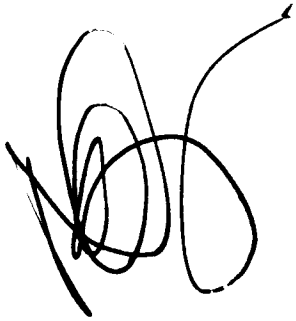
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# RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

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## THE RT HON. PRIME MINISTER DURING PRIME MINISTER'S TIME



**THURSDAY, 12th November 2026.**

**1.Hon. Robert Mugabe (MP-Kitagwenda County)**

In 2017, Government contracted Pamoja Energy Ltd to establish a decentralized mini-grid in Bukurungo Town Council using maize cobs.

Unfortunately, the project failed and was abandoned, leaving behind poles and wires that are now being vandalized. The national electricity grid is only about two kilometres away.

Additionally, in 2021, Government, through AGRILED, distributed maize mills to Bukurungo Town Council and Kanara Sub-county, and coffee hullers to Kabujogera Town Council and Buhanda Sub-county in Kitagwenda District. However, five years later, these facilities remain non-functional due to lack of electricity, while some equipment at the Kanara maize mill is also missing.

**Prayers:**

(i). Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, direct the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development to assess and prioritize connecting Bukurungo Town Council to the national electricity grid, utilizing the existing infrastructure by just installing transformers.

(ii). Urgently Provide electricity connections to the four AGRILED facilities to make them operational.

**Response:**

**Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Colleagues,**

Government is committed to connecting Bukurungo Town Council to the national electricity grid and operationalizing the four AGRILED-supported facilities in Kitagwenda District under the GESPAD Western Region Project, which is currently at procurement stage. Construction will commence in Quarter Four of FY 2026/27.

Government previously supported a biomass gasification mini-grid through Pamoja Energy Ltd; however, technical challenges affected its reliability. Consequently, Government resolved in 2021 to connect the area to the national grid through extension of the medium-voltage network and installation of a transformer.

Government will prioritize electricity connections to the four AGRILED-supported facilities to ensure they become operational as soon as possible.

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

Ministry of Internal Affairs planned to gazette new border posts and one stop border posts in the West Nile Region to curb smuggling in the region, to streamline trade with DR Congo and to strengthen regional integration and National security.

Maracha District council passed a resolution to support the gazettement of a new border post at SABA SABA town in Maracha District along DRC border transiting to ARIWARA-OMGBOKOLO towns in DRC.

SABA SABA border post would be a catalyst for growth and Socio-Economic and political integration. The Ministry of Internal affairs team assessed the town and gave it a no objection to gazette.

**Prayer:**

Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, I kindly request for an update on the planned SABA SABA Border post gazettement and when the eventual construction shall commence.

**Response:**

**Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Colleagues,**

The National Citizenship and Immigration Control received a Presidential directive in March 2025 to take the necessary steps to operationalize the Saba Saba Border Post. Accordingly, a team comprising Local Government and security representatives conducted an assessment on 24th March 2025.

The processes of acquiring land and finalizing the statutory instrument for gazettement are ongoing, while the proposal to operationalize the border post will be included in the Budget Framework Paper for FY 2027/28.

**3. Hon. Akugizibwe Aled Ronald (MP-Buruli County)**

On 26th May 2022, I wrote a letter to the Minister of Education and Sports requesting for the coding of the following primary schools in Masindi:

BT Abangi, BT Omwiguru, BT Rusangura, Kaikuku PS, Kyarutanga PS, Kayera PS, Rwemigali PS, Kyamaiso PS, Kyakaitera PS, Kababiito PS, Kyangamwoyo Community PS, Budongo Community PS, St. Simon PS, Kaborogota PS, Ipedi Community PS, Nyabigoma PS.

On 2nd June 2022, the Minister responded that she had tasked the Permanent Secretary to consider the request.

To my disappointment, four years down the road, not even a single school has been coded.

**Prayer:**

When are the above schools going to be coded?

**Response:**

**Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Colleagues,**

Government appreciates the need to code these sixteen schools and has already developed a time-bound plan to guide the process.

While the FY 2026/27 budget does not provide for new grant-aiding, the Ministry of Education and Sports will validate all sixteen schools by December 2026. Thereafter, qualifying schools will be coded in phases beginning FY 2027/28.

In the meantime, Government will continue to support the schools through inspection, compliance with the required standards, and completion of Education Management Information System (EMIS) registration to ensure they are ready for coding once the process commences.

**4. Kirungi Annet Pamela (DWR-Kabarole)**

Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, during his recent visit to our area, H.E the President was unfortunately not briefed on this critical issue, and no leader has formally raised this urgent plea for us. Our people are continuously exposed to waterborne parasites (Bilharzia) and are trapped in an endless cycle of mass drug administration.

**Prayer:**

Could the Prime Minister inform this House when the Ministry of Water and Environment will intervene to provide safe, piped water for the people of Kasenda Sub-county and save them from this health crisis and also drinking unclean water from River Bijongo?

**Response:**

**Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Colleagues,**

Government acknowledges the Bilharzia outbreak in Kasenda Sub-county and has prioritized interventions to provide safe water to the affected communities. Through the Ministry of Water and Environment, Government has integrated the extension of piped water services to Kasenda Sub-county and the rehabilitation of the Kasenda Gravity Flow Scheme into its FY 2027/28 budget planning framework.

In the meantime, Government will continue implementing complementary water, sanitation and health interventions to protect the affected communities.

**Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Colleagues,** I wish to assure the Hon. Member that Government is committed to addressing this matter and improving access to safe water in Kasenda Sub-county.

**5. Hon. Akugizibwe Aled Ronald (MP-Buruli County)**

On 28th May 2024, I wrote a letter to the Prime Minister under the reference: Water supply situation in Kimengo and Kijunjubwa Sub-counties, Masindi District, where I highlighted the fact that these two sub-counties are too water stressed and their water tables are too low.

On 14th June 2024, the Prime Minister wrote a letter to the Minister of Water and Environment bringing this issue to the attention of the Ministry. To my dismay, the letter was not even responded to and, two years later, nothing is on the ground in line with solving this problem.

**Prayer:**
Rt Hon. Prime Minister, can you please update on the matter.

**Response:**

**Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Colleagues,**

Government is preparing the Multi-Purpose Water for Climate Resilient Irrigation Development and Agro-Industrialization Project (MWaCRIDA-P) to provide water for domestic, agricultural and industrial use in Masindi and Kiryandongo Districts.

Under the proposed project, water infrastructure will be developed to serve Kimengo Sub-county, while the water needs of Kijunjubwa Sub-county will be considered for integration. The project is currently undergoing appraisal and approval processes for financing by the African Development Bank.

**Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Colleagues,** I wish to assure the Hon. Member that Government remains committed to addressing the water challenges in the affected areas through this intervention.

**6. Hon. Sarah Itungu Masereka (DWR-Kasese)**

In November 2016, Buhikira Royal Palace, the official palace of Obusinga Bwa Rwenzururu, was destroyed. Subsequently, H.E President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni pledged to construct a new royal palace for His Majesty Omusinga Charles Wesley Mumbere Iremangoma. To date, nine years later, construction has not commenced and subjects are still fundraising. On 14th November 2026, subjects have organized a Run to solicit funds for the King's palace on the occasion of His Majesty's birthday.

The Obusinga Bwa Rwenzururu is a constitutional cultural institution under Article 246 of the Constitution. Rebuilding its palace is Government's commitment to reconciliation, peace and culture in the Rwenzori sub-region.

**Prayer:**

Government progress of procurement for the construction of Buhikira Royal Palace as pledged by H.E the President?

**Response:**

**Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Colleagues,** during the Financial Year 2025/2026, Government provided funds to Obusinga Bwa

Rwenzururu to facilitate the preparation of the plan (architectural designs and Bills of Quantities) for the proposed reconstruction of the Palace. The development of these technical documents is still ongoing and is being undertaken by the Cultural Institution.

Consequently, procurement for the actual construction works has not yet commenced.

Completion and submission of the plan will enable Government to establish the project scope and estimated cost, and thereafter pursue the necessary funding and procurement arrangements in accordance to established Government procedures.

**Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Colleagues,** Government will continue engaging Obusinga Bwa Rwenzururu to expedite completion of the technical documentation. Government remains committed to fulfilling H.E. the President's pledge to reconstruct the Palace, which is of significant cultural and institutional importance to the people of the Rwenzori sub-region.

**7.Hon. Akugizibwe Aled Ronald (MP-Buruli County)**

In 2016, a Komatishu grader belonging to Masindi District Local Government, Reg. No. LG 0123-29 was taken to Bugembe Central Mechanical Workshop for major mechanical repairs. 10 years down the road, it has never been brought back and efforts to even have information about it have yielded no positive results. This has greatly affected the road works on the very big network in the district.

**Prayer:**

Rt Hon. Prime Minister, can you please provide an update on the matter?

**Response:**

**Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Colleagues,**

The motor grader was assessed and found to have major defects affecting its engine, transmission and electrical systems. Following a recent review by the Ministry of Works and Transport, it was resolved

that the grader be transferred to the Central Regional Mechanical Workshop for reassessment and repair.

The cost of repairs is currently estimated at UGX 200 million, and the Workshop has been directed to prioritize the works during the current Financial Year.

**Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Colleagues**, I wish to assure the Hon. Member that Government is actively following up the matter to ensure the grader is repaired and returned to support road maintenance in Masindi District

**8. Hon. Akugizibwe Aled Ronald (MP-Buruli County)**

Mburabuzo Swamp is located between Masindi and Kyankwanzi districts. A construction of the bridge at this swamp makes movement easy between the two districts. As leaders from the two districts, we have always advocated for the construction of this bridge that will save people moving from Masindi to Kyankwanzi to go via Hoima or Nakaseke, which makes the distance very long and thus affects business across the two districts.

**Prayer:**

Government has always promised that this bridge will be constructed soon. What is the update?

**Response:**

**Rt. Honorable Speaker and Hon. Colleagues,**

Government has planned to undertake the assessment and detailed engineering designs for the Mburabuzo Swamp bridge crossing during the current quarter of FY 2026/27 to determine the appropriate intervention.Subject to completion of these preparatory activities, construction of the bridge has been planned for FY 2027/28.

I wish to assure the Hon. Member that Government remains committed to improving connectivity between Masindi and Kyankwanzi Districts through this intervention.

**9. Hon. Sarah Itungu Masereka (DWR-Kasese)**

H.E the President pledged in 2006, 2011, 2016 and 2021 to upgrade Kasese Airfield into an international airport; and in April 2025, the Ministry of Works and Transport signed an MoU with China State-Engineering Construction Company (CSECC) for $57m to undertake the upgrade;

The said MoU is due to expire without commencement of works, and UCAA has confirmed that master plan, detailed designs and land acquisition are complete with financing as the only pending item.

**Prayers: Rt Hon. Prime Minister, can you please provide an update on,**

i. The current status and validity of the April 2025 MoU with CSECC?
ii. Measures taken by Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to mobilize financing for Kasese International Airport?
iii. Whether Government commitment remains to develop Kasese as an International Airport for minerals, tourism and regional trade, given its strategic location near Kilembe copper-cobalt mines, Rwenzori Mountains & Queen Elizabeth National Parks, and Mpondwe-DRC border?
iv. The clear timeline for commencement and completion of works?

**Response:**

**Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members,**

Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with China State Engineering Construction Company on 23rd April 2025 to undertake the requisite technical studies for the development of Kasese Airport. The MoU has been extended to 23rd January 2027 to enable completion of the outstanding preparatory activities.

To date, the pre-feasibility study, masterplan and land acquisition have been completed, while the feasibility study is expected to be concluded by February 2027. Thereafter, Government will proceed with the necessary financing arrangements and approvals.

**Rt. Hon. Speaker,** Kasese Airport remains one of the six priority airports earmarked for upgrade to international standards under NDP IV.

Government remains fully committed to this project given its strategic importance to tourism, trade and regional development.

Construction is planned to commence in FY 2027/28 upon completion of the preparatory requirements.

**Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members,** I wish to assure the House that Government remains firmly committed to the development of Kasese International Airport and will continue to take the necessary steps to deliver this strategic national investment.

**I beg to submit**

Nabbanja Robinah
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