

NANSANA, KAWEMPE LEADERS ASK FOR MORE SCHOOLS, SERVICES

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The Kawanda Research Centre grounds in Nansana municipality slowly turned into a sea of yellow yesterday morning as National Resistance Movement (NRM) supporters streamed in for President Yoweri Museveni's rally.

Lively music performances from artistes, such as Mariam Ndagire and Fred Ssebaale, among others, entertained supporters as they streamed into the campaign venue.

The NRM supporters refused to disperse even as the rain intensified for nearly 25 minutes. Shortly thereafter, the President arrived in company of the First Lady, Mrs Janet Museveni.

Senior NRM leaders, including Speaker of Parliament Anita Among, Moses Kigongo and Richard Todwong, among others, spoke for a while, stressing the importance the ruling party attaches to the area.

When it was the turn for local leaders and residents to speak, they highlighted the daily struggles of residents in Nansana, Kyengeru, Busiro North and Kawempe.

Residents outlined their priority areas for the next term, including modern markets, better roads, improved health services and increased salaries for road sweepers who said they earn sh6,000 daily.

Justine Kawuma Nanvubya, the chairperson for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in Kyengeru town council and an LC3 councillor, thanked the President for maintaining peace and recognising PWDs.

However, she urged the Government to increase support for assistive devices, such as wheelchairs and crutches, design roads with special provisions for PWD and introduce dedicated funds targeting PWDs.

Similar concerns were raised by Florence Nakalema, an elderly leader from Kyengeru town council, who welcomed changes to social protection programmes for the elderly.

She thanked Museveni for lowering the age threshold for elderly support from 80 to 65.

Nakintu Sarah, the women's leader in Busiro

North Constituency, pledged continued support for Museveni, saying women in the area were praying for his long life and success.

At the same time, she highlighted funding gaps under the Parish Development Model (PDM).

LEADERS' TABLE DEMANDS

Wakiso district NRM chairperson Mayanja Moses painted a broader picture of development challenges facing Nansana Municipality.

He raised concerns about infrastructure and service delivery, starting with roads that he said needed rehabilitation.

He noted that while work on the Musulita road had started, construction was slow.

Mayanja said some sub-counties still lack primary and secondary schools, while in Nansana Municipality, Wamala ward and Maganjo do not have a Universal Primary Education school.

KAWEMPE

In Kawempe, the President was welcomed by the NRM area chairperson, Hajat Madina Nseruko and Salim Uhuru, the Kampala central division mayor and microfinance state minister Haruna Kasolo, among others.

MUSEVENI'S MESSAGE

When Museveni finally took the microphone, he kept his remarks focused on wealth creation and jobs, saying infrastructure alone was not enough to transform lives.

He told the crowd that he desires economic empowerment for all Ugandans.

Museveni recalled how Nansana had transformed from a place with huts to a blossoming metropolis.

The President outlined some of what he described as four key sectors for wealth creation: commercial agriculture, artisanship, manufacturing, services and information and communications technology.

On agriculture, Museveni stressed that wealth can be created through correct enterprise selection.

He gave examples of individuals who had prospered by following this approach, including Joseph Ijara from Serere, who he said earns



Museveni, who is also NRM Presidential candidate, together with First Lady, Mrs. Janet Museveni, brave heavy rains as they addressed supporters at Kawanda Research Centre Playground in Wakiso district yesterday

First Lady roots for NRM

The First Lady urged supporters in Nansana and Kawempe to vote the National Resistance Movement (NRM). "As I said before, when you are building a house you pay some price and standing in the rain is some of the price we are paying to build Uganda together," she said. Mrs Museveni thanked supporters for turning up in large numbers and commended the religious leaders for praying for the country, before delivering her message.

She reminded Ugandans not to forget God amid progress and prosperity that the country has experienced. "I want to remind the people of Uganda that we should not forget the good things God has given us and as we look to take the qualitative lead to development, we should not forget to rise up from our homes and from the villages and wherever we live to vote for Museveni and all the NRM flag-bearers," Mrs Museveni said.

millions daily from poultry and dairy farming.

Museveni said peri-urban areas like Nansana can benefit from activities, such as poultry, piggery, mushroom growing and fish farming.

He pointed to his own four-

acre presidential farm, where he practices fish farming, zero grazing and crop production, saying his one fish pond alone generates sh70m in profits.

"In one acre, you can have two fishponds and each can generate sh140m annually.

When you remove some expenses, you remain with about sh70m. So, if you have both fishponds that's sh140m in profits. However, we shall help you to do this form of farming since it's costly," he said.

On artisanship, he cited tailoring, shoe making and welding as viable sources of income. The President linked wealth creation to government programmes, such as Operation Wealth Creation, Emyooga and youth and women funds.

Turning to the PDM, Museveni said Wakiso had received sh52b, benefiting about 47,000 families, though he admitted this does not cover all households.

Museveni promised that more funds would be injected into PDM, especially now that early beneficiaries have demonstrated its benefits.

The Nansana and Kawempe rallies come as the NRM intensifies its campaign in Wakiso district, which remains

WHAT VOTERS SAY



Enock Kagarama, Kawanda

I have voted for Museveni since 1996. I have, however, applied for government programmes like PDM without success.



Sarah Musoke, Ttula

We just heard about PDM, but it has never reached our area. Our parish is in Nabweru, but our leaders have never told us about PDM.



Jackson Kirabira, Kakerenge

I wanted to meet the President because I was beaten during Obote II and up to now I have pain in my chest.



Esther Namatovu, Kawanda

We appeal to the President to bring for us a skilling hub because many young people who want to enrol.

a critical battleground.

In the 2021 presidential election, Wakiso, with 1,154,857 registered voters, gave opposition candidate Robert Kyagulanyi of the National Unity Platform 425,002 votes, representing 75.69%. Museveni received 122,505 votes, or 21.82%, while Forum for Democratic Change candidate Patrick Oboti Amuriat garnered 3,730 votes, or 0.66%