

## **Iceland improves Namayingo schools**

The government of Iceland has embarked on construction of schools in Namayingo district in a bid of improving the education sector, water, Hygiene and sanitation.

The schools under construction include; Sinda primary school in Buhemba, Buchumba primary school in Banda and Bumeru in Mutumba. Iceland is also constructing administration block for education department at the district headquarters.

Speaking during the monitoring visit, the district speaker, Musa Omollo commended the government of Iceland for the support. He said the support will improve the quality of basic education in schools.

Omollo noted that the district had been grappling with challenges of poor infrastructure, lack of education materials among others in schools which he said had led education sector to lag behind.

“With this development, I am optimistic about education improvement in the district,” Omollo said.

Hellen Sanday, a district councilor representing Banda Sub County said the boost in the education sector will increase the enrollment of pupils in schools in most of the fishing communities.

“Through the Iceland intervention, Children and youth will be empowered in order to live a life of sustainability through holistic education,” Sanday said

Twaha Kauta, the LC5 vice chairperson, noted that in fishing, most children tend to abandon school and engage in fishing, early marriage, and child labour. Twaha adds this has contributed to high levels of illiteracy and poverty in the district which now stands at 69.9%

Wilberforce Ojiambo, the head teacher at Buchumba primary school said the school has a challenge of lack of enough teachers.

“We have only eight teachers who teach over 1200 pupils in the school,” Ojiambo said.

The support is part of the development partnership programme between the government of Iceland and government of Uganda through the district under the Namayingo district development programme for fishing communities (NDDP- FC)

The programme is aimed at improving lives and development in the area targeting the fishing communities. The communities will benefit from improved safe water, Sanitation, hygiene (WASH) services and education developments.

## Pictorials

District councilors and technical team monitoring construction works at the district headquarters, Sinde, Bumweru and Buchumba primary schools









