BUSOGA REGION NRM VOLUNTEERS AND MOBILIZERS ASSOCIATION

REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE AND SERVICE DELIVERY OF NRM MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN BUSOGA REGION AND THE FEEDBACK FROM CONSTITUENTS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report has been compiled by the Busoga Region NRM Volunteers and Mobilizers Association following a comprehensive survey conducted between May 2024 and October 2024. The survey aimed to evaluate the performance, service delivery, and general effectiveness of the NRM Members of Parliament (MPs) across the Busoga region. In addition, the survey gathered valuable feedback from the constituents on the representation they receive from their respective MPs, as well as their level of satisfaction with the NRM's leadership in the region.

Key Findings:

Strong Parliamentary Representation:

Several NRM MPs in Busoga have demonstrated a commitment to improving the lives of their constituents, with significant efforts in sectors such as infrastructure development, education, healthcare, and rural electrification. MPs like Rebecca Kadaga, Moses Balyeku, and Peter Mugema Panadol have made strides in bringing development to their constituencies, with constituents expressing general satisfaction with their service.

Challenges Identified:

Despite these successes, several issues continue to impede progress in the region. These include poverty, unemployment, poor infrastructure, and insufficient access to healthcare and education. These challenges highlight the need for continued and improved focus on service delivery and transparency in local governance.

Aspirants for the Next Election:

There is growing support for aspiring NRM candidates such as Milly Babalanda Nabirye, Annet Nabirye, and Asuman Kiyinji. These individuals have demonstrated their dedication to the NRM's values and have garnered positive feedback for their involvement in local issues and party activities. Their potential candidacy is seen as crucial in maintaining NRM's dominance in Busoga during the next election.

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Strategic Recommendations:

Based on the feedback collected, the report makes several recommendations aimed at strengthening NRM's influence in Busoga. These include the prioritization of infrastructure development, youth empowerment initiatives, enhanced support for agriculture, and improving healthcare services. Additionally, we recommend strengthening governance and anti-corruption measures at the local government level.

Request for Administrative Change:

In line with our findings and in order to improve the operational efficiency of the NRM in Busoga, we respectfully request that President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and the NRM leadership consider separating the roles of Public Politics and NRM Structural Leadership. This structural change will allow for more focused attention on each aspect, ensuring that political duties do not impede the efficient functioning of the NRM as a party. By having dedicated offices for Public Politics and NRM Leadership, it will be easier to ensure that political duties and party functions are more effectively managed, thus allowing for improved service delivery and better responsiveness to the needs of the electorate.

Request for a Meeting with the NRM Leadership:

As the Busoga Region NRM Volunteers and Mobilizers Association, we would like to formally request an appointment to meet with President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the Chairman of the NRM, and other relevant party leaders. Our aim is to discuss the findings of this report in person and explore further strategies for strengthening the NRM's presence and influence in Busoga. This meeting will provide an opportunity to present our detailed recommendations, exchange ideas, and chart the way forward for the region's development under NRM leadership.

We look forward to the opportunity to engage in this important dialogue to ensure that Busoga remains a stronghold of the NRM, and that the people of the region continue to benefit from the party's leadership and vision for a prosperous Uganda.

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In conclusion, this report is a reflection of the commitment of the Busoga Region NRM Volunteers and Mobilizers Association to ensuring that NRM's leadership remains responsive to the needs of the people. The feedback and insights gathered will guide the future direction of the party in the region, helping to maintain the trust and support of the electorate as we approach the next general elections.

METHODOLOGY

The Busoga Region NRM Volunteers and Mobilizers Association conducted a detailed survey to assess the performance and impact of National Resistance Movement (NRM) Members of Parliament (MPs) and aspiring candidates in the Busoga Region. This methodology outlines the approaches, tools, and frameworks used to gather and analyse data for this report.

1. Survey Design

The survey was carefully designed to ensure comprehensive coverage of all constituencies in the Busoga Region. It aimed to gather insights on the activities of current MPs, the perception of their performance, and the engagement levels of aspiring candidates. The survey included questions categorized into four main themes:

Service Delivery: Focused on infrastructure, education, healthcare, agriculture, and youth empowerment initiatives.

Community Engagement: Assessed how often MPs interacted with their constituents and their responsiveness to community needs.

NRM Party Involvement: Examined MPs' participation in party activities, mobilization efforts, and support for grassroots structures.

Voter Sentiment: Measured the constituents' satisfaction with MPs' performance and their likelihood of re-electing them.

2. Data Collection Methods

A combination of quantitative and qualitative data collection methods was employed to ensure a balanced and in-depth analysis.

a. Field Surveys:

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Over 2,500 structured questionnaires were distributed across the 11 districts of Busoga.

Respondents included community members from diverse backgrounds, including youth, women, farmers, traders, and local leaders.

The questionnaires were designed to capture both numerical data and open-ended feedback.

b. Focus Group Discussions (FGDs):

25 FGDs were conducted, with at least two discussions per district.

Each group consisted of 10–12 participants representing different demographics and community groups.

FGDs provided qualitative insights into the effectiveness of MPs' projects and their alignment with community needs.

c. Key Informant Interviews (KIIs):

Interviews were conducted with district leaders, community elders, NRM mobilizers, and local opinion leaders.

A total of 50 KIIs were conducted, offering a deeper understanding of the MPs' contributions and the challenges they face.

d. Observational Visits:

Teams visited several project sites initiated by the MPs, including schools, health centers, roads, and agricultural initiatives.

These visits were used to verify the implementation status and impact of these projects on the communities.

3. Sampling Framework

To ensure representativeness, the survey adopted a stratified sampling approach:

Each district was treated as a stratum, with respondents proportionally selected based on population size and geography.

Priority was given to rural and semi-urban areas to capture the voices of often underrepresented groups.

The sample included both male and female participants, with 60% youth representation to reflect the demographic makeup of the region.

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4. Data Analysis

The collected data was analyzed using both quantitative and qualitative methods:

Quantitative Analysis: Survey responses were coded and processed using statistical tools, with results presented in percentages, graphs, and tables.

Qualitative Analysis: Open-ended feedback, FGDs, and KIIs were analyzed thematically to identify recurring patterns and unique insights.

5. Limitations

While every effort was made to ensure accuracy and inclusivity, a few challenges were encountered:

Limited accessibility to some remote areas due to poor road infrastructure.

Language barriers in some rural communities, which were mitigated by using local interpreters.

Variability in respondents' availability, which was addressed by scheduling follow-ups.

Despite these limitations, the findings in this report are robust and reflective of the overall sentiment and realities in the Busoga Region.

6. Validation of Findings

To ensure credibility, the preliminary results were shared with community leaders and NRM mobilizers for feedback. Their inputs were incorporated to enhance the accuracy and relevance of the report.

This methodology ensured that the data collected and analyzed provides a clear, objective, and representative understanding of the performance of NRM MPs and aspirants in the Busoga Region. The comprehensive nature of the approach guarantees that this report serves as a reliable tool for decision-making and strategic planning.

The Busoga Region NRM Volunteers and Mobilizers Association is a grassroots body committed to supporting the National Resistance Movement's (NRM) mission of socio-economic transformation and political stability. This association plays a pivotal role in bridging the gap between the NRM leadership and the electorate in the region. With a

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population known for its political enthusiasm and loyalty to the NRM, Busoga is not just a key stronghold for the party but also a region with unique developmental challenges and opportunities.

In our continuous efforts to strengthen the party's presence and relevance, we embarked on a comprehensive survey to assess the performance of NRM Members of Parliament (MPs) currently representing constituencies in Busoga. This report also includes an evaluation of aspiring candidates who have shown exceptional commitment to the party and its activities. Our goal is to provide an objective analysis of the MPs' service delivery, their alignment with the NRM agenda, and the perception of their constituents.

The survey covered all 11 districts of the Busoga Region, namely: Jinja, Iganga, Kamuli, Mayuge, Bugiri, Namutumba, Kaliro, Luuka, Buyende, and Budiope. Each district was evaluated on the basis of specific parameters, including:

Service Delivery: The tangible impact of MPs' initiatives in sectors such as education, healthcare, infrastructure, agriculture, and youth empowerment.

Community Engagement: The level of interaction and communication between MPs and their constituents.

NRM Party Support: The MPs' efforts in promoting the party's agenda and mobilizing voters during key events.

Constituents' Perception: Feedback from the people regarding their satisfaction with the MPs' performance and their willingness to support these leaders in future elections.

The findings in this report not only highlight the commendable work done by our NRM representatives but also provide a roadmap for addressing existing gaps in service delivery and engagement. By identifying both successes and areas for improvement, this report seeks to strengthen the NRM's strategy in the Busoga Region and ensure that our representatives align with the needs and aspirations of their communities.

Through this initiative, the Busoga Region NRM Volunteers and Mobilizers Association reiterates its commitment to supporting the leadership of the National Resistance Movement and ensuring that the Busoga Region remains a cornerstone of the party's political influence in Uganda. This report is a testament to the collective efforts of all stakeholders involved in advancing the socio-economic and political development of our beloved region.

Overview of Busoga Region

Geographical and Demographic Context

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Busoga Region, located in Eastern Uganda, is one of the country's most vibrant and historically significant regions. The region consists of 11 districts: Jinja, Iganga, Kamuli, Mayuge, Bugiri, Namutumba, Kaliro, Luuka, Buyende, Bugweri, and Budiope. It is bordered by Lake Victoria to the south and the River Nile to the west, giving it strategic importance in terms of trade, agriculture, and natural resources. The population of Busoga Region is estimated to exceed 5 million people, with the majority engaged in subsistence farming, fishing, and small-scale trade.

The region is home to a diverse yet united community, with the Basoga people forming the predominant ethnic group. Despite its rich cultural heritage, Busoga faces socio-economic challenges, including poverty, unemployment, and inadequate infrastructure, which present both challenges and opportunities for development under the leadership of the National Resistance Movement (NRM).

Economic Significance

Busoga plays a critical role in Uganda's economy due to its agricultural productivity and industrial contributions. The fertile soils and favorable climate make it a leading producer of crops such as sugarcane, rice, maize, and bananas. The region hosts major industrial players, including sugar processing plants and manufacturing facilities, particularly in Jinja District, which was once the industrial hub of Uganda.

The fishing industry along Lake Victoria and the River Nile also contributes significantly to the livelihoods of the people, although it faces challenges such as overfishing and environmental degradation. Additionally, the region has untapped tourism potential, with attractions like the Source of the Nile, Kyando Hill, Kagulu Rock, and the numerous cultural sites of the Kyabazinga Kingdom.

Political Landscape and Importance to NRM

Busoga Region has been a stronghold of the National Resistance Movement since the party's inception. The region has consistently delivered significant support to the NRM in both presidential and parliamentary elections. The political allegiance is attributed to the region's appreciation of the NRM's contributions to peace, stability, and development over the years.

The NRM has made strides in improving infrastructure, education, and healthcare in the region, which has further solidified its base. Roads connecting major towns, such as the Jinja-Kamuli and Iganga-Kaliro roads, have facilitated trade and mobility. Education initiatives,

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including the establishment of secondary schools under the Universal Secondary Education (USE) program, have increased literacy rates. Healthcare improvements, like the rehabilitation of hospitals and health centers, have enhanced access to medical services.

Developmental Challenges

Despite the progress made, Busoga faces several developmental challenges that require urgent attention:

High Poverty Levels: Many households live below the poverty line, with limited access to basic services.

Unemployment: Youth unemployment remains a critical issue, necessitating targeted interventions for job creation and skills development.

Inadequate Infrastructure: Some districts still suffer from poor road networks, insufficient electricity supply, and limited access to clean water.

Health and Education Gaps: Overcrowded schools, understaffed health centers, and limited medical supplies are common concerns in many communities.

Environmental Degradation: Deforestation and soil erosion threaten agricultural productivity and biodiversity.

Cultural and Social Context

Busoga Region is culturally rich and deeply rooted in the traditions of the Kyabazinga Kingdom, a unifying cultural institution that promotes social cohesion and development. The kingdom's leadership works closely with government institutions to advance community interests. Additionally, religious organizations and local NGOs play an essential role in addressing social issues such as poverty, education, and health.

The Role of NRM MPs in Busoga's Development

NRM Members of Parliament have been instrumental in spearheading development initiatives across the region. Their roles include lobbying for government projects, advocating for the needs of their constituents, and ensuring that national programs reach the grassroots level. The MPs' activities in areas such as infrastructure development, education improvement, and community mobilization are critical to addressing the region's challenges.

Conclusion

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Busoga Region stands as a beacon of potential for Uganda's socio-economic and political progress. Its strategic importance to the NRM cannot be overstated. While the region has made significant strides under NRM leadership, there is still much to be done to address the challenges of poverty, unemployment, and infrastructure gaps. The findings and recommendations in this report aim to strengthen the party's impact in Busoga, ensuring that it continues to serve as a cornerstone of Uganda's development under the NRM.

Detailed Analysis of Each Member of Parliament

Peter Mugema Panadol – MP, Iganga Municipality

Peter Mugema Panadol, representing Iganga Municipality, has earned widespread recognition for his proactive leadership and dedication to his constituents. Known for his grassroots engagement, Hon. Mugema has prioritized infrastructure development, healthcare improvements, and youth empowerment initiatives in Iganga Municipality.

Key Achievements:

Infrastructure Development:

Successfully lobbied for the construction of paved roads within Iganga Municipality, easing transportation for businesses and residents.

Spearheaded the installation of solar streetlights in urban centers, enhancing security and boosting nighttime commerce.

Healthcare Improvements:

Facilitated the refurbishment of Iganga General Hospital and ensured consistent supply of medical equipment and drugs.

Advocated for the construction of additional health centers in underserved wards to improve access to healthcare services.

Youth and Women Empowerment:

Distributed startup capital to youth and women groups, enabling them to venture into small-scale businesses.

Organized vocational training programs focusing on tailoring, carpentry, and mechanics, equipping young people with marketable skills.

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Community Feedback:

Residents of Iganga Municipality have lauded Peter Mugema for his accessibility and responsiveness to their needs. Many voters noted his regular visits to communities, where he listens to their concerns and provides timely support. His emphasis on addressing urban challenges has made him a popular figure, with a significant majority expressing willingness to re-elect him in the next parliamentary term.

Alitwala Rebecca Kadaga – Woman MP, Kamuli District

Rebecca Kadaga, a towering figure in Ugandan politics, continues to command respect and admiration in Kamuli District. Known for her distinguished service as the former Speaker of Parliament, Kadaga has leveraged her national influence to attract development projects to her constituency.

Key Achievements:

Education Advancement:

Played a critical role in constructing classroom blocks and staff housing in several schools, including Kamuli Girls and Nawanyago Secondary School.

Advocated for the provision of scholarships for needy students, ensuring that bright but underprivileged children access quality education.

Water and Sanitation:

Facilitated the drilling of boreholes and establishment of piped water systems, addressing the water scarcity challenges in rural areas.

Championed hygiene awareness campaigns in partnership with NGOs, leading to the construction of latrines in schools and markets.

Women and Child Welfare:

Organized women empowerment workshops focused on financial literacy and entrepreneurship.

Lobbied for increased maternal health services at health facilities, reducing maternal mortality rates in the district.

Community Feedback:

Kamuli residents appreciate Kadaga's unwavering commitment to their welfare and her ability to represent their interests at the national level. Many voters credit her for bringing

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visibility and development to the district, with a vast majority indicating strong support for her re-election.

Balyeku Moses – MP, Jinja South West

Moses Balyeku, representing Jinja South West, has been instrumental in driving development initiatives and fostering economic growth in his constituency. His hands-on leadership approach has earned him a reputation as a practical and action-oriented leader.

Key Achievements:

Economic Empowerment:

Supported small-scale businesses by providing interest-free loans and financial literacy training.

Introduced a constituency-based savings and credit cooperative organization (SACCO) to promote collective economic growth.

Infrastructure Development:

Played a pivotal role in the renovation of roads such as the Masese-Kirinya road, which has significantly improved connectivity.

Advocated for the electrification of rural and peri-urban areas in Jinja South West, enabling access to affordable electricity.

Education Support:

Donated desks, textbooks, and computers to underfunded schools like Masese Primary School, improving the quality of education.

Awarded bursaries and scholarships to students from low-income families.

Community Feedback:

Residents of Jinja South West commend Moses Balyeku for his focus on addressing the pressing economic and infrastructural needs of the constituency. While some feel more could be done for healthcare, the majority praise his tangible contributions and express their willingness to support his re-election.

Gume Frederick – MP, Kaliro District

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Frederick Gume has shown exceptional dedication to fostering agricultural productivity and improving service delivery in Kaliro District. His leadership has been marked by efforts to uplift farmers and strengthen local governance structures.

Key Achievements:

Agricultural Support:

Distributed farming inputs such as seeds and fertilizers to local farmers, boosting agricultural yields.

Advocated for the establishment of farmer cooperatives to enhance collective bargaining power for better market prices.

Health Sector Improvement:

Facilitated the upgrade of Kaliro Health Centre IV to a mini-hospital, ensuring the availability of specialized services.

Organized health camps offering free medical services, including vaccinations and screenings for common diseases.

Community Infrastructure:

Championed the construction of community access roads in hard-to-reach areas, easing the movement of goods and services.

Ensured the extension of clean water supply systems to rural communities.

Community Feedback:

Kaliro residents acknowledge Gume's relentless efforts to address agricultural and health-related challenges. His initiatives have had a direct impact on household incomes and general well-being. Most constituents view him as a reliable leader and are eager to support his bid for another term in Parliament.

Walyomu Muwanika Moses – MP, Kagoma County

Walyomu Muwanika Moses has made significant strides in improving infrastructure, education, and agricultural productivity in Kagoma County. His leadership is widely regarded as proactive and people-centered, with a focus on addressing the constituency's most pressing challenges.

Key Achievements:

Infrastructure Development:
Spearheaded the construction of bridges and roads, such as the Bukyeya-Buwenge road, improving connectivity within the county.

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Facilitated rural electrification projects, enabling households and businesses to access affordable electricity.

Education Support:

Advocated for the construction of additional classrooms and staff houses in primary and secondary schools.

Provided bursaries for needy students, especially orphans, to ensure continued access to education.

Agricultural Support:

Distributed high-quality seeds and farm inputs to farmers, increasing agricultural yields.

Supported the formation of farmer cooperatives to improve market access and collective bargaining power.

Community Feedback:

Kagoma County residents commend Walyomu Muwanika Moses for his hands-on approach and his ability to deliver on campaign promises. His efforts to improve infrastructure and education have been particularly impactful, with most constituents expressing confidence in his leadership and readiness to support his re-election.

Kintu Alex Brandon – MP, Kagoma North

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Provided microloans and start-up capital to women's groups for small-scale businesses.

Conducted vocational training for youth in tailoring, carpentry, and catering, creating employment opportunities.

Nathan Igeme Nabeta – MP, Jinja East

Nathan Igeme Nabeta is a well-known figure in Jinja East, recognized for his commitment to economic empowerment and community welfare. His tenure has focused on addressing urban challenges while creating opportunities for the youth and marginalized groups.

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Key Achievements:

Economic Empowerment:

Provided capital for small and medium enterprises, targeting market vendors, boda boda riders, and youth groups.

Established partnerships with NGOs to implement training programs in financial management and entrepreneurship.

Urban Development:

Championed waste management initiatives, including the procurement of garbage trucks and construction of disposal sites.

Facilitated the installation of solar-powered streetlights in urban centers, enhancing security and business activity.

Health and Social Services:

Donated hospital beds and medical equipment to Jinja Regional Referral Hospital.

Organized free health camps offering screenings for diabetes, hypertension, and other common illnesses.

Community Feedback:

Nathan Igeme Nabeta is widely respected for his focus on economic empowerment and urban development. His efforts to uplift small businesses and improve health services have resonated well with voters, many of whom are eager to see him retain his parliamentary seat in the next term.

Luke Kyobe Inyensiko – MP, Luuka North

Luke Kyobe Inyensiko has gained recognition for his hands-on approach to addressing the developmental needs of Luuka North. His tenure has been characterized by initiatives aimed at improving agriculture, education, and infrastructure in this predominantly rural constituency.

Key Achievements:

Agricultural Development:

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Distributed improved seeds, fertilizers, and farming tools to local farmers to enhance productivity.

Organized agricultural training workshops focusing on modern farming techniques and climate resilience.

Education Promotion:

Championed the construction of classroom blocks in over six primary schools, reducing overcrowding.

Launched scholarship programs targeting bright but underprivileged students in the constituency.

Infrastructure Development:

Facilitated the grading and murraming of community roads to improve access to markets and services.

Supported the extension of electricity to villages, promoting small businesses and better living standards.

Community Feedback:

Residents of Luuka North credit Luke Kyobe for his focus on agriculture and rural development. His efforts to empower farmers and improve education have been particularly appreciated. The majority of voters express satisfaction with his performance and are optimistic about his continued representation.

Naigaga Mariam – Woman MP, Namutumba District

Naigaga Mariam has stood out for her unwavering focus on women's empowerment, health, and education in Namutumba District. Her leadership is deeply rooted in community engagement, ensuring that constituents' needs are addressed effectively.

Key Achievements:

Women and Youth Empowerment:

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Advocated for the renovation of schools in Budiope East, including the construction of classrooms and teacher housing.

Established a scholarship fund for underprivileged students excelling in academics and sports.

Economic Empowerment:

Introduced community-based programs to support fish farmers, given the constituency's proximity to Lake Kyoga.

Facilitated the formation of cooperative groups for farmers, enabling access to better markets and resources.

Community Feedback:

Moses Magogo is widely celebrated for his innovative leadership, particularly in sports and education. Many young people view him as a role model who has brought visibility and opportunities to Budiope East. The majority of voters express a strong desire to see him continue his work in the next parliamentary term.

Katali Loy – Woman MP, Jinja District

Katali Loy has demonstrated remarkable commitment to advancing women's rights, education, and healthcare in Jinja District. Her leadership emphasizes inclusivity and community-driven development.

Key Achievements:

Women Empowerment:

Conducted training workshops for women in financial literacy and entrepreneurship, helping many start small businesses.

Advocated for land ownership rights for women, ensuring they can engage in agricultural and economic activities.

Healthcare Initiatives:

Facilitated the provision of maternal health services in rural health centers, including free prenatal and postnatal care.

Championed health awareness campaigns focusing on HIV/AIDS prevention and family planning.

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Healthcare Improvement:

Advocated for increased funding to health centers in Namutumba, resulting in the procurement of essential medical supplies.

Organized free health camps offering treatment for common ailments, vaccinations, and reproductive health services.

Education Support:

Donated desks and textbooks to underfunded schools, improving the learning environment for pupils.

Encouraged girl-child education through campaigns and support for schools offering special facilities for girls.

Community Feedback:

Namutumba residents appreciate Naigaga Mariam's emphasis on grassroots development and her strong advocacy for women and youth. Her initiatives in healthcare and education have left a lasting impact, with many constituents expressing willingness to re-elect her for another term. PAGE 9

Moses Magogo – MP, Budiope East

Moses Magogo, also the president of the Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA), has successfully balanced his sports leadership role with his parliamentary duties. His tenure as MP for Budiope East is marked by a unique focus on sports, youth empowerment, and community development.

Key Achievements:

Sports Development:

Constructed sports facilities, including football fields, to nurture young talent and promote community engagement.

Provided sports equipment, such as jerseys and balls, to local teams, fostering unity and youth participation.

Education and Scholarships:

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Education Support:

Lobbied for the rehabilitation of schools in hard-to-reach areas, providing learning materials and funding teachers' allowances.

Supported programs aimed at reducing school dropouts, particularly among girls.

Community Feedback:

Residents of Jinja District have praised Katali Loy for her dedication to women and children's welfare. Her ability to address critical social issues has earned her widespread respect, with many constituents voicing strong support for her re-election.

Silwany Solomon – MP, Bugiri Central

Silwany Solomon has been a steadfast advocate for his constituents in Bugiri Central. His focus on social services, infrastructure development, and youth empowerment has made him a key figure in addressing the district's challenges.

Key Achievements:

Infrastructure Development:

Successfully lobbied for the tarmacking of the Bugiri-Bukooli road, improving transportation and boosting trade within the district.

Oversaw the construction of market stalls in Bugiri town, providing a conducive environment for traders and vendors.

Healthcare Services:

Donated ambulances to Bugiri Health Centre IV, improving emergency response for critical patients.

Supported the establishment of maternity wards in local health facilities to address maternal and infant health issues.

Youth Empowerment and Sports Development:

Orgaized annual youth sports tournaments to promote unity and talent development.

Provided startup capital for youth groups engaged in business and agriculture.

Community Feedback:

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The residents of Bugiri Central express great satisfaction with Silwany's performance, particularly his dedication to improving healthcare and infrastructure. His engagement with the youth has been particularly noted as transformative. Most voters are enthusiastic about supporting his re-election.

Kisa Stephen – MP, Iganga Municipality

Stephen Kisa has made significant strides in promoting education, economic empowerment, and community welfare in Iganga Municipality. His leadership is characterized by consistent outreach and a focus on addressing the needs of marginalized groups.

Key Achievements:

Education Initiatives:

Funded the construction of classroom blocks in over five schools, reducing congestion and improving learning conditions.

Distributed scholastic materials to primary schools and launched a scholarship program for talented students.

Economic Empowerment:

Introduced programs to support small businesses, including capital injections for market vendors and boda boda riders.

Partnered with financial institutions to provide low-interest loans for women and youth entrepreneurs.

Community Development Projects:

Donated water tanks to communities facing water shortages, ensuring access to clean drinking water.

Supported initiatives to improve waste management and sanitation in urban areas of the municipality.

Community Feedback:

Stephen Kisa has been described by constituents as approachable and solution-oriented. His focus on education and economic empowerment has had a noticeable impact, with many voters pledging their continued support for his leadership in the upcoming elections.

Lukia Isanga Nakadama – Woman MP, Mayuge District

Lukia Isanga Nakadama, known for her strong advocacy for women's rights and community development, has been instrumental in transforming the lives of her constituents in Mayuge

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District. Her leadership focuses on addressing poverty, promoting education, and improving access to healthcare.

Key Achievements:

Women Empowerment and Financial Inclusion:

Organized financial literacy workshops and provided microloans to women's groups to start income-generating activities.

Supported initiatives encouraging women's participation in leadership and decision-making at the community level.

Healthcare Services:

Facilitated the construction of maternity wards and child health centers in underserved areas of Mayuge.

Regularly sponsors medical outreach programs offering free treatment and health education on common illnesses.

Education and Youth Development:

Lobbied for the construction of schools in remote areas, reducing long distances traveled by pupils.

Supported youth with vocational training programs and provided tools for trades such as carpentry and tailoring.

Community Feedback:

Residents of Mayuge District regard Lukia Isanga Nakadama as a tireless advocate for their needs, particularly in empowering women and improving healthcare access. Her consistent engagement with constituents has earned her widespread approval, with many pledging their support for her re-election.

Annette Nabirye – Aspiring MP, Luuka District

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Annette Nabirye, an aspiring NRM candidate for Luuka District, has actively engaged in party activities and community development even before formally entering Parliament. Her passion for grassroots mobilization and support for vulnerable groups has positioned her as a strong contender for the seat.

Key Contributions:
Community Development:

Supported women's groups with capital to engage in farming and small-scale businesses.

Provided materials such as tarpaulins and tents for community events and markets.

Education Initiatives:

Distributed scholastic materials to schools across Luuka District, ensuring equal opportunities for all pupils.

Partnered with local leaders to renovate schools and provide better learning environments.

Health and Sanitation:

Donated water tanks to villages facing water shortages, ensuring clean and safe water for households.

Organized cleanliness campaigns in trading centers to improve public hygiene.

Community Feedback:

Residents have expressed enthusiasm for Annette Nabirye's leadership style and commitment to community development. Many believe her grassroots efforts demonstrate her ability to represent Luuka District effectively and are optimistic about her potential as their future MP. PAGE 11

Asuman Kiyinji – Aspiring MP, Bugabula South

Asuman Kiyinji, an aspiring NRM candidate for Bugabula South, has been an active figure in local development and party mobilization. His focus on education, economic development, and youth empowerment has earned him recognition among the constituents of Bugabula South.

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Key Contributions:

Economic Development Initiatives:

Worked on initiatives to promote local businesses by providing small-scale loans to market vendors, boda boda riders, and youth entrepreneurs.

Facilitated the construction of market stalls in rural areas to support traders and improve access to goods and services.

Education and Skills Training:

Sponsored several students for higher education and vocational training programs, particularly for those from underprivileged backgrounds.

Launched a mentorship program that links students with professionals in various fields, offering career guidance and opportunities.

Youth Empowerment and Employment:

Organized youth employment fairs, bringing together employers and job seekers from Bugabula South to bridge the employment gap.

Promoted youth participation in local governance and social development projects, encouraging young people to take part in shaping their communities.

Community Feedback:

Residents of Bugabula South have spoken highly of Asuman Kiyinji's active engagement with both youth and local businesses. His commitment to education and employment has been particularly appreciated by the community. There is strong support for his candidacy, and voters are eager to see him continue his advocacy for local development.

Milly Babalanda Babirye – Aspiring MP, Budiope West

Milly Babalanda Babirye, an aspiring NRM candidate for Budiope West, has made significant contributions to party activities and community empowerment in the district. She is known for her deep commitment to improving the lives of her constituents, particularly through education, women's empowerment, and youth development.

Key Contributions:

Women's Empowerment:

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Organized training sessions for women in entrepreneurship and small-scale business management.

Facilitated the creation of women's savings groups, providing them with the financial resources to start businesses and improve household incomes.

Youth Empowerment:

Encouraged youth involvement in community development through workshops and social responsibility projects.

Sponsored youth training in trades like carpentry, tailoring, and mechanics to reduce unemployment.

Healthcare Advocacy:

Partnered with local health organizations to provide free medical camps, offering services such as free HIV testing, maternal healthcare, and child immunization.

Funded the refurbishment of a local health center, ensuring better service delivery in rural areas.

Community Feedback:

Budiope West residents have positively responded to Milly Babalanda's active involvement in local issues, especially her work with women and youth. Her commitment to healthcare improvement has also earned her admiration. Many in the community have voiced their support for her candidacy, with a strong sense of optimism for what she will achieve if elected.

Hajj Busongoire Siraji – Aspiring MP, Namutumba District

Hajj Busongoire Siraji, another aspiring candidate for Namutumba District, has been deeply involved in NRM activities and has established a strong presence in the district through his advocacy for infrastructural development, education, and agriculture.

Key Contributions:

Infrastructure Development:

Advocated for the construction and upgrading of roads to ease transport and communication, especially in rural areas of Namutumba.

Worked on improving access to electricity in remote areas, promoting sustainable energy solutions.

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Agricultural Support:

Facilitated the distribution of agricultural tools and inputs such as seeds and fertilizers to boost local farming.

Established partnerships with agricultural experts to introduce modern farming techniques to the community.

Education and Skills Development:

Lobbied for the improvement of school infrastructure and the recruitment of more teachers to improve the quality of education.

Sponsored vocational training programs aimed at giving youth the skills they need to succeed in the job market.

Community Feedback:

Namutumba residents appreciate Hajj Busongoire's commitment to rural development and his focus on agriculture and education. His active involvement in addressing community needs has earned him the respect of many, and there is growing anticipation for his candidacy in the upcoming election. PAGE 12

Bugiri District (Silwany Solomon and Lukiya Nsanga Nakadama):

Strengths:

Infrastructural Development: Silwany Solomon's efforts in improving the road networks and providing electricity to remote areas of Bugiri have been highly praised. The local community has expressed gratitude for the enhancement of transportation and the reduced travel time to key locations, including health centers and schools.

Education and Healthcare: Silwany's advocacy for better school facilities and teachers' recruitment has been well-received. He is also credited with securing funding for the construction of new health units to cater to the increasing population in Bugiri District.

Areas of Improvement:

Youth Employment: Youth unemployment in Bugiri remains a concern. Although Silwany has pushed for youth empowerment programs, the feedback indicates a strong need for more initiatives aimed at creating long-term, sustainable employment in the district.

Gender Empowerment:

While there have been some gender-focused initiatives, particularly in women's entrepreneurship, constituents are calling for increased support in areas like women's land rights and access to financial services.

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Community Sentiment:

Voters in Bugiri have expressed a great deal of satisfaction with Silwany's leadership, particularly in terms of infrastructure and education. However, they expect more action in terms of providing permanent jobs for the youth and empowering women economically. There is a sense of optimism regarding his re-election, provided he addresses these pressing issues.

Mayuge District (Lukiya Nsanga Nakadama):

Strengths:

Education and Skills Development: Nakadama's support for the expansion of education, particularly in rural parts of Mayuge, has been widely recognized. Constituents appreciate the school infrastructure projects and the scholarships provided to bright students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Healthcare Improvements:

Nakadama has contributed significantly to the development of health centers in Mayuge, including the provision of essential medical supplies and the recruitment of additional healthcare workers. Many voters are grateful for the improved healthcare services, particularly maternal and child health.

Areas of Improvement:

Agricultural Support:

Despite improvements in other sectors, agriculture remains underfunded in Mayuge. Constituents have called for more support for farmers, particularly in terms of modern farming techniques, irrigation, and access to markets for their produce.

Youth Engagement:

As with many other districts in Busoga, youth unemployment is a growing issue. While Nakadama has introduced some programs to address this, constituents feel more focus should be placed on creating vocational training centers and job opportunities.

Community Sentiment:

Voters in Mayuge are largely supportive of Nakadama's work in education and healthcare. Her efforts in improving the lives of women and children have been appreciated. However,

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there is a clear demand for more focus on agricultural support and youth unemployment. Nakadama's prospects for re-election appear strong, with many voters hoping she will prioritize these issues in the future.

Namutumba District (Naigaga Mariam and Hajj Busongoire Siraji):

Strengths:

Healthcare and Infrastructure:

Naigaga Mariam has been widely praised for her efforts to improve healthcare in Namutumba. Her initiatives have led to the construction of new health centers and the provision of critical medical equipment. In addition, her advocacy for the improvement of local roads has been well-received.

Youth and Women's Empowerment:

Naigaga has also been instrumental in supporting women and youth groups in the district, providing them with training in entrepreneurship, agriculture, and vocational skills.

Areas of Improvement:

Economic Development:

Despite Naigaga's positive work, many constituents feel that there has been insufficient progress in the area of economic development. Voters are calling for more investment in agriculture and the creation of industrial jobs that will reduce the reliance on subsistence farming.

Youth Employment:

Although Naigaga has introduced some programs aimed at youth empowerment, there is a greater need for long-term employment opportunities for young people in Namutumba.

Community Sentiment:

The feedback from Namutumba shows strong support for Naigaga Mariam's re-election, with particular appreciation for her healthcare initiatives. However, voters are keen on seeing more action on economic development and youth employment in the next term. Many constituents are hopeful that she will work towards more inclusive growth.

Luuka District (Luke Kyobe Inyensiko):

Strengths:

Agricultural Support:

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Kyobe has been a strong advocate for improving agricultural practices in Luuka. His efforts to provide farmers with high-quality seeds and tools have been well-received. The introduction of modern farming methods has also helped increase crop yields.

Infrastructure and Road Networks:

Constituents have noted the improvement in road networks and access to markets due to the efforts of Kyobe. Many rural roads have been upgraded, which has facilitated the transportation of goods.

Areas of Improvement:

Youth Employment:

The youth in Luuka have raised concerns about the lack of employment opportunities. Kyobe has been urged to do more to create sustainable jobs for young people.

Gender-Based Support:

There are calls for more programs that focus on empowering women, especially in terms of access to land, credit, and leadership positions.

Community Sentiment:

The people of Luuka have expressed strong support for Kyobe's agricultural and infrastructure projects. However, the feedback reveals that many are looking for more proactive steps towards addressing unemployment and gender equality. His re-election prospects remain favorable, provided he continues to prioritize these issues.

Detailed Analysis of Constituents' Feedback by District:

The feedback provided below gives a district-by-district breakdown of the sentiments expressed by constituents regarding the performance of their current MPs. This section aims to provide a deeper understanding of the specific areas of strength and the concerns raised by voters in each district of Busoga Region.

Iganga District (Peter Mugema "Panadol" and Kisa Stephen):

Strengths:

Infrastructure Development:

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Both MPs have received praise for their work in improving roads, particularly in rural areas where access to services was previously a challenge. Voters in Iganga note that the roads have improved transportation of goods to markets, making businesses more competitive.

Healthcare and Education:

There is considerable appreciation for the MPs' initiatives in building classrooms, providing scholarships, and contributing to the development of health centers. For example, Peter Mugema's efforts in lobbying for the expansion of Iganga Hospital have been well-received.

Areas of Improvement:

Youth Employment:

While the MPs have supported training programs for youth, there is a growing demand for more job opportunities within Iganga. Constituents, particularly the youth, have expressed frustration over the lack of permanent employment solutions.

Gender Equality: T

here are calls for more support for women in the district, particularly in terms of entrepreneurship and agricultural support.

Community Sentiment:

There is a mixed response regarding the re-election of the MPs. While many are satisfied with the MPs' contributions to infrastructure and education, others feel that more attention needs to be given to youth employment and gender empowerment. A significant portion of the electorate has voiced support for their re-election, citing their involvement in community activities and development projects.

Kamuli District (Alitwala Rebecca Kadaga):

Strengths:

Legislative Advocacy: Rebecca Kadaga is highly regarded for her advocacy in Parliament, particularly in the areas of women's rights and rural development. Her leadership in pushing for the improvement of women's access to land and credit has earned her significant admiration.

Healthcare Services: Kadaga has been instrumental in securing funding for health projects in Kamuli, and there has been a marked improvement in maternal healthcare, especially in rural health centers.

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Areas of Improvement:

Transparency in Resource Allocation:

Some constituents have expressed concerns over the fair distribution of government projects. While Kadaga's influence is acknowledged, there are claims that resources and benefits are not always equally distributed among all the sub-counties of Kamuli.

Youth Engagement: Similar to other districts, youth unemployment remains a significant challenge. While there are programs in place, many feel that more needs to be done to provide sustainable employment opportunities for the younger generation.

Community Sentiment:

While many of Kadaga's supporters highlight her longstanding service to the people of Kamuli, some voters are calling for a renewed focus on youth and equitable resource distribution. There is significant support for her return, especially from women's groups who benefit from her advocacy. However, there is also a push for her to be more transparent in her dealings with local leaders and constituents.

Jinja District (Balyeku Moses and Nathan Igeme Nabeta):

Strengths:

Economic Empowerment:

Both MPs have received praise for their efforts to empower local businesses in Jinja District. Moses Balyeku's advocacy for the construction of modern marketplaces has greatly benefitted traders. Nathan Igeme Nabeta's support for small businesses and youth entrepreneurship programs has also garnered positive feedback.

Infrastructure and Health:

Improvements in road networks and the supply of clean water to urban and rural areas are highly appreciated. Nabeta's consistent work in upgrading the Jinja hospital and ensuring the provision of medical supplies has also earned commendations.

Areas of Improvement:

Unemployment: Like other districts, Jinja faces a growing challenge of youth unemployment. Constituents have asked the MPs to do more to create permanent job opportunities.

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Equity in Development:

There are concerns about the uneven spread of development, with some sub-counties feeling left behind in terms of access to services and resources.

Community Sentiment:

Voters in Jinja District have generally expressed satisfaction with the MPs' focus on economic development and infrastructure, with many supporting Balyeku and Nabeta for re-election. However, there is also a growing demand for more attention to youth employment and equitable development across the district. Both MPs are viewed positively, but they are urged to address the concerns of marginalized groups more effectively.

Kaliro District (Gume Frederick):

Strengths:

Community Development Projects:

Gume Frederick has been commended for his work in building schools and improving roads in rural areas. His advocacy for better healthcare services, including the construction of health centers, has been well-received by his constituents.

Agricultural Support:

Gume's initiatives in promoting modern farming techniques and providing seeds and fertilizers to farmers have significantly boosted agricultural production in the district.

Areas of Improvement:

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Youth Empowerment: Despite some progress, youth unemployment remains a pressing issue in Kaliro. Constituents have urged Gume to focus more on creating sustainable job opportunities for young people in the area.

Healthcare Accessibility: While healthcare infrastructure has improved, some remote areas still struggle to access healthcare services, with long distances to the nearest health facility.

Community Sentiment:

The people of Kaliro generally appreciate Gume Frederick's efforts in improving local infrastructure and agriculture. However, there is a call for more focus on job creation, particularly for the youth. His re-election prospects remain positive, but voters are eager to see more initiatives that will tackle unemployment.

Feedback from Constituents

The feedback from constituents across the Busoga Region on the performance of their NRM Members of Parliament (MPs) is crucial for understanding their leadership impact, the effectiveness of their service delivery, and the overall satisfaction of the people they represent. The findings from this section are based on direct feedback collected through surveys, interviews, and public forums across the region. The results highlight both the strengths and areas for improvement, providing a comprehensive view of the MPs' service to their communities.

General Overview of Feedback:

The general sentiment across the region is largely positive, with most constituents acknowledging the significant contributions of their MPs in areas such as infrastructure, education, healthcare, and economic empowerment. However, there are also calls for further attention to issues such as youth unemployment, more equitable distribution of resources, and greater transparency in governance.

Positive Feedback:

Improvement in Infrastructure: Constituents have consistently praised the MPs for their work in improving road networks, electricity access, and public service facilities. In areas where roads were previously impassable, many residents have noted how the grading and upgrading of roads have significantly improved transport and access to markets, schools,

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and healthcare centers. This has particularly impacted rural areas where access to essential services was once limited.

Education and Health Support: There has been strong appreciation for the MPs' contributions to education, particularly through the construction of new classrooms, provision of scholarships, and support for educational materials. Constituents also highlighted the MPs' support in improving healthcare services, including medical outreach programs, supply of equipment to health centers, and the construction of health facilities.

Youth Empowerment: The youth in many constituencies have shown appreciation for the skills training and entrepreneurship programs provided by their MPs. Programs aimed at providing vocational skills and startup capital for young people have been seen as vital in addressing unemployment. Local youth groups have expressed confidence in the MPs' ability to provide the necessary support to reduce poverty and increase employment opportunities in the region.

Constructive Criticism:

While the feedback from the majority of constituents is positive, there are areas where MPs are encouraged to do more:

Addressing Unemployment: One of the most frequently mentioned concerns among young people in Busoga is the lack of job opportunities. Despite the numerous programs aimed at empowering the youth, many voters feel that more needs to be done to create sustainable jobs. The youth are calling for more investment in industries and enterprises that will create long-term employment opportunities.

Equitable Distribution of Resources: Some constituents expressed dissatisfaction with the distribution of resources and development projects, particularly in areas that are considered political strongholds. There have been reports of some areas being favored over others, which has caused a sense of inequality. Voters have asked for more transparent allocation of resources and greater fairness in the implementation of development projects.

Increased Community Engagement: Several voters mentioned that while MPs have been effective in implementing projects, there needs to be more engagement with constituents

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before decisions are made. People are calling for more community meetings and open forums where MPs can listen to their concerns and priorities before taking action. This would ensure that all voices, especially those of marginalized groups, are heard and considered.

Summary of Constituents' Feedback:

The overall feedback from the constituents of Busoga Region reflects a mix of satisfaction with the MPs' achievements and constructive criticism on areas for further development. There is a strong appreciation for the MPs' work in infrastructure, education, and health, but also an urgent call for more job creation and equal distribution of resources. Voters are keen on seeing MPs who not only work towards development but also involve them in decision-making processes to ensure that their needs are fully addressed.

Luuka District (Luke Kyobe Inyensiko):

Strengths:

Education and Youth Empowerment: Luke Kyobe Inyensiko has been praised for his commitment to improving educational facilities in Luuka. His advocacy for the construction of new classrooms, provision of school supplies, and efforts to ensure that children from disadvantaged families have access to quality education have garnered strong support. Additionally, his focus on vocational training for youth has helped many young people acquire skills that are vital for employment and entrepreneurship.

Water and Sanitation: Kyobe's work in providing clean and safe water through new boreholes and improved sanitation in rural communities has been widely appreciated. These initiatives have significantly improved the quality of life in Luuka, especially in remote villages.

Areas of Improvement:

Agricultural Support: Agriculture is a key economic activity in Luuka, but voters feel that Kyobe has not done enough to address the sector's challenges. Constituents are calling for greater investment in modern farming techniques, better access to markets, and the provision of agricultural extension services to help farmers increase productivity and improve their livelihoods.

Youth Employment: Although Kyobe has made strides in youth training, there remains a strong call from young people for more employment opportunities, particularly in industries beyond agriculture. More job creation programs and vocational training centers are needed to equip the youth with relevant skills for the job market.

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Community Sentiment:

Luke Kyobe Inyensiko is generally well-regarded for his contributions to education, water, and sanitation. However, there are growing concerns about the lack of substantial support for agriculture and youth employment. His re-election chances are favorable, provided he places more emphasis on these sectors in the next term.

Kaliro District (Gume Fredrick):

Strengths:

Infrastructure Development: Gume Fredrick has made significant strides in improving infrastructure within Kaliro. The completion of road projects connecting remote areas to the main towns has been a major achievement, and many constituents have expressed their appreciation for these developments.

Agricultural Initiatives: Gume has worked with local farmers to introduce modern farming techniques, improved seeds, and better irrigation methods. His efforts to help farmers access loans for purchasing equipment and inputs have been positively received.

Areas of Improvement:

Healthcare Services: Despite improvements in infrastructure, the healthcare system in Kaliro remains a significant concern. Constituents are calling for the expansion of health centers and the recruitment of more medical personnel to address the growing population's needs.

Youth Empowerment: Kaliro has a high youth population, and there is a call for Gume Fredrick to focus more on creating job opportunities for young people. More youth empowerment programs, including skills development and entrepreneurship support, are needed to tackle the rising unemployment rate.

Community Sentiment:

While Gume Fredrick has earned praise for his work in infrastructure and agriculture, there is a pressing need for him to focus more on healthcare and youth employment. If these issues are prioritized, he will likely retain the support of his constituents in the upcoming elections.

Mayuge District (Lukiya Nsanga Nakadama):

Strengths:

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Education and Women's Empowerment: Lukiya Nsanga Nakadama has been recognized for her focus on improving education and empowering women in Mayuge. She has been instrumental in providing scholarships for girls, advocating for gender equality, and promoting women's rights through various social programs. Her work with women's cooperative societies has empowered many women to start businesses and become financially independent.

Healthcare Access: Nakadama has been a strong advocate for the improvement of healthcare facilities in Mayuge. Her efforts to increase access to maternal healthcare and the distribution of medical supplies have positively impacted the district.

Areas of Improvement:

Youth Employment: Like many other districts in Busoga, youth unemployment is a major issue in Mayuge. Nakadama has worked on some initiatives to provide skills training to youth, but more needs to be done to create job opportunities and reduce the high rate of youth unemployment in the area.

Agriculture and Economic Development: While Nakadama has contributed to social services, there is a call for more emphasis on agriculture. Constituents want more support for farmers to increase productivity and improve market access for their produce.

Community Sentiment:

Lukiya Nsanga Nakadama has gained strong support in Mayuge for her contributions to education, women's empowerment, and healthcare. However, voters are urging her to place more focus on youth employment and agricultural development in the future. Her re-election prospects are strong, with the potential for greater support if these areas are addressed.

Iganga District (Kisa Stephen):

Strengths:

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Agriculture Support: Namutumba is an agricultural district, and constituents have urged Siraji to focus more on boosting agricultural productivity. There are calls for greater support for farmers in terms of modern farming techniques, access to fertilizers, and better market linkages to sell produce.

Healthcare Access: Although Siraji has contributed to the building of a few health facilities, residents feel that there is a need for more health centers in remote areas and improved access to medical services, especially maternal care.

Community Sentiment:

Hajji Busongoire Siraji is regarded as a dedicated servant by the people of Namutumba. However, there is a growing demand for more attention to the agricultural sector and healthcare services. If these concerns are addressed, Siraji is likely to maintain strong support for the next term.

Bugabula South (Asuman Kiyinji)

Strengths:

Road Infrastructure and Connectivity: Asuman Kiyinji has earned high marks for his work on improving road infrastructure within Bugabula South. His efforts to rehabilitate and upgrade key roads have improved transportation in the district, reducing travel time and costs for local residents.

Support for Small Businesses: Kiyinji's initiatives to support local entrepreneurs through access to microfinance and business training have been praised. His efforts have allowed many small businesses to thrive in Bugabula South.

Areas of Improvement:

Agricultural Support: Although the district has benefited from road infrastructure improvements, constituents feel that more needs to be done for agriculture, which is the backbone of Bugabula South's economy. There is a call for modern farming techniques, crop insurance, and better storage facilities for harvested produce.

Youth Employment: While Kiyinji has introduced some programs to assist young people, youth unemployment remains a major issue. The community has called for more initiatives to create jobs for young people and to provide them with practical skills that align with the current job market.

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Community Sentiment:

The people of Bugabula South largely support Asuman Kiyinji, particularly for his work in improving road networks and supporting small businesses. However, constituents are seeking more focus on agriculture and youth employment. His re-election prospects are promising, as long as these areas are addressed in his next term.

Budiope West (Milly Babalanda Nabirye):

Strengths:

Women's Empowerment and Social Services: Milly Babalanda Nabirye has been highly regarded for her work in advancing the rights of women and children in Budiope West. Her efforts to provide women with access to financial services and skills development programs have contributed to the economic independence of many women in the district.

Healthcare Initiatives: Babalanda has worked closely with local health authorities to improve healthcare services in Budiope West. Her contributions have led to the construction of new healthcare centers, the distribution of essential medical supplies, and the recruitment of healthcare professionals.

Areas of Improvement:

Youth Employment and Economic Development: Although Milly Babalanda has been active in women's empowerment, there remains a need for stronger youth employment initiatives. Young people in Budiope West continue to struggle with limited job opportunities and underemployment.

Infrastructure and Roads: While some roads have been improved, constituents feel that there is still a lack of access to key markets and services due to poor road networks in certain rural areas.

Community Sentiment:

Babalanda's re-election prospects are strong, as many voters have praised her for her work with women and healthcare. However, there is a growing demand for her to place more focus on youth employment and infrastructural development, particularly in rural areas. Constituents believe that if these issues are addressed, she will continue to enjoy strong support.

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Namutumba District (Naigaga Mariam):

Strengths:

Community Outreach and Health Initiatives: Naigaga Mariam's outreach programs aimed at promoting health education, especially regarding maternal and child health, have been lauded. Constituents have acknowledged her contribution to the establishment of health facilities in rural areas and her commitment to providing free medical services to the underprivileged.

Infrastructure Development: Naigaga has been instrumental in the development of key infrastructure projects, including water supply systems and rural electrification. These efforts have significantly improved the living standards of residents in Namutumba.

Areas of Improvement:

Youth Unemployment: Similar to other districts in Busoga, Namutumba faces challenges in youth unemployment. While Naigaga has made efforts in empowering the youth through small-scale business grants, more sustainable employment opportunities are needed.

Agriculture Support: Agriculture remains the backbone of Namutumba's economy, and there is a strong call from voters for Naigaga to prioritize agricultural support by promoting modern farming techniques and improving market access for farmers.

Community Sentiment:

Naigaga Mariam is well-regarded for her health and infrastructure programs in Namutumba. However, the community is urging her to prioritize agriculture and youth employment in her next term. If she addresses these areas, Naigaga's chances for re-election appear strong.

Jinja Municipality (Nathan Igeme Nabeta):

Strengths:

Economic Empowerment: Nathan Igeme Nabeta has received high praise for his contributions towards empowering small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Jinja Municipality. His initiatives aimed at providing capital for local businesses and his efforts to facilitate access to markets have been positively received by entrepreneurs.

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Healthcare and Infrastructure: Nabeta has played a significant role in improving healthcare services in the municipality, particularly through the renovation and expansion of Jinja Hospital. Many constituents have commended him for securing funding for the purchase of medical equipment and the recruitment of additional healthcare staff.

Education: Nabeta has been involved in facilitating scholarships for bright students from underprivileged backgrounds and has supported the construction of new classrooms in primary and secondary schools.

Areas of Improvement:

Youth Unemployment: As with many districts in Busoga, youth unemployment remains a significant concern in Jinja Municipality. Despite some efforts to address the issue, voters feel more could be done to create permanent jobs, especially in industries that offer long-term career opportunities.

Housing and Sanitation: While there have been improvements in infrastructure, issues related to affordable housing and sanitation in urban areas have been raised. Many voters have expressed concern over the lack of affordable housing for low-income residents and the need for better sanitation facilities in informal settlements.

Community Sentiment:

Voters in Jinja Municipality are largely satisfied with Nabeta's work in boosting the local economy and improving healthcare services. However, there is a growing demand for more attention to affordable housing and greater focus on youth employment. Many constituents are hopeful for his continued leadership, provided he focuses more on these critical issues in his next term.

Kagoma District (Walyomu Muwanika Moses):

Strengths:

Education and Infrastructure: Walyomu Muwanika Moses has received commendation for his efforts in improving educational facilities in Kagoma. His work on the construction of new schools, provision of classroom furniture, and facilitation of scholarships for needy students has been well recognized.

Healthcare Services: Moses has made notable strides in improving healthcare accessibility, with the establishment of new health centers and improved service delivery in existing ones. His advocacy for the improvement of maternal healthcare services has been particularly appreciated.

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Areas of Improvement:

Youth Employment and Skills Development: Despite some support for youth programs, there is an urgent need for more sustainable job creation in Kagoma. Voters feel that agriculture, which is the mainstay of the district, needs more modern technology and skills training to boost productivity and create employment opportunities for young people.

Gender Empowerment: There have been calls for more focused programs that support women's access to land, credit, and decision-making positions. Women in Kagoma have expressed the need for increased support in entrepreneurship and financial independence.

Community Sentiment:

While many voters in Kagoma acknowledge Moses' contributions to education and healthcare, there is a growing demand for more robust measures to address youth unemployment and gender inequality. His prospects for re-election are strong, as long as he takes proactive steps in addressing these areas during his next term.

Budiope East (Moses Magogo):

Strengths:

Sports Development: Moses Magogo, who is also a prominent sports administrator, has received widespread praise for his advocacy for sports development in Budiope East. His efforts to build sports infrastructure, such as stadiums and community sports centers, have positively impacted the youth in the district.

Infrastructure Development: Magogo has been credited for his work in upgrading roads and facilitating the extension of electricity to rural parts of Budiope East. His focus on improving connectivity has made a notable difference in the daily lives of local communities.

Areas of Improvement:

Youth Unemployment: Although Magogo has contributed to youth development through sports, many constituents feel there is a need for more direct job creation initiatives that are not just limited to sports. There is a strong call for more vocational training programs and employment opportunities in the local economy.

Education and Healthcare: While there have been improvements in infrastructure, voters have requested more efforts to ensure that education and healthcare services meet the growing demands of the population.

Community Sentiment:

Magogo is widely supported in Budiope East due to his contributions to sports and infrastructure development. However, there is an urgent call from the constituents for more

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investment in education, healthcare, and job creation for youth. His chances for re-election appear strong, but there is a desire for him to focus more on non-sports-related initiatives in the future.

Luuka District (Annt Nabirye):

Strengths

Community Engagement: Annt Nabirye has received significant praise for her active involvement in community affairs, particularly her efforts to engage with women and youth groups. Her work on empowering women through entrepreneurship training and microfinance schemes has been well-received.

Youth Empowerment: Nabirye's programs aimed at providing vocational training for the youth have helped many young people develop new skills, which have enabled them to start small businesses or secure employment.

Areas of Improvement:

Agricultural Development: Constituents have expressed the need for more support in the agricultural sector. Luuka is primarily an agricultural district, and many voters feel that more investment is needed in modern farming techniques, irrigation, and access to markets.

Healthcare Services: While there have been improvements, some residents still face challenges in accessing healthcare. Constituents have called for more health centers to be built in rural areas and for improved service delivery in existing facilities.

Community Sentiment:

Voters in Luuka appreciate Nabirye's efforts in community engagement and youth empowerment. However, there is a call for her to do more in terms of supporting agricultural development and improving healthcare access. Her re-election prospects are positive, but she is encouraged to expand her focus to include these additional needs in her next term.

Challenges and Opportunities for the NRM in Busoga Region

The Busoga region, like many other parts of Uganda, faces a unique set of challenges and opportunities. These dynamics directly impact the National Resistance Movement's (NRM) influence in the region. While the NRM has established a strong base in Busoga, several challenges need to be addressed to ensure sustained support and continued growth. Simultaneously, the region also presents several opportunities that the NRM can leverage to strengthen its presence and influence in the upcoming elections and beyond.

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Challenges Facing NRM in Busoga Region

1. High Poverty Levels

Challenge:

Poverty remains one of the most pressing issues in the Busoga region, with a significant portion of the population living below the poverty line. This is particularly evident in rural areas, where agriculture is the main economic activity, but productivity is low due to lack of access to modern farming techniques, financial support, and markets.

Impact on NRM:

High poverty levels create dissatisfaction among voters who may feel that the government has not done enough to uplift their economic situation. As a result, some voters may become disillusioned with the NRM, leading to a reduction in party support. Additionally, opposition parties may use this as a point of attack, promising change and improvement in economic conditions.

Opportunities for the NRM:

Agricultural Development Programs: The NRM can respond to poverty by investing heavily in the agricultural sector, which is the backbone of the region's economy. By providing farmers with modern tools, access to markets, and improved seeds, the NRM can improve productivity and thus the livelihoods of people in Busoga.

Youth Empowerment Initiatives: Focusing on vocational training, small business support, and entrepreneurship can provide the youth with the tools to break the cycle of poverty. These efforts can be seen as direct interventions in the lives of the electorate, boosting the NRM's credibility.

2. Inadequate Infrastructure Development

Challenge:

Infrastructure, particularly in rural Busoga, is underdeveloped. Poor roads, unreliable electricity, and limited access to clean water and sanitation remain major problems for many residents. These challenges hinder the region's economic potential and affect the daily lives of its people.

Impact on NRM:

The NRM could face criticism for failing to deliver on promises related to infrastructure development. Opposition parties may capitalize on these issues, accusing the NRM of neglecting rural constituencies. The inability to address infrastructure gaps could result in a loss of support, especially among rural voters.

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Opportunities for the NRM:

Infrastructure Investment: A large-scale push to improve infrastructure, especially roads, electricity, and water supply, can significantly enhance the living standards of the people in Busoga. This can be a major win for the NRM if it focuses on this issue in the coming years, ensuring that rural areas have better access to services.

Public-Private Partnerships: The NRM can explore opportunities for partnerships with private investors to develop roads, energy projects, and even tourism ventures. This would not only improve infrastructure but also attract investment to the region.

3. Youth Unemployment

Challenge:

Youth unemployment is a significant challenge in the Busoga region. Many young people lack the necessary skills or opportunities to secure meaningful employment, which has led to disillusionment and frustration. This situation also fuels social vices such as drug abuse, crime, and migration.

Impact on NRM:

If the NRM does not address the growing problem of youth unemployment, it risks alienating a large demographic, especially those who feel they have been abandoned by the government. Unemployed youth are also an easy target for opposition parties that promise job creation and empowerment.

Opportunities for the NRM:

Skills Development and Entrepreneurship Programs: The NRM can focus on creating vocational training programs and entrepreneurship support initiatives, targeting the youth. By equipping them with the skills needed to start businesses or secure employment, the NRM can show its commitment to youth welfare.

Technology and Innovation: Encouraging the development of tech hubs, online businesses, and startups could tap into the region's untapped potential. The NRM can support programs that allow young people to leverage technology for economic empowerment.

4. Corruption and Governance Issues

Challenge:

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Corruption remains a pervasive problem in Uganda, and the Busoga region is no exception. Allegations of misuse of public funds, lack of accountability, and poor governance at the local level have eroded trust in political leadership, including the NRM.

Impact on NRM:

Corruption scandals, both at the national and local levels, have the potential to significantly damage the reputation of the NRM. Voters may lose trust in the party, especially if they perceive it as being complicit in corrupt activities. Corruption also undermines the delivery of essential services, exacerbating existing issues like poverty and infrastructure deficits.

Opportunities for the NRM:

Strengthening Accountability Mechanisms: The NRM can focus on improving accountability in local governments, enforcing transparency in the use of public funds, and ensuring that resources are properly allocated to development projects. By leading the fight against corruption, the NRM can restore public trust.

Promoting Anti-Corruption Campaigns: Public campaigns that educate citizens about the negative impacts of corruption and encourage them to report corrupt activities can be vital. Strengthening the party's image as a champion of good governance will win back the support of disillusioned voters.

5. Ethnic and Regional Tensions

Challenge:

There are some underlying ethnic and regional tensions within the Busoga region, as different tribes and communities sometimes feel marginalized in terms of access to resources and political representation.

Impact on NRM:

Such tensions, if left unaddressed, can lead to divisions within the electorate, potentially causing some voters to feel alienated from the NRM. If opposition parties play on these sentiments, it could lead to a weakening of NRM support, especially in areas where ethnic issues are more pronounced.

Opportunities for the NRM:

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Promoting Inclusivity: The NRM can foster unity by promoting policies that ensure equitable distribution of resources across all ethnic and regional groups in Busoga. Ensuring that all communities feel represented and heard within the party structure will reduce ethnic tensions and consolidate support.

Encouraging Inter-Community Dialogue: The NRM can sponsor programs that bring together leaders from different ethnic communities to discuss and address concerns. This will not only strengthen the party's image as a unifying force but also foster peace and harmony in the region.

Opportunities for the NRM in Busoga Region

1. Strengthening Women's Political Participation

Opportunity:

Women in Busoga have increasingly been taking up leadership roles, but their representation in politics is still limited. The NRM has the opportunity to empower more women to engage in politics and hold leadership positions, helping to enhance gender equality and improve governance in the region.

Action:

Promote and support female candidates in local and national elections.

Provide training programs for women in leadership skills, public speaking, and politics.

2. Expanding Access to Technology and Digital Services

Opportunity:

The rise of digital technologies offers an opportunity for the NRM to create new economic opportunities in Busoga. Providing access to the internet and digital tools can help communities in Busoga improve their productivity and connect to broader markets.

Action:

Invest in digital infrastructure in the region.

Partner with tech companies to bring digital literacy programs to schools and youth groups.

3. Leveraging the Agricultural Potential of Busoga

Opportunity:

Busoga's agricultural potential is vast. With the right investments in agriculture, the NRM can not only improve the livelihoods of farmers but also tap into the international agricultural market.

Action:

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Promote sustainable farming practices and provide training on agro-processing.

Build infrastructure for agricultural markets to help farmers sell their produce at fair prices.

Conclusion on Challenges and Opportunities:

The NRM in Busoga faces several challenges that require urgent attention. However, with focused efforts on addressing issues such as poverty, youth unemployment, and infrastructure development, the party can strengthen its position in the region. By seizing the opportunities that exist, especially in agriculture, technology, and women's empowerment, the NRM can enhance its influence and continue to serve the people of Busoga effectively.

Jinja District (Nathan Igeme Nabeta):

Strengths:

Urban Infrastructure Development: Nathan Igeme Nabeta has been praised for his work in improving urban infrastructure in Jinja Municipality. His efforts have led to the upgrading of key roads and the provision of modern facilities, contributing to Jinja's growing urbanization. Residents appreciate the enhanced road networks and the expansion of services such as clean water and electricity in previously underserved areas.

Business Support and Job Creation: Nabeta has supported local businesses through initiatives such as facilitating access to loans, providing market linkages, and promoting small and medium enterprises (SMEs). His efforts to create a business-friendly environment have helped many entrepreneurs in the district expand their operations.

Areas of Improvement:

Rural Infrastructure: While the urban areas have seen significant development, rural communities in Jinja are calling for more attention to their infrastructure needs. Poor road networks in rural areas make it difficult for farmers to access markets, and constituents are asking for more road repairs and improvements.

Healthcare and Education: While Nabeta has made some contributions to healthcare and education, the demand for more facilities and improved quality of services remains high. Jinja's population is growing rapidly, and many of the existing schools and hospitals are struggling to meet the demand for services.

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Community Sentiment:

Nathan Igeme Nabeta has made a significant impact in Jinja Municipality, particularly in urban development and business support. However, there is a need to extend development efforts to rural areas and increase investment in healthcare and education. Nabeta is widely respected, and if he addresses these concerns, he is likely to enjoy continued support in the next election.

Jinja South West (Balyeku Moses):

Strengths:

Youth Empowerment and Skills Development: Balyeku Moses has been instrumental in creating opportunities for the youth in Jinja South West. His focus on vocational training centers has enabled many young people to gain practical skills, and he has supported programs that have led to the creation of youth-led enterprises.

Infrastructure and Roads: Balyeku has worked on improving key infrastructure in his constituency, focusing on road rehabilitation and upgrading of market centers. These projects have enhanced local connectivity and allowed farmers and traders to access markets more easily.

Areas of Improvement:

Agricultural Support: As agriculture is the primary livelihood for many in Jinja South West, constituents have called for more support for local farmers. This includes access to affordable inputs, better irrigation systems, and capacity-building programs for sustainable farming practices.

Healthcare: The demand for improved healthcare services is high, particularly in rural areas of Jinja South West. Constituents are requesting the expansion of health centers and the recruitment of more healthcare professionals to meet the growing demand.

Community Sentiment:

Balyeku Moses has earned the trust of his constituents for his work on youth empowerment and infrastructure development. However, voters are eager for more focus on agriculture and healthcare. If these areas are prioritized, he will continue to be a popular choice for re-election.

Kagoma District (Walyomu Muwanika Moses):

Strengths:

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Support for Agriculture: Walyomu Muwanika Moses has been commended for his work in supporting local farmers in Kagoma. His initiatives to introduce modern farming practices, facilitate access to agricultural loans, and improve market access for farmers have been positively received.

Social Services and Health Initiatives: Moses has also been involved in improving social services, particularly healthcare. His efforts to expand health services, build new health centers, and provide medical equipment have greatly benefited the people of Kagoma.

Areas of Improvement:

Youth Employment and Skills Development: Although there are some youth programs in Kagoma, there is a growing call for more job creation initiatives. Constituents have expressed the need for vocational training programs and the establishment of industries that can provide steady employment for young people.

Road Infrastructure: While some rural roads have been worked on, there is still a demand for more improvements, especially in hard-to-reach areas. Better roads would enhance access to services and improve agricultural productivity.

Community Sentiment:

Walyomu Muwanika Moses is widely respected for his work in agriculture and healthcare. However, the call for more youth employment and infrastructure development is strong. If he addresses these concerns, he will continue to have strong support from his constituents in the future.

Iganga District (Peter Mugema Panadol):

Strengths:

Healthcare Improvements: Peter Mugema Panadol is highly regarded for his contributions to the health sector in Iganga. His work in building and equipping health centers, providing medical supplies, and facilitating free medical camps has significantly improved healthcare access in the district.

Water and Sanitation: Mugema has been instrumental in providing clean water to rural communities and ensuring better sanitation in public places. These efforts have led to a marked improvement in public health, especially in the district's remote areas.

Areas of Improvement:

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Education Infrastructure: Constituents have pointed out that while there have been some improvements in schools, many facilities are still in dire need of renovation and additional resources. More investment in education infrastructure and provision of learning materials is needed to improve the quality of education.

Agriculture Support: There is a strong demand for more support for farmers, particularly in terms of modern farming techniques, market access, and capacity-building for agricultural entrepreneurs.

Community Sentiment:

Peter Mugema Panadol is appreciated for his work in healthcare and sanitation. However, there is a demand for more focus on education and agriculture. If these areas are prioritized, Mugema will likely secure strong support for re-election in the next term.

Analysis of Aspirants for the Next Election in Busoga Region

This section outlines a detailed analysis of the NRM aspirants in the Busoga region, focusing on their activities, public reception, and what the voters think about their potential in the upcoming elections. These aspirants have been actively involved in party activities and have demonstrated leadership capabilities in their communities.

1. Annet Nabirye - Luuka District

Background and Aspirations: Annet Nabirye, an aspiring candidate for the parliamentary seat in Luuka District, has been very active in NRM party activities. She is well known for her grassroots engagements and her ability to mobilize voters. Nabirye's passion for community development and improving the living standards of her people has made her a rising star in the political landscape of Luuka.

Activities and Contributions:

Youth Empowerment Programs: Nabirye has been actively involved in youth empowerment, especially targeting young women. She has facilitated several vocational training programs, helping young people acquire skills that make them employable.

Healthcare and Sanitation Campaigns: She has been involved in several community health initiatives, providing medical supplies and raising awareness on sanitation and hygiene.

Public Reception:

Strengths: Nabirye is seen as a young and dynamic leader who connects well with the youth and women in her district. Her efforts in community health and vocational training have made her popular among young people.

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Concerns: Some voters feel that her lack of experience in politics might be a challenge when it comes to navigating complex parliamentary duties. However, many believe that her fresh perspective could bring positive change.

Likelihood of Winning:

The electorate in Luuka District is generally optimistic about Nabirye's potential. If she continues her community engagement and builds a stronger political network, she could secure significant support for the 2026 elections.

2. Milly Babalanda Nabirye - Budiope West

Background and Aspirations: Milly Babalanda Nabirye, currently aspiring to represent Budiope West, has been an influential figure within the NRM party for many years. As a seasoned party mobilizer, she has garnered significant attention due to her role in organizing and strengthening the NRM base in the region.

Activities and Contributions:

Promoting Women's Rights: Babalanda has been at the forefront of advocating for women's rights, with a particular focus on economic empowerment and gender equality. She has worked with local women's groups to provide access to credit and skills training.

Infrastructure Development: She has also been involved in advocacy for better roads, especially in rural areas, which has made transportation easier for local farmers.

Public Reception:

Strengths: Babalanda is well-respected for her leadership and her ability to mobilize resources for community development projects. Her track record of promoting women's rights and infrastructural development has earned her admiration from a broad segment of the electorate.

Concerns: Some voters have raised concerns about the speed of progress on some of her promises, particularly regarding road infrastructure and healthcare.

Likelihood of Winning:

Given her established presence in the community and the significant support she enjoys from women's groups, Babalanda stands a good chance of securing the Budiope West seat in the next election, provided she maintains her focus on infrastructure and development.

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3. Hajji Busongoire Siraji - Namutumba District

Background and Aspirations: Hajji Busongoire Siraji is a popular figure in Namutumba District, known for his dedication to social justice and his commitment to the NRM party's ideals. He has spent a considerable amount of time working with local communities and advocating for the rights of marginalized groups, particularly farmers and women.

Activities and Contributions:

Agricultural Support: Busongoire has been a strong advocate for improving the agricultural sector, providing farmers with training on modern farming practices and facilitating access to agricultural loans and subsidies.

Community Outreach: He has participated in numerous community outreach programs aimed at providing better access to clean water and improving sanitation in rural areas.

Public Reception:

Strengths: Busongoire's grassroots work in agriculture and his strong focus on farmers have earned him widespread support, especially from rural constituencies. His advocacy for local communities has made him popular among marginalized groups.

Concerns: Some voters have expressed concerns about the lack of progress on large-scale infrastructure projects. However, his consistent focus on farmers' needs has kept him relevant in the eyes of many.

Likelihood of Winning:

Busongoire is highly favored in the district due to his strong connections with rural voters. If he continues advocating for agriculture and rural development, he is likely to be a competitive contender in the next election.

4. Asuman Kiyinji - Bugabula South

Background and Aspirations: Asuman Kiyinji, aspiring for the Bugabula South parliamentary seat, has been an active participant in the NRM party's mobilization efforts. He is particularly known for his skills in organizing large-scale political events and his ability to engage with diverse groups in the district.

Activities and Contributions:

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Youth Development: Kiyinji has launched several initiatives aimed at empowering the youth in Bugabula South, including career guidance programs and partnerships with vocational training centers.

Support for Education: He has been a strong advocate for improving the quality of education in the district, pushing for better school facilities and the recruitment of more teachers in underserved areas.

Public Reception:

Strengths: Kiyinji's emphasis on youth development and education has earned him a strong following among young voters and parents who are concerned about their children's future.

Concerns: Some voters feel that Kiyinji needs to expand his focus to include more infrastructure development and healthcare, areas that are critical to the well-being of the community.

Likelihood of Winning:

Given his strong focus on youth and education, Kiyinji is likely to secure a significant number of votes in Bugabula South, especially if he broadens his scope to address other pressing issues like healthcare and infrastructure.

Conclusion on Aspirants:

The aspirants in the Busoga region are promising leaders, each bringing unique contributions to their respective constituencies. While they all share a strong dedication to the NRM party and its values, the electorate's concerns vary. Key areas that the aspirants need to address include youth unemployment, healthcare, infrastructure development, and agricultural support. If these aspirants continue to engage with their communities, prioritize development, and address voter concerns, they stand a strong chance of succeeding in the upcoming elections.

NRM Strategies for Strengthening Influence in Busoga Region

The National Resistance Movement (NRM) has long been a dominant political force in Uganda, and Busoga Region is no exception. However, to maintain and strengthen its influence in the region, it is imperative that the party employs strategic approaches that resonate with the diverse needs of the people in Busoga. These strategies will focus on fostering community development, enhancing party visibility, and addressing issues that directly impact the livelihoods of constituents. Below is a comprehensive breakdown of the strategies that can further solidify the NRM's influence in the Busoga region.

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1. **Enhancing Grassroots Mobilization and Party Visibility**

Objective:

Strengthen the grassroots support base through effective mobilization and increased visibility of the party's activities in all districts of Busoga.

Key Actions:

Increased Party Training and Sensitization Programs: Continuous education about NRM policies and programs will help ensure that the electorate understands the party's vision and can differentiate it from other political entities. Hosting training sessions for local leaders, party volunteers, and mobilizers is crucial to empower them with the knowledge and tools they need to engage effectively with the masses.

Strengthening Local NRM Structures: The NRM should ensure that local party branches are functional and active at the parish and sub-county levels. Regular party meetings and local gatherings will ensure that NRM representatives are seen as approachable and in tune with the needs of the people.

Youth Engagement: Youth participation in politics is crucial to the future of the party. The NRM should continue to invest in youth programs that focus on leadership, skills development, and creating pathways for youth to engage in political processes. This could include mentorship programs, youth conferences, and community service initiatives.

Expected Impact:

A more informed electorate that understands the party's contributions to national and regional development.

Increased loyalty and support from the grassroots, which is essential during election periods.

2. **Leveraging Infrastructure Development for Electoral Support**

Objective:

Use infrastructure development as a key tool for increasing support for the NRM by improving living standards and demonstrating the party's commitment to the region's development.

Key Actions:

Road Construction and Maintenance: Many areas in Busoga are still grappling with poor road networks, which impact trade, agriculture, and overall access to services. NRM leaders must lobby for increased investments in road infrastructure to enhance connectivity between rural areas and urban centers. Improved roads would also facilitate better access to markets, improving the economic welfare of constituents.

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Electricity Expansion: Expanding the reach of electricity to rural areas will not only improve the quality of life for residents but also enhance opportunities for business development and modern agriculture. This initiative should be prioritized in the NRM agenda, with specific plans to extend the national grid and explore alternative energy solutions such as solar.

Water and Sanitation Projects: Providing access to clean water is crucial for the health and well-being of communities. The NRM should prioritize the establishment of more boreholes, wells, and water treatment plants, particularly in underserved areas. Sanitation projects, such as the construction of latrines in schools and public areas, should also be prioritized.

Expected Impact:

Enhanced voter satisfaction due to tangible improvements in their daily lives.

Strengthened political credibility and trust in NRM as the party driving positive changes in the region.

3. Expanding Access to Education and Skills Development

Objective:

Address the need for education and skills development programs to improve the future prospects of Busoga's youth and contribute to long-term economic growth.

Key Actions:

Scholarships and Educational Support: The NRM should ensure that more scholarships are available for students in Busoga, particularly for higher education and vocational training. There should be a push to expand educational facilities and improve the quality of education in the region, especially in rural schools.

Vocational Training Centers: Investing in vocational training will equip youth with marketable skills, addressing the issue of youth unemployment in the region. Vocational programs should be tailored to local needs, with an emphasis on skills like carpentry, tailoring, plumbing, agriculture, and information technology.

Teacher Support and Infrastructure: A key challenge facing education in Busoga is the shortage of qualified teachers and subpar infrastructure. The NRM should advocate for improved training programs for teachers and the construction of more classrooms to accommodate the growing student population.

Expected Impact:

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A well-educated and skilled youth population ready to contribute to the economy.

Improved future employment prospects, reducing the chances of political disillusionment among young voters.

4. Strengthening Agricultural Development

Objective:

Empower the agricultural sector in Busoga, which is the backbone of the region's economy, by providing farmers with resources, training, and access to markets.

Key Actions:

Agricultural Extension Services: The NRM should invest in expanding agricultural extension services, which provide farmers with the knowledge and tools to improve their productivity. This includes teaching farmers about modern farming techniques, crop rotation, pest management, and sustainable agricultural practices.

Access to Credit and Subsidies: A key barrier for many farmers is access to credit. The NRM should continue to advocate for agricultural loans with favorable terms, as well as subsidies for seeds, fertilizers, and other inputs.

Market Access and Value Addition: Creating market linkages for farmers is essential to ensure that they can sell their produce at fair prices. The NRM should work on building more farmer cooperatives, improve transportation networks for easy access to markets, and promote value addition, such as processing agricultural products locally.

Expected Impact:

Increased agricultural productivity, leading to higher incomes for farmers.

Enhanced economic growth in Busoga as the region moves toward agricultural commercialization.

5. Promoting Good Governance and Fighting Corruption

Objective:

Ensure that governance in Busoga is transparent, accountable, and aligned with the NRM's anti-corruption agenda, fostering trust in political leadership.

Key Actions:

Public Accountability Campaigns: The NRM should promote campaigns that highlight the importance of accountability in local government and public service. This can be done through community meetings where local officials report on their activities and achievements.

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Strengthening Anti-Corruption Efforts: The NRM must continue to focus on eliminating corruption within its ranks and in local governments. This involves enforcing strict oversight mechanisms and promoting transparency in the use of public funds, particularly in sectors like education, healthcare, and infrastructure development.

Citizen Engagement and Empowerment: Empowering the electorate to actively participate in local governance processes is essential. This includes encouraging citizens to attend public hearings, submit petitions, and become involved in the planning and implementation of local development projects.

Expected Impact:

Improved public trust in government and political leaders, particularly the NRM.

Increased political stability in Busoga, leading to higher levels of engagement and voter participation.

6. Strengthening Women's Representation and Rights

Objective:

Promote gender equality by supporting women in leadership and advocating for policies that address the unique challenges faced by women in Busoga.

Key Actions:

Support for Women in Leadership Roles: The NRM should continue to promote women into leadership positions, not only in politics but also in local government, businesses, and community organizations. Encouraging women's participation in decision-making at all levels will help uplift women in the region.

Addressing Gender-Based Violence: The NRM should advocate for policies and programs aimed at reducing gender-based violence in Busoga. This includes establishing more safe houses, providing legal support for survivors, and educating communities about the importance of women's rights.

Expected Impact:

Increased participation of women in leadership roles, leading to more inclusive decision-making.

A reduction in gender-based violence, leading to a more equitable society.

Conclusion on NRM Strategies for Strengthening Influence in Busoga Region:

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The NRM's continued dominance in Busoga depends on its ability to adapt and respond to the evolving needs of its constituents. By focusing on grassroots mobilization, infrastructure development, education, agricultural support, good governance, and gender equality, the NRM can enhance its influence in the region and ensure that the Busoga people continue to benefit from national progress. These strategies, if effectively implemented, will result in a more robust, inclusive, and prosperous Busoga region, further cementing the NRM's role as a key player in Uganda's future.

Appendices

Appendix A: List of NRM Members of Parliament in Busoga Region

Peter Mugema Panadol – Iganga District

Alitwala Rebecca Kadaga – Kamuli District

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Balyeku Moses – Jinja South West

Gume Fredrick – Kaliro District

Silwany Solomon – Bugiri Central

Kisa Stephen – Iganga District

Moses Magogo – Budiope East

Katali Loy – Jinja District

Luke Kyobe Inyensiko – Luuka North

Naigaga Mariam – Namutumba District

Walyomu Muwanika Moses – Kagoma

Nathan Igeme Nabeta – Jinja Municipality

Lukiya Nsanga Nakadama – Mayuge District

Appendix B: List of Aspiring NRM Candidates for Busoga Region

Annt Nabirye – Luuka District

Milly Babalanda Nabirye – Budiope West

Hajji Busongoire Siraji – Namutumba District

Asuman Kiyinji – Bugabula South

Appendix C: Constituency Demographics and Voter Information

Iganga District

Population: 271,500

Registered Voters: 150,000

Key Issues: Infrastructure, education, healthcare, youth employment

Kamuli District

Population: 310,000

Registered Voters: 180,000

Key Issues: Poverty alleviation, healthcare, road networks

Jinja District

Population: 550,000

Registered Voters: 320,000

Key Issues: Urbanization, employment, road networks

Kaliro District

Population: 205,000

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Registered Voters: 120,000

Key Issues: Agricultural support, education, water access

Bugiri District

Population: 350,000

Registered Voters: 200,000

Key Issues: Agricultural development, rural infrastructure

Luuka District

Population: 300,000

Registered Voters: 160,000

Key Issues: Infrastructure, women empowerment, education

Mayuge District

Population: 240,000

Registered Voters: 130,000

Key Issues: Healthcare, education, water provision

Namutumba District

Population: 190,000

Registered Voters: 105,000

Key Issues: Youth employment, infrastructure, healthcare

Budiope District

Population: 400,000

Registered Voters: 220,000

Key Issues: Agricultural support, rural electrification

Appendix D: Survey Methodology Details

Survey Timeline:

Data collection period: May 2024 – October 2024

Sampling Method:

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The survey was conducted using a random sampling technique, ensuring a representative sample of constituencies across the Busoga region. Interviews were conducted with a mix of urban and rural residents, as well as key community leaders and opinion shapers.

Data Collection Tools:

Structured interviews

Focus group discussions

Community surveys

Secondary data collection (census, government reports, local authority feedback)

Key Survey Themes:

Public opinion on MP performance

Satisfaction with service delivery (education, healthcare, infrastructure)

Voter attitudes toward the NRM party

Challenges faced by constituents

Support for aspiring candidates in the region

Appendix E: NRM Policy and Development Plans for Busoga Region

Agricultural Support Programs:

Government schemes to provide subsidies for fertilizers, seeds, and modern farming equipment.

Programs aimed at improving agricultural productivity and boosting local farmer cooperatives.

Youth Empowerment Initiatives:

Skills development programs targeting youth, including vocational training, entrepreneurship support, and access to digital platforms.

Collaboration with private companies and NGOs to provide internships and apprenticeships.

Infrastructure Development Plans:

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Planned roadworks for key transport corridors, focusing on rural connectivity.
Water and sanitation projects to provide clean water to underserved communities.
Healthcare and Education Initiatives:

Expansion of healthcare facilities and provision of medical supplies to rural health centers.
Support for education infrastructure, including school buildings, teacher training, and provision of learning materials.
Appendix F: Interview and Focus Group Discussion Transcripts
Interview with Local Leaders (Iganga District):

Key concerns: Lack of reliable transport, youth unemployment, demand for more government schools.
Positive feedback: Increased government support for farmers, improvement in road infrastructure.
Focus Group Discussion (Kamuli District):

Key concerns: Poor healthcare facilities, low wages for public service workers, lack of public transport options.
Positive feedback: Support for small businesses and agricultural initiatives.
Appendix G: List of Key Stakeholders in Busoga Region
Local Government Officials

District Chairpersons
Community Development Officers
Local Council Chairpersons
Civil Society Organizations

Busoga Development Initiative
Busoga Women Empowerment Group
Busoga Youth Forum
Traditional Leaders

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Busoga Kingdom Representatives

Local Chiefs

Private Sector Partners

Busoga Farmers' Association

Local Business Leaders

Regional Chamber of Commerce

Appendix H: Voter Feedback on NRM Performance

Iganga Constituency:

"MP Mugema Panadol is working hard, but we need more roads and access to agricultural loans."

Kamuli Constituency:

"Kadaga has delivered some good projects, but health services remain a big issue."

Jinja Municipality:

"Nathan Igeme Nabeta is our choice; we need more emphasis on employment for the youth."

Bugiri District:

"Silwany Solomon has supported road projects, but there is still a lot of poverty in rural areas."

Appendix I: Additional Data

Public Opinion on Aspiring Candidates:

"Milly Babalanda Nabirye is bringing a fresh energy to the region. We hope she gets elected."

"Asuman Kiyinji is a strong candidate; we need someone who will focus on infrastructure."

These appendices provide detailed additional data and resources supporting the findings, analysis, and recommendations made in the main body of the report. Each section is intended to give further context to the survey process and the feedback collected from constituents across Busoga.

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Conclusion of the Report

The comprehensive survey conducted by the Busoga Region NRM Volunteers and Mobilizers Association between May 2024 and October 2024 has provided critical insights into the activities and effectiveness of NRM Members of Parliament (MPs) across the Busoga region. This report not only evaluates the service delivery of these MPs but also reflects the voices of the people they represent, shedding light on both their successes and the areas that need improvement.

Summary of Key Findings:

Strong Parliamentary Representation:

The survey reveals that many of the NRM MPs in Busoga have made significant strides in representing their constituencies, particularly in areas like infrastructure development, healthcare services, education, and advocating for local issues. Constituents have generally expressed satisfaction with the work of their representatives, with several MPs enjoying strong support due to their active involvement in community projects.

Improvement in Development Projects:

A number of MPs, such as Alitwala Rebecca Kadaga of Kamuli and Peter Mugema Panadol of Iganga, have been credited with initiating and supporting critical development projects in their constituencies. These include road networks, water supply systems, and healthcare facilities, which have had a direct positive impact on the quality of life for many residents.

Challenges Identified:

Despite the successes, several challenges have been highlighted. Issues such as high levels of poverty, youth unemployment, inadequate infrastructure, and corruption have been

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identified as significant hindrances to progress in the region. These challenges, if left unaddressed, have the potential to erode the gains made by the NRM and lead to disillusionment among the electorate.

Opportunities for Improvement:

The survey also identified areas of opportunity where the NRM can improve its service delivery. This includes enhancing agricultural support, providing more vocational training and employment opportunities for the youth, promoting greater transparency in local government operations, and investing in critical infrastructure to bridge the development gaps in rural areas.

Support for Aspiring NRM Candidates:

The feedback from constituents has also indicated significant support for several aspiring candidates. Figures such as Annt Nabirye of Luuka and Milly Babalanda Nabirye of Budiope West are gaining momentum due to their active involvement in party activities, highlighting the NRM's strong position for the upcoming elections.

Strong Party Loyalty:

The majority of constituents in the Busoga region still express a high level of loyalty to the NRM, with many voters emphasizing that they are willing to vote for their current MPs or other NRM candidates in the upcoming elections. The party's ability to respond to the needs of the people and effectively address their concerns will be crucial in maintaining this support.

Recommendations:

To further consolidate the NRM's position in Busoga and enhance its service delivery, we make the following recommendations:

Enhanced Focus on Infrastructure:

A concerted effort should be made to address the critical gaps in infrastructure, particularly in rural areas. This includes roads, electricity, clean water, and sanitation. The NRM should prioritize these as part of its development agenda for Busoga.

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Youth Empowerment Programs:

The NRM must focus on creating more employment opportunities and skill-building programs for the youth. Vocational training, entrepreneurship support, and initiatives in technology and digital literacy will ensure the younger population is better equipped for the future.

Agricultural Support:

Given the dependence on agriculture in the region, the NRM should invest more in providing modern agricultural techniques, subsidies for seeds and fertilizers, and access to markets for local farmers. This will directly contribute to reducing poverty and improving livelihoods in Busoga.

Strengthening Accountability:

A key area of improvement identified in the survey was the need for stronger governance and accountability mechanisms. By ensuring that resources allocated for development are properly utilized, the NRM can regain the trust of the electorate and eliminate corruption.

Gender Equality and Inclusivity:

It is crucial to ensure that women, youth, and marginalized communities are actively included in the political process and benefit from the development agenda. Empowering more women and encouraging their participation in decision-making processes at all levels will enhance the region's social fabric.

Final Thoughts:

The NRM has made notable strides in enhancing the well-being of the people of Busoga, and there are visible successes to celebrate. However, the challenges faced by the region require continued efforts and dedication. The survey has provided invaluable feedback that will help in shaping strategies and policies to address the pressing issues in Busoga. Moving forward, the NRM must remain committed to its core values of service delivery, transparency, and

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inclusivity, ensuring that all people in Busoga—irrespective of their background or socio-economic status—benefit from the growth and prosperity that the region and the country at large deserve.

In conclusion, the findings of this survey will serve as a foundational tool for the NRM in Busoga to better align with the needs of its electorate. The party must leverage these insights to maintain its popularity, increase voter trust, and deliver on the promises that will secure its future in the next elections.

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