

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

BY

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

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1. Hon. Stella Atyang (DWR-Moroto)

The x-ray in Moroto referral hospital, scanning machines and newly constructed oxygen plants in Moroto referral hospital are nonfunctional.

PRAYER:

When will the Ministry of Health help to repair/replace the scanning and oxygen machines and also functionalize the newly constructed oxygen plant at the Moroto referral Hospital?

RESPONSE:

Rt Hon. Speaker and Honorable Colleagues, the contract for the maintenance of x-rays and ultra-sound was awarded and the spare parts ordered for.

The imaging equipment was repaired and made functional on 15th March 2025. Furthermore, Government through the Ministry of Health procured a new x-ray machine which has already arrived at the Ministry stores. It will be installed in the next two weeks.

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Rt Hon. Speaker and Honorable Colleagues, the old oxygen plant was repaired and is functional. Government is in the process of procuring an adequately sized transformer and voltage power stabilizer in order for the high-capacity oxygen plant to be made functional.

Currently the oxygen plants in Mbale, Soroti and Lira are functional and able to produce over 500 cylinders of oxygen per day which can be supplied to Moroto is case of high demand.

2.Hon. Akugizibwe Aled Ronald (MP-Buruli County)

The Ibaralibi-Alimugonza-Kitanyata road (24.4km) is in Buruli county and connects two sub-counties of Pakanyi and Kiruli running through eleven villages.

This road was recommended by Masindi District Local Government to be worked upon by MAAIF under the Agriculture Cluster Development Project (ACDP) in 2018.

The road has 5 major chokes and as such is totally impassable and so far, 8 people have died on this road by running water. 7 years down the road, it has not been fixed and the district does not have the resources to work on this road.

I have raised the issue of this road on the floor of Parliament more than thrice but nothing is forthcoming.

PRAYER:

When is MAAIF coming to work on this road so that people in this area can enjoy like the rest of other Ugandans bearing in mind that a road is one of the main enablers of development?

RESPONSE:

MAAIF through ACDP contracted Ms Doramine Enterprises Ltd to work on the specific road chokes for both Kyiryandongo and Masindi districts.

The contractor commenced works in Kyiradongo district but due to its limited financial capacity, they didn't complete the works as required.

Rt Hon. Speaker and Honorable Colleagues, MAAIF consequently decided to procure another contractor and



works will commence this very soon. Mobilization of equipment and staff accommodation have already started.

3.Hon. Tebandeke Charles (MP-Baale County)

There have been concerns by Emart Technical services regarding the cancelation of UMEME meter connection applications before the respective applicants were connected to the power grid within a reasonable period.

Some accounts for reasons including Umeme's delays, operational inefficiencies, or changing policies were canceled before the applicants were connected to electricity. In many cases, these applicants were not refunded their connections fees, leading to public outcry.

Questions:

In view of the above, can the Prime Minister state:

- a) What led to the termination of these connections?
- b) Will the affected applicants be refunded or considered for reconnections under a different arrangement?
- c) What steps is the Ministry taking to ensure transparency and prevent similar occurrence in the future?
- d) How does this impact Uganda's electrification goals, especially for underserved areas?

RESPONSE:

Rt Hon. Speaker and Honorable Colleagues, the application process for new meter connections was

upgraded to a digital system, allowing customers to apply online. Wiremen assist with entering customer details to ensure accuracy.

Once an application is submitted, a work order reference number is automatically generated and sent via SMS. Payments and updates are communicated through this automated system, ensuring transparency.

Rt Hon. Speaker and Honorable Colleagues, I can confirm that Uganda Electricity Distribution Company (UEDCL) will process connections for applicants who met regulatory requirements under Umeme, without requiring additional payments for inspections or preloaded units.

Affected customers are notified that their applications are still under consideration. Government is committed to improving the connection process to achieve universal electricity access as outlined in the Electricity Connections Policy (ECP).

4. Hon. Osoru Mourine, MP Arua City

Raised an issue on the absence of city road equipment units in Arua City

RESPONSE:

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honorable Colleagues, the Ministry of Works and Transport prepared a proposal for equipping the new cities and other urban authorities with road units capable of earthworks and bituminous works, including road patching.



Phase 3 of the proposed equipment purchase is pending approval of funds. Once these funds are approved, city road equipment units will be provided.

5. Hon. Dorothy Nyakato Woman MP Kitagwenda District

In Kitagwenda district, lack of Health Center IIIs has resulted to poor delivery of health services to the community.

PRAYER:

Can Ministry of Health intervene with immediate effect and upgrade Health Centers IIs to Health Centers IIIs to save lives?

RESPONSE:

Rt Hon. Speaker and Honorable Colleagues, Government has established over 414 Health Centre IIIs in the last 5 years. There is still a balance of over 500 sub-counties and town councils without HC IIIs. Plans are under way to identify funds to ensure the facilities are provided. Most of the sub-counties without HC IIIs were created in the last few years making the gap to widen.

6.Hon Atima Jackson Lee Buti (MP-Arua Central)

Raised an issue on the delayed replacement of Asbestos roofs of Mvara secondary school in Mvara ward which causes airborne related diseases.

RESPONSE:

Rt Hon. Speaker and Honorable Colleagues, the Ministry of Education and Sports is preparing the U-

Learn project, a World Bank supported intervention to rehabilitate facilities in traditional schools. Mvara secondary is among the targeted beneficiaries under this project. The asbestos roofs at the school will be among the designated areas for replacement.

7.Hon. Betty Nambooze Bakireke (MP-Mukono Municipality)

Raised an issue on the various changes taking place in the education system that lack a well laid out communication and sensitization program which has left stakeholders stranded in addition to the unregulated school requirements which has forced parents to abandon education altogether.

RESPONSE:

Rt Hon. Speaker and Honorable Colleagues, I acknowledge the concerns raised regarding communication on changes in the education sector. To address this, a communication strategy was developed and implementation is ongoing.



In collaboration with the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance, the Ministry of Education and Sports is utilizing various media platforms including radio, television, print media, social media, and the Uganda Media Centre, to disseminate key information.

Additionally, the Ministry of Education and Sports continues to engage stakeholders through regular media briefings to ensure clarity on policy matters.

We remain committed to enhancing communication and stakeholder engagement and welcome any feedback to further strengthen these efforts.

Rt Hon. Speaker and Honorable Colleagues, for the unregulated school fees charges and requirements, we are in advanced stages of developing regulations in this regard. Once approved, these regulations will reinforce our position against these exorbitant requirements which we have continuously communicated through circulars in the past.

8.Hon. Veronica Nanyondo (DWR-Bukomansimbi)

PRAYER:

There is an effect on the implementation of the new lower secondary curriculum on primary leavers. Can government update on this matter?

RESPONSE:

Rt Hon. Speaker and Honorable Colleagues, at the moment, primary leavers transit from the knowledge-based curriculum to competency-based curriculum at secondary under the revised lower secondary curriculum.

The process of revising the primary curriculum to make it competency-based has already commenced to harmonize curriculum designs across primary and secondary levels of education.

Once this is complete, the learner will be introduced to competency-based teaching and learning from primary and progress with it to secondary education.

9. Hon. Balimwezo Ronald Nsubuga (Nakawa East Constituency)

Uganda has very many experienced Jua Kalis but have no industrial parks and have continued to operate in domestic settling with very high electricity and water domestic tariffs.

This is something that has crippled their businesses yet they compete with investors who operate in government industrial parks.

These investors in government industrial parks have always been incentivized in the form of tax exemptions, low electricity and water tariffs.

This makes it harder for the Jua Kalis to compete favorably with these investors in the same market.

PRAYER:

Rt Hon. Prime Minister, when is government going to set up the Jua Kali industrial parks?

RESPONSE:



Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honorable Colleagues, in principle, all Uganda Investment Authority's (UIA) industrial parks have been designed with spaces specifically planned for setting up SMEs (SME parks) which cater for Jua Kalis/artisans' activities.

The SME parks of 20 acres have been planned in all the operational industrial parks of Namanve, Soroti, Kasese and Sino Mbale industrial parks.

UIA also acquired the Mbarara SME park (12 acres) and this park has been handed back to Gatsby group, the SMEs/artisans from Mbarara.

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honorable Colleagues, Government's vision is to develop new industrial parks in phases depending on the availability of resources in Gulu, Nebbi, Arua, Madi-Okollo, Yumbe, Pader, Dokolo, Rukungiri, Isingiro, Oyam, Lira, Hoima, Buliisa, Kisoro, Kabarole, Nakasongola, Luwero-Nakaseke, Mubende, Mityana, Masaka, Kabale, Bushenyi, Tororo, Rakai, Kamuli, Kween, Busia, Kamuli, Soroti, Gomba, Kayunga, Kyegegwa and Iganga, where land has been mobilized by districts and offered to UIA for industrial development to foster innovation and equitable sustainable industrial growth.

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honorable Colleagues, the major infrastructure e.g. workspaces with shared common user facilities such as production equipment, showrooms for SMEs to use as they sale and grow their businesses will be constructed within the industrial parks.

10.Hon. Akello Lucy (DWR-Amuru)

Raised an issue on the lack of Radiologists in Regional Referral Hospitals (RHHs) like Gulu, Soroti, Mbale and others

RESPONSE:

Rt Hon. Speaker and Honorable Colleagues, it is true a number of Regional Referral Hospitals lack substantive Radiologists for the reason that government has not been able to attract radiologists to some Hospitals.

Efforts are being made by Government to ensure Radiologists are recruited for all Regional Referral Hospitals.

However, in addressing this gap, Government has established a National tele-radiology center at Mulago National Referral Hospital where all the images are transmitted for review, interpretation and reporting back to the respective Hospitals for further management

I beg to submit

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