYER:

Rt Hon. Prime Minister, kindly update the House on the status of the bridge.

Response;

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, the bridge is financed under Development Response to Displacement Impact Project-I (DRDIP I). The work completed so far is approximately 90%.

Following implementation challenges, a joint technical review conducted by the Ministry of Works and Transport, the Office of the Prime Minister, and Obongi District Local Government established that the original 15-metre single-span bridge design was inadequate to safely accommodate the hydraulic capacity of River Kochi, particularly during periods of high flows. Consequently, the bridge was redesigned to a more resilient 20-metre double-span structure.

The revised design significantly increased the quantities of concrete, reinforcement steel, earthworks, and associated construction works, resulting in a funding gap of UGX 1.83 billion over and above the original contract sum of UGX 2.44 billion.

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, government recognizes the inconvenience that this delay has caused to the people of Obongi district, particularly the disruption to the movement of people, goods and access to essential social services during periods when river Kochi floods. This project has been earmarked to be completed under Development Response to Displacement Impacts Project II (DRDIP II), which is being implemented under my office. I will visit the site myself to ascertain the level of implementation.

2.Hon. Protazio Begumisa (MP- Ndorwa County East)

The rubbish dump at Kabalaga, Kyanamira sub-county Kabale is posing a serious risk to the Late Kagurusi family and other families in Karubanda valley. It seems it has reached its carrying capacity and could flow downwards anytime because of the topography.

PRAYERS:

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- i. Look for another location
 - ii. Buy equipment that can turn the rubbish into something useful like fertilizer

RESPONSE:

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, Kabale Municipal Council has procured 3.175 hectares of land at Kabalaga, Kaharo Sub-County, about 15km outside Kabale Municipal Council. By December 2026, the Municipal Council will have moved from Kyanamira land fill to the new site.

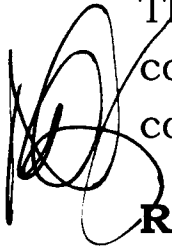
On the issue of buying equipment that turns waste into something useful like fertilizer, Ministry of Local Government has finalized the draft Waste Management Policy, and upon approval by Cabinet, the policy proposes reforms that will help turn waste into wealth.

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, Ministry of Local Government will in the meantime visit the site and study the proposal to turn waste into wealth through Public Private Partnerships.

3. HON. PROTAZIO BEGUMISA (MP- NDORWA COUNTY EAST)

There is no or weak telecom network in areas of Kavu, Nyabicwamba, Kafunjo and Ntarabano. Rwanda network seems stronger in those areas and interferes with communication in the areas mentioned above.

PRAYER:



That UCC and the Ministry responsible for communication comes to the rescue of my people so that they can communicate like other Ugandans.

Response;

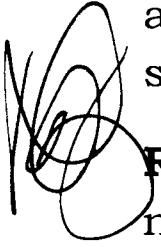
Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, to systematically address coverage gaps in these challenging areas, government has approved a clear, time-bound rollout plan for mobile network expansion.

Currently, the population coverage for voice services is 88.6% across the country with the plan to continue the prioritization of the expansion of this coverage to 100%.

This will ensure that areas of Kavu, Nyabicwamba, Kafunjo and Ntarabana will be addressed in the near future but for the avoidance of doubt not later than **June 2027**.

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, recognizing that full terrestrial coverage in the most difficult terrains will take time, government has approved satellite communication services to deliver accelerated connectivity. Fixed and enterprise-grade satellite services will be deployed by **October 2026** with priority focus on remote and underserved locations.

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, the deployment of direct-to-mobile satellite services (voice and data) currently awaits global spectrum harmonization and approval by international bodies, including the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). Once these frameworks are secured and aligned with national regulations, mobile satellite services will be authorized in Uganda.



Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, with regard to the network signaling from Rwanda, there is an ongoing coordination exercise between the Regulators of Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda that will limit the spill-over of network coverage from the neighboring country into Uganda to ensure that Uganda customers access local services at local affordable prices at all times.

4. Hon. Kiconco Katabaazi Patrick (MP-Rukiga County Constituency)

The member raised a matter on Kabale Rushebeya-Rwamucucu Road that has not been maintained for more than 3 years as well as, Muhanga-Kisiizi-Kebisoni Road that has been included in the NRM manifesto for tarmacking for the last 30 years but has never been started.

PRAYER:

The member requested for an update on the matter.

Response;

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, this is to confirm that the above-mentioned roads are National Roads under Ministry of Works and Transport and specifically under Kabale Station. The Ministry of Works and Transport, Kabale Station is currently working on maintenance of Muhanga – Kisiizi – Kebisoni road (spot grading, spot gravelling and culverts installation). Two (2) lines of culverts at Km.37+500 in Nyarushanje and Km.17+000 in Rwamucucu, that were making the road almost impassable have already been installed.



Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, feasibility studies and detailed engineering designs were completed. Once funds are available, we shall commence the procurement process. The road is in fair condition.

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, Kabale-Rushebeya-Rwamucucu road also known as (Butobere-Muyumbu-Rwamucucu) was last maintained in quarter 1, FY 2025/2026. However, due to heavy traffic and incremental weather, it deteriorated first.

5. Hon. Otto Edward Makmot (MP-Agago County)

Patongo Town Council houses a High Court, yet it is still a Town Council.

PRAYER:

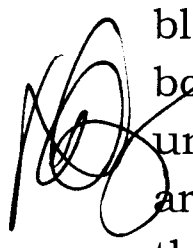
When will it be elevated to a Municipality?

Response;

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, government is still operating under a Moratorium on the creation of new Administrative Units by Cabinet.

6. Hon. Opiyo Denis Geoffrey- (MP, Nwoya County)

On Tuesday 16th June 2026, two citizens in the names of Okot Denis and Acire Robinson were gunned down at Wang Kwar under the command of the warden in charge Joseph Okello.



On Saturday 20th June, 2026, a joint search by political leaders and members of the bereaved families visited the crime scene in the company of wildlife Rangers but were not able to locate the dead bodies of their sons except the blood spots. To this day, appeals for the release of dead bodies have not been respected and loss of lives of lives under unclear circumstances continues to happen, in and around the park while communities continue to face life-threatening human-wildlife unrests.

PRAYERS:

a). A thorough investigation be done and reported to this Parliament and perpetrators held accountable under the law

b). All reported dead bodies be recovered and handed over to their families for a dignified burial in accordance with

the customary laws and acceptable practices of the affected communities.

c). Fast-track the compensation of all earlier submitted claims for damages caused to properties, crops and lives lost.

Response;

- i. On the prayer for investigation and accountability of perpetrators:

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Colleagues, according to the Uganda Wildlife Authority's situation report, no ranger patrols were deployed in the alleged area on the day in question. When the matter was raised by the community, UWA advised that it be reported to police. A joint search was then conducted involving the police, the bereaved family, and the area Member of Parliament, but no evidence was found at the alleged scene of crime. Nevertheless, government has directed the Uganda Police Force to continue with the investigations and the culprits will be held accountable under the law.

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- ii. On the prayer for recovery and handover of reported dead bodies:

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, the joint search did not yield any bodies or physical evidence. Government remains committed to ensuring that missing persons are accounted for, and if recoveries are made, families will be accorded dignified burials. It is important to note that in past incidents, deaths among poachers have occurred due to disputes or accidents, sometimes misattributed to rangers. This context is being considered in the ongoing investigations.

- iii. On the prayer for fast tracking of compensation claims:

Rt. Hon. Speaker and colleagues, government acknowledges the pending compensation claims for damages to property, crops, and lives lost. The Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife & Antiquities is reviewing these claims and will fast track their processing to ensure timely redress. UWA records further show that between April and June 2026, 378 arrests were made, with all suspects handed over to gazetted police stations for prosecution, demonstrating adherence to lawful procedure and commitment to due process.

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, government remains committed to protecting the lives and property of citizens, ensuring accountability of officers, and balancing wildlife conservation with the rights and safety of our people.

7. Hon. Peace Tibyaze (DWR-Jinja district)



The member raised an issue regarding the presidential pledge to acquire a sugar factory for Busoga farmers. She noted that while meeting sugarcane growers and millers in Mayuge district, H.E the President pledged that government would acquire the Mayuge sugar factory and hand it over to Busoga sugarcane out growers to address exploitation by millers and improve farmers' incomes.

PRAYER:

Could the Prime Minister update this House on the progress made in implementing this Presidential pledge, including the expected timeline for this fulfilment?

Response;

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, while Government was advancing plans to implement the pledge, proprietors of Mayuge Sugar Industries approached government and formally expressed their willingness to sell the existing factory to government for eventual transfer to the people of Busoga. This development presented an alternative implementation option that could accelerate the realization of the Presidential pledge by utilizing an already established industrial facility.

Subsequently, H.E the President engaged the leadership and representatives of the people of Busoga and briefed them of the proposal presented by the proprietors of Mayuge Sugar Industries Limited. Having considered the proposal, the representatives of the people of Busoga expressed their concurrence with the proposed arrangement and welcomed the initiative as a viable means of fulfilling the Presidential pledge.



Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, following these engagements, His Excellency directed the relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies to undertake comprehensive legal, financial, commercial and technical due diligence on the proposed acquisition. The purpose of this exercise was to ensure that any eventual transaction is concluded through a legally sound, commercially viable and financially prudent contractual framework that safeguards the public interest while securing the long-term interests of the people of Busoga.

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, Government has in the meantime already taken concrete steps towards

implementing the Presidential pledge. Funds were released for the acquisition of land on which the proposed sugar factory is to be established. The identified land is situated in Bukooma village in Bukooma Sub-county, Luuka North Constituency, Luuka District, and constitutes an important milestone in the implementation process.

8. Hon. Opiyo Denish Geoffrey (MP- Nwoya County)

The Karuma Hydropower Dam project was started in 2013 and completed and officially commissioned by the H.E The President on September 6th, 2024.

Thirteen (13) years down the road, 118 PAPs meant to be resettled in 200 acres of land acquired by government in Lapono village, Anaka sub-county, Nwoya county in Nwoya District are stranded and languishing in destitution and abject poverty. Some of the PAPs, particularly the elderly, disabled and those living positively, have since passed on without being resettled.

PRAYER:

What is government's position on the plight of these projects affected persons of Karuma Hydroelectric Power Dam?

Response;

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, I wish to inform you that the procurement process for the construction of resettlement houses is currently underway in accordance with the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act. The procurement opportunity has already been advertised in the print media. The process is progressing,

and upon its successful conclusion, the successful contractor will be mobilized to commence construction of the resettlement houses in this financial year 2026/2027.

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, government remains committed to ensuring that the resettlement process is implemented in accordance with the applicable national legal and policy frameworks. I also wish to assure the Hon. Member that, prior to and during the ground breaking ceremony, the Project Affected Persons and their next of kin will be engaged and sensitized on the implementation arrangements, construction schedule, and overall resettlement process.

9.Hon. Tom Aliti Candia (MP- Maracha East Constituency)

Karamoja people are now settled and they do grow some crops now, the region is fertile and rich with minerals and the potential of Karamoja to grow is evident.



PRAYER:

Can the government plan a special dedicated, intentional and affirmative program to construct valley dams and drill deep boreholes in Karamoja region to supply water for consumption and water for production? What is the once for all long-term sustainable plan to ensure water for production is provided in Karamoja region?

Response;

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, the Ministry of Karamoja Affairs has over the years implemented interventions to build the resilience on the Karamojong community against persistent drought and other natural shocks through construction and rehabilitation (desilting) of dams. This has been done in collaboration with MDAs, especially Ministry of Water and Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries among others. This effort is complimented through partnership with Development Partners, NGOs and Civil Society Organizations operating in Karamoja.

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, to further strengthen sustainable development in Karamoja, Cabinet directed National Planning Authority in September 2022 to develop a 10-year comprehensive Karamoja Regional Development Plan (KRDP) aligned to the National Development Plan. Cabinet approved the plan in July 2025 and implementation has commenced. The Karamoja Regional Development Plan is focused on addressing the persistent development and humanitarian challenges that have affected the region over the years.

10. Hon. Kaluya Andrew Kiiza (MP-Kigulu South).

Following government's take over in 2022 and the subsequent handover of its land and assets by the Church of Uganda in December 2024, Busoga University is yet to commence operations as a Public University because the necessary Statutory Instruments to legally operationalize it have not been issued.

PRAYER:

When will government issue the required Statutory Instruments to operationalize Busoga University as a Public University, and what measures are being taken to expedite this process to enable appointment of its governing organs, allocation of funding, and admission of students?

Response;

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, the establishment of a Public University requires mandatory legal, financial and administrative processes to be completed in the prescribed statutory sequence. Substantial progress has been made, including the settlement of liabilities, transfer of the University's assets to Government, development of academic programs and preparation of the governance structure. The remaining steps relate principally to statutory approvals.

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, the Minister of Education and Sports will present the Cabinet Memorandum. On the other hand, the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development is also processing the Certificate of Financial Implications required to accompany the Memorandum.



Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, the University's governing and administrative organs will be constituted after the Statutory Instrument establishing the University has been enacted. Student admission will commence after the University has been legally established and its Senate constituted, since the Senate is the organ mandated to admit students.

11. Hon. Mariam Seif (DWR Iganga)

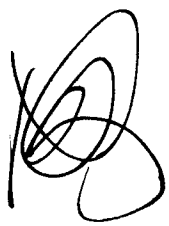
Besides the primary transit highway linking Kampala to Busia and Mbale, the internal road network across Iganga-comprising both feeder roads and those under the management of the Ministry of Works and Transport is deeply degraded, impeding trade and agricultural transport.

PRAYER:

Rt Hon. Prime Minister, what emergency road rehabilitation funds and mechanical interventions have been set aside by the Ministry of Works and Transport to restore the broken internal and feeder road networks linking our rural sub-counties to economic centers within Iganga District?

Response;

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, the internal road network across Iganga under Ministry of Works and Transport that links to the major transit highway in Iganga District includes;

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- i. Iganga – Kaliro road (30Km under Iganga District)-The road is currently in good condition. Manual Routine Maintenance works are being carried out by the Labour Based contractors and mechanized maintenance work/ pothole patching, road marking and culvert replacement works are ongoing.
 - ii. Buwenge – Nakabugu – Kaliro road (15Km under Iganga District)-The road is currently in good condition. Routine Manual Maintenance by Labour Based Contractors is ongoing. Grading of the entire road length was completed in April 2026 and Armco culverts installed.

- iii. Access to Iganga Railway station (1.0Km)-Routine Manual Maintenance by Labour Based Contractors is ongoing.
- iv. Iganga – Mayuge road (10Km under Iganga District)-The road is in good condition. Manual Routine Maintenance works by Labour Based Contractors and Routine Mechanized Maintenance works under frame work contract by ETATS LIMITED is ongoing.
- v. Nawandala – Nambale – Namalemba – Kisiro road (20Km under Iganga District)-The road is in good condition. Manual Routine Maintenance works by Labour Based Contractors and Routine Mechanized Maintenance works under frame work contract by Rodo Contractors Limited is ongoing.
- vi. Iganga – Busesa – Nawangisa road (10Km under Iganga District)-The road is in good condition. Manual Routine Maintenance works by Labour Based Contractors and Routine Mechanized Maintenance works under frame work contract by Rodo Contractors Limited is ongoing.
- vii. Iganga – Bulopa – Kamuli road (10km under Iganga District)-The road is currently in good condition. Upgrading construction works being carried out by the contractor, Arab Contractors.



12. Hon. Mariam Seif (DWR-Iganga)

Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, at Iganga General Hospital, health care and maternal health infrastructures remain heavily congested and under resourced due to the raising number of health service seekers from within and neighboring communities forcing many mothers on the floor spaces.

PRAYER:

Immediate infrastructure intervention by the Ministry of Health to expand and adequately equip the maternity and neonatal wings, and definitive timelines for upgrading neighboring Health Centre III and IVs to alleviate this congestion.

Response;

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, government has taken note of the concern and will accordingly undertake a comprehensive assessment of the infrastructure needs of the Hospital in this FY 2026/27 and then plan for the expansion and rehabilitation of the Hospital in the FY 2027/28, with the expansion of the maternity as first priority.



Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, concerning the member's prayer of upgrading the neighboring HCIIIs to HCIVs to de-congest the Hospital, government approves of this strategy and will assess the HC IIIs in the neighborhood of the Hospital, especially those in or near Iganga Municipality and then plan for the Upgrade starting with at least one facility in FY 2027/26, subject to availability of funds.

13. Hon. Kwiycwiny Grace Freedom (Ora County)

We have information that the feasibility study for the 119 km Nebbi, Goli, Paidha, Zombo, Zeu, Warr and Vurra road was completed way back in 2017. In October 2025, we were informed that the contract for Goli, Paidha, Zombo, Zeu, Warr, Vurra road would be signed in April 2026 and construction would commence soon after.

PRAYER:

The people of Zombo would like to know when the contract would be signed and when the construction of Goli, Paidha, Zombo, Zeu, Warr and Vurra road will commence?

Response;

Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, the Feasibility Studies and Detailed Designs for the Upgrading of the Goli-Paidha-Zombo-Warr-Vurra were completed in March 2018. Due to the passage of time, these studies require updating.



The Ministry of Works and Transport received my guidance to work with China Wuyi for the upgrading of Goli-Paidha-Zombo-Warr on a pre-financing basis dated 23th September 2024. The Ministry is working with the contractor to update the designs before commencing the procurement.

14. Hon. Achayo Julie Lodou (Ngora County)

Rt. Hon Prime Minister the improvement of the roads infrastructure is a great catalyst for socio-economic transformation. I thank the Government of Uganda for securing funds including USD 106 million from the Islamic Development Bank and USD 25 million from the Abu

Dhabi Fund for Development for the 98 km Kumi-Ngora-Serere-Kagwara road.

However, Rt. Hon. Prime Minister there are numerous complaints from the Project Affected Persons (PAPs) who feel the compensation figures were arbitrarily determined and are inadequate. The line Minister once assured the Committee on National Economy that compensation was well provided for yet on the ground our people are crying foul.

PRAYER:

I therefore, pray that the line Minister sends valuers on the ground to transparently explain to the Projected Affected Persons how the compensation figures were derived. This is the only way to eliminate controversies and have a seamless execution of the long-awaited project.

Response;



Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, the compensation awards given to the project affected persons were as a result of Market research. And consequently, these were approved by the Chief Government Valuer. However, where grievances arise, we have a grievance redress mechanism on the project through Project Grievance Management Committees (GMCs) for the respective sub-counties to take note of these issues. Our Land acquisition team has been instructed to go on ground and address these issues.

15. Hon. Okeyoh Peter, MP-Bukooli island County, Namayingo District.

Parliament appropriated money last financial year for rescue centers on our lakes to save people from water

accidents on Sigulu, Kalangala and Buvuma Islands to date non is functional.

PRAYER:

Can you please update on the matter?

Response;

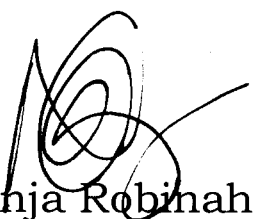
Rt Hon. Speaker and colleagues, the funds which were allocated were under the Multinational Lake Victoria Maritime Communication and Transport (MLVMCT) Project. The project was funded by African Development Bank (AFDB) and GoU which commenced in 2018 and was completed in March 2026.

The GoU component is still ongoing with plan to construct Four (4) Search and Rescue Centers at the following;

- i. Misonzi landing site - Kalangala District
- ii. Numba Emu landing site - Buvuuma Island
- iii. Lwanika landing site - Mayuge district
- iv. Kiyindi landing site/ Bwondha Landing site – Buikwe district

Funds have been allocated in budget for FY 2026/27 for construction works for one (1) Search and Rescue Centre under GoU development at Misonzi landing site in Kalangala. Procurement has commenced.

I beg to submit



Nabbanja Robinah

PRIME MINISTER