

# IRISH MINISTER LAUDS GOVT ON EDUCATION IN KARAMOJA

By Olandason Wanyama

The Ireland minister of foreign development and diaspora, Neale Richmond, has said education remains important in registering success in Karamoja sub-region.

During his field visit to Karamoja on Friday as part of his tour of the country, he highlighted the progress made by the Government in partnership with the development allies.

With a strong leadership, Richmond said Karamoja will serve as an example of what is possible in transforming a community.

The Irish minister committed sh44.4b towards expanding access to skilling and education initiatives from the government of Ireland. This was during his visit to Moroto district to inspect Irish-funded projects.

Richmond said Ireland will invest euro 18.6m (sh78.78b) in development programmes in Uganda this year, with euro 10.5m earmarked specifically for Karamoja.

"We are impressed by the



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Pupils of Kasimeri Primary School and staff display flags showing the strong ties between Ireland and Uganda during a visit by Richmond (back) last week

great work done in promoting education in the region, and now we will reinforce our commitment to Uganda to drive development amidst

challenges of budget cuts faced by other partners," he said.

Richmond said despite reduced funding by some Western countries, Ireland

remains committed to supporting vulnerable communities such as Karamoja, where its projects over the last 20 years have improved access to education and healthcare while strengthening collaboration between local and international institutions.

The Irish minister emphasised that education remains central to Ireland's strategy, particularly in empowering young people, especially girls,

to become future leaders.

He announced plans to construct a sh150m girls' dormitory at Kasimeri Primary School to improve access to quality education, adding that the move will decongest the existing dormitory.

In addition, Richmond said a bursary programme targeting 1,600 students – 60% of them girls – from disadvantaged communities will also be rolled out in northern Uganda.

## LEADERS HAIL MINISTER

Earlier on Friday, the Irish minister for foreign development and diaspora, Neale Richmond, visited Nangorit village in Moroto's Nadunget sub-county, where he was welcomed by local leaders in the settlement and treated to cultural dances.

At Don Vittorio Community Development Centre, over 200 youth are being skilled with support from the Irish government.

The Minister for Karamoja Affairs, Simon Peter Lokeris, commended Ireland for consistently prioritising the sub-region's development in the last two decades.

"The initiative will cater to school fees, transport, scholastic materials, medical insurance, and living costs," he said.

The Irish minister said his government will continue supporting vocational and skilling programmes in Kitodo, Napak, Nakapiripirit and Moroto districts.

## Administrator General to manage Garuga estate

By Farooq Kasule

Court in Kampala has appointed the Administrator General, Victor Manzi, to temporarily manage the estate of the late businessman James Musinguzi Garuga pending determination of the family dispute over its management.

This was after the Family Division of the High Court dismissed an application by his son, Alwyn Musinguzi, who had sought for joint temporary letters of administration together with other beneficiaries.

Garuga succumbed to cancer in August last year, but he left a number of properties, which have become a centre of dispute among the beneficiaries. He was survived by one wife and four children including Alwyn.

Dismissing Alwyn's application in a ruling dated February 20, 2026, Justice John Eudes Keitirima cited the differences which have since developed among the beneficiaries on how the estate should be administered.

"Considering the circumstances of this case, I will appoint the Administrator General as the administrator *pendente lite* (pending litigation)

for the estate of the late Garuga until the determination of Civil Suit 346 of 2025 involving the parties herein," the judge ruled.

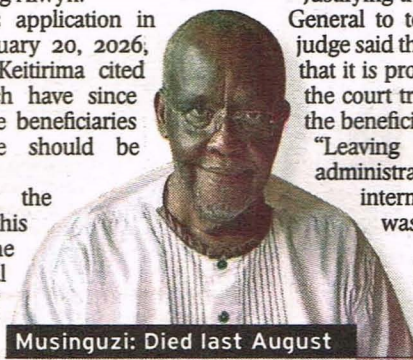
Keitirima said for a person to be granted letters of administration *pendente lite*, such a person should be impartial with no conflict of interest in the dispute.

"The person should equally be competent to manage the estate and make decisions in the best interest of the beneficiaries," Keitirima said.

Citing the accusations and counter accusations among the beneficiaries of the estate, Keitirima said they cannot work in harmony to manage the estate. He added that granting them temporary administration of the estate would instead cause a lot of disruptions and acrimony.

Justifying the appointment of the Administrator General to temporarily manage the estate, the judge said there is a need to preserve it to ensure that it is properly managed in the meantime as the court tries to resolve the disputes between the beneficiaries.

"Leaving the said estate without any administration would subject the estate to intermeddlers and would be prone to waste," he said.



Musinguzi: Died last August

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