

Education, skilling dominate Lira City West race

PHOTO BY PATRICK OKINO

By Patrick Okino

The race for Lira City West division has placed education and vocational skills training at the heart of the campaigns, with the incumbent, MP Vincent Eyt of the Uganda People's Congress (UPC), promising to prioritise both if re-elected in 2026.

While addressing voters at Kakoge 'C' cell, Eyt said his next term would strengthen access to formal education while expanding vocational training as a good alternative.

"Education changes lives. I will support skills development for those who cannot pursue formal education, so they can earn a living," he said.

Eyt also accused Lira city authorities of frustrating his development efforts, particularly his attempt to rehabilitate dilapidated roads, by blocking his infrastructure projects, affecting service delivery.

Eyt faces competition from three challengers: Eddy Ogweng of the National Resistance Movement (NRM), and independent candidates



Eyt campaigns at Kakoge 'C' cell in Lira City West

Denis Odongo and Jimmy Cingmalo.

Lira was elevated to city status in 2020 and subdivided into three constituencies: Lira City East, Lira City West, and Lira City, which has recently become a battleground between James Ocen (UPC), Denis Omodi (NRM), and independent candidate Isaac Apenyo. Lira City is represented by Dr Jane Aceng of the NRM.

Meanwhile, Emmanuel Obong, who is contesting for mayor of Lira City West urged residents to back UPC candidates, saying the party has championed policies aimed at reducing poverty, disease and ignorance.

He also pledged to strengthen emergency health services by adding two more ambulances to the one he acquired two years ago.