

PROJECTS INCLUDE CLASSROOMS, HEALTH FACILITIES, BRIDGES, MARKETS

UPDF HANDS OVER 40 PROJECTS TO MARK TAREHE SITA

By Vision Reporter

The Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) has officially handed over more than 40 Quick Impact Projects to communities across six districts in the Kigezi sub-region as part of activities to commemorate the 45th anniversary of Tarehe Sita.

The projects, covering education, health, sanitation, transport and other community infrastructure, were implemented under the Tarehe Sita theme: "Defending

the gains of the revolution and honouring the sacrifices of the freedom fighters; a call for National Unity, Peace and Socio-Economic Transformation."

Across the Kigezi sub-region, the UPDF commissioned classroom blocks, health facilities, bridges, market structures, sanitation facilities and staff accommodation units.

KABALE

In Kabale district, the projects included a two-classroom block at Kanyankwanzi Primary



Mbadi (second-left) inspecting Kihanda Kambuqa bridge after handing it over to the community in Kanungu, yesterday

School, staff accommodation at Rwene Health Centre II, the Kahungye and Nyanja-Kambibi bridges, and two aqua privy toilets at Nyanja Primary School and Bugonji market.

RUBANDA

In Rubanda district, the UPDF handed over a two-classroom block at Burorero Primary School in Hamurwa sub-county, a five-stance improved pit-latrines and the Bubaale maternity ward.

In Kisoro district, the force constructed market stalls, classroom blocks, aqua privy toilets, chain-link fences and medical service facilities.

RUKIGA

In Rukiga district, the projects comprised four culvert bridges along the Nyakarambi-Kangondo Road, a two-



Muhwezi opens an incinerator in Rukungiri



Rwamirama (right) inspects a water tank donated to Bizenga Primary School

classroom block at Katungu Primary School, staff quarters at Kitanga Health Centre II and a paediatric ward at Mparo Health Centre IV.

KANUNGU

In Kanungu district, the army commissioned two classroom blocks at Kangarambe Primary School, a five-stance aqua privy toilet at Kishenyi Primary School, the Kihanda-Kambuqa bridge and a footbridge at River Kiruruma in Kihuri.

RUKUNGIRI

In Rukungiri district, two classroom blocks were constructed at Kakokoma and Kikarara primary schools, alongside housing units at Ibanda Health Centre II and Ngooma Primary School, an incinerator at Rukungiri Health Centre IV and a five-stance water toilet at Rwakabengo Health Centre III.

The UPDF also handed over assorted equipment, including delivery beds,

hospital mattresses, life jackets, reflectors and garbage containers.

The Joint Staff Political Commissariat and overall co-ordinator of the Tarehe Sita activities, Maj. Gen. Henry Masiko, commended the Government ministers who presided over the commissioning ceremonies, describing their involvement as a sign of strong civil-military co-operation.

SIX MINISTERS PRESENT

"In Kigezi, six ministers presided over the commissioning of these projects, and I want to commend them for the commitment they demonstrated," Masiko said.

The ministers included industry state minister David Bahati; animal industry state minister Bright Rwamirama; internal affairs state minister David Muhoozi; trade state minister Wilson Mbadi; security minister Jim Muhwezi; and veteran affairs state minister Huda Oleru.

Masiko said the UPDF deliberately uses its anniversary to give back to communities, noting that the army was founded on the support of the people.

EFFICIENCY

In Kabale, Bahati praised the UPDF for its efficiency and cost-effectiveness, citing the Nyanja bridge, which he said was completed at a fraction of the cost and time usually associated with similar projects.

In Rukiga, Muhoozi said Tarehe Sita commemorates the historic events of February 6, 1981, honours the sacrifices of freedom fighters, and reaffirms UPDF's commitment to national security, unity and socio-economic transformation.

In Rubanda, Oleru said the projects would leave a lasting impact by boosting education and healthcare services while honouring the legacy of liberation heroes.

Maj. Gen. Don Nabasa, the UPDF joint staff policy and strategy, urged residents to maintain peace and discipline during the electoral period. Nabaasa was speaking on behalf of Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba, the Chief of Defence Forces.

In Kanungu, Mbadi said the projects recognised the historic partnership between civilians and the UPDF during the liberation struggle.

In Kisoro, minister Bright Rwamirama said UPDF's outreach reflects the fact that soldiers and the UPDF originate from the same communities they serve.

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