

# Museveni cautions against 'empty', quick-fix promises

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**T**he ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM) party presidential candidate, Mr Museveni, has pledged that his government will embark on implementing development projects in phases. He argued that steady and planned investment delivers lasting results, unlike his opponents' promises of quick fixes.

Campaigning in Bushenyi District, Ankole Sub-region, yesterday, the incumbent said his 2026 agenda focuses on completing economic infrastructure, strengthening unity and addressing corruption in government programmes. He also cautioned voters to be wary of candidates with unrealistic commitments.

"We are going to handle all issues bit by bit and by that, the progress can be steady. Leave alone these presidential candidates sweet talking you and promising to handle salary increments, innovation and all pressing issues all at once when they become the ruling government," Mr Museveni said.

He added: "As NRM, we won't promise that. Those are just persuasive talks and acts of rebels who are not honest with service delivery."

Local leaders had earlier presented a memorandum highlighting priority needs, including funding for youth savings and credit co-operatives societies (Saccos), the establishment of industrial parks, and improving electricity distribution, which currently stands at about 29 percent in Ankole Sub-region. The memorandum also requested road



President Museveni, accompanied by First Lady Janet Museveni, waves to his supporters atop a vehicle as he arrives at Laki High School playground in Rwampara District to address his campaign rally on Monday. PHOTO/PPU

upgrades to ease mobility.

Mr Museveni said his 2026 agenda for the sub-region focuses on completing economic and social infrastructure, tackling corruption infested in Parish Development Model (PDM) funds, unity among all and investment opportunities.

"We have done most of the things for you so far, and I urge you to avoid identity politics, which is discriminatory. Economic infrastructure like roads, electricity, water and Internet will be prioritised, with some projects already underway like the construction company already there to start soon for the Bwizibwera-Nyakambu-Nsika-Nyakashaka-Nyakabirizi Road," he said.

Mr Museveni cited the district's social infrastructure as evidence of progress, noting that Bushenyi now has 151 government primary schools and 16 secondary schools, compared to just three junior secondary schools in the 1950s. The rise of private and missionary schools, he said, reflected higher household incomes and growing investment, which are fuelling

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In the 2021 General Election, Mr Museveni, the incumbent, garnered 66,572 votes, followed by National Unity Platform presidential candidate Robert Kyagulanyi Ssentamu with 10,937 votes in Bushenyi District.

the increasing population.

The NRM flagbearer also raised concerns over corruption in the Parish Development Model (PDM), a poverty alleviation programme. He urged citizens to submit evidence of misallocated funds.

"The PDM money is still infested with corruption. Anyone with evidence for these people should give it to me and I will look for them," Mr Museveni said.

While in Rwampara District on Monday, still in the Ankole Sub-region, he directed PDM officials to stop denying youth access to funds over claims they lack land, saying project

viability, not land ownership, should determine approval as a design for all Ugandans, especially in the subsistence economy.

"For the youth, I have heard reports that elders are not allowing them to access PDM at the parish because they don't have land. Stop that. Get their projects and review them and leave them to invest in whatever they want. They can rent land to invest in anything they wish," Mr Museveni said.

He also showcased the district's infrastructure and investment potential, promising upgrades for key roads, including Buteraniro-Bugamba-Rwoho-Bukoni-Kitwe and Rutimwizi-Kikagate. Mr Museveni said improved transport would boost trade and reduce costs.

He also committed to delivering a district hospital in the next term to serve hard-to-reach areas. He applauded improvements in health services, noting that all eight sub-counties now host at least one health facility.