



KYENJOJO DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT



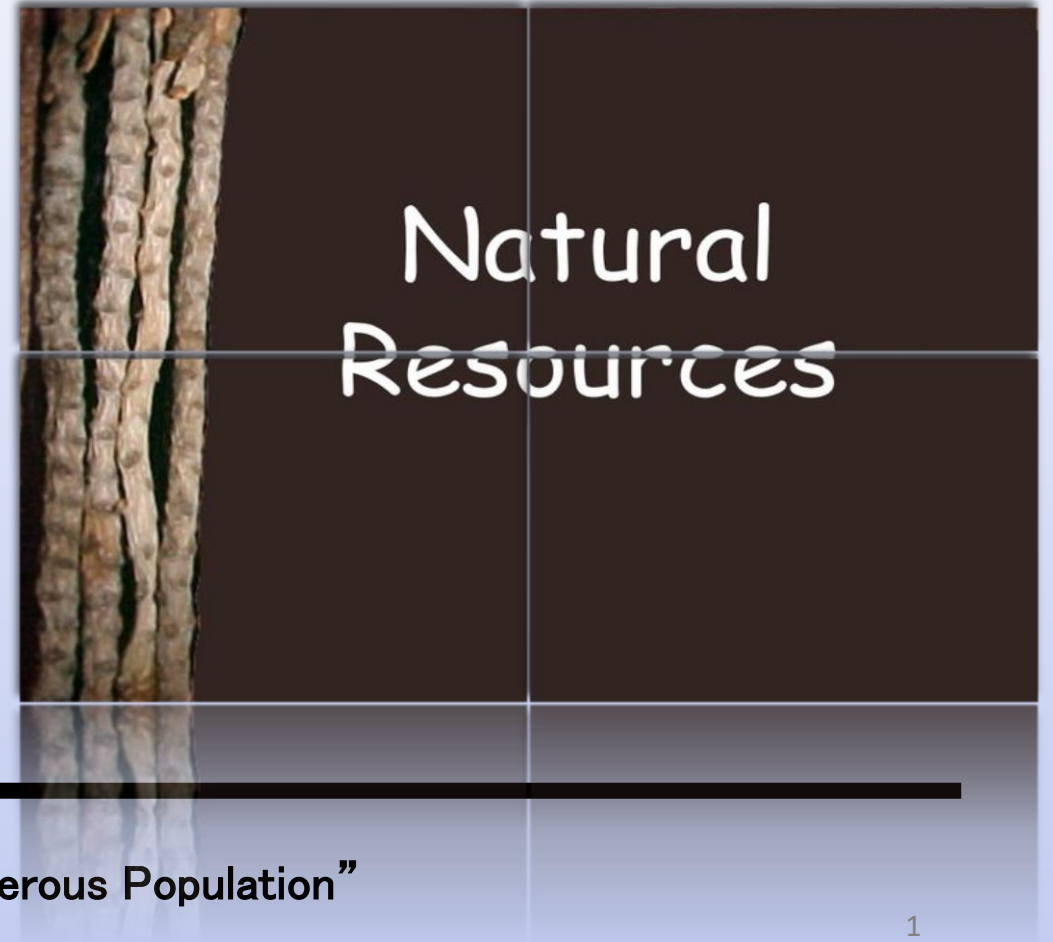
PROGRAMME: ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER

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“A Healthy, Productive and Prosperous Population”

PAST PERFORMANCE FY 2022/2023

Financial performance

- In financial year 2023/2024 Natural Resources Department was allocated only **0.12%** of the total district budget while the budget allocation for financial year 2025/2026 is sh. 66,756,944 (**0.15%**). This is still low level of funding and reduces the ability to effectively manage the current environmental challenges in the district.

PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE FOR FY 2023/2024 TO DATE

Inspections and Compliance:

- Inspected Bushenyi Sugar Works, Kigumba Tea, and Nyambya Tea Factories for environmental compliance.
- Conducted compliance checks in Kyenjojo Town Council, Kyakatiwire, Kyarusizi, and Butunduzi Town Councils.

Community Engagement and Sensitization:

- Held sensitization meetings along River Mpanga in Kyenjojo District.
- Participated in District Security Committee meetings to protect Central Forest Reserves (CFRs).

PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE FOR FY 2023/2024 TO DATE CONT'

Wetland Protection and Restoration:

- Evicted encroachers in Kirima wetlands and Kaitanyana.
- Led restoration activities in Kigoyera, Kihuura, and Kyenjojo Town Council.
- Approved five wetland user permits in Katooke and other areas.

Planning and Project Assessments:

- Conducted environmental screenings for district road and water projects.
- Held five physical planning committee meetings for land and building applications approval.

IPF FOR FY 2025/26

- Program conditional grant Non wage UGX 54,695,616
- District unconditional grant wage UGX 345,256,716
- District unconditional grant Non wage UGX 6000,000
- Local revenue UGX 5400,000

KEY PRIORITIES FOR FY 2025/ 2026

Forest Extension and Sustainable Management:

- Promote sustainable management of forests on private land.
- Support tree nursery establishment and management.

Law Enforcement and Patrols:

- Conduct forest patrols to prevent illegal activities.
- Replant and maintain trees in Local Forest Reserves, including Bugaaki Sub-county.

Boundary and Tree Assessment:

- Resurvey and re-open Butiiti and Nyantungo Local Forest Reserve boundaries (funding-dependent).
- Assess trees for licensing purposes to support controlled harvesting.

KEY PRIORITIES FOR FY 2025/ 2026

Community Sensitization on Climate Change:

- Educate farmers on climate-smart agriculture, including agroforestry.
- Raise awareness on land policies, land tenure, and sustainable land registration processes.

Waste and Water Management:

- Collaborate with Town Councils on proper waste management and disposal.
- Work with the Ministry of Water and Environment to protect water catchment areas and riverbanks.

Wetland and Ecosystem Protection:

- Partner with NEMA and stakeholders to safeguard wetlands and promote biodiversity.

KEY PRIORITIES FOR FY 2025/ 2026

Project Environmental Screening:

- Screen new projects for environmental impact in 2025/2026, recommending mitigation measures.

Building and Development Compliance:

- Approve building plans and monitor structural developments for environmental compliance.
- Increase field surveillance to inspect sites for illegal developments.

Land Documentation and Investment Facilitation:

- Document, survey, and title district (government) land for potential investment opportunities.
- Process land applications and ensure efficient registration and titling.

POLICY CHANGES IN THE DEPARTMENT

- National environment Act of 2019
 - National Environment (Environment and social Impact Assessment Regulation)
 - Physical planners registration Act 2022
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KEY EXECUTION CHALLENGES

- Low prioritization of Natural Resources Management at all levels of Gov't hence inadequate budget provisions
- Lack of field staff to implement and enforce environment policies and laws.
- Declining forest resources and forest cover for timber revenues and climate change mitigation respectively
- Most developers don't have land titles, yet it's a mandatory requirement to have one to qualify for development permission. As a result, illegal and un-standardized developments continue coming up everywhere.
- The new land application procedures have caused a decline in land applications hence reduced land revenues

WAY FORWARD

- Lobby Central government and donor support to fund Natural Resources Conservation
- The district should make ordinances to facilitate effective delivery, coordination and regulation of Physical Planning services. e.g produce a schedule of fees charged to prospective developers when they submit development applications (e.g building plans for approval).

CONCLUSION

- The current exploitation of the Natural Resources is unsustainable.
- Current investment in District Natural Resources Sector is very limited hence ineffective management and administration of the sector.
- To mitigate the effects of climate change, significant investment need to be made to combat land and natural resources degradation, protect the environment



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