

# Kibuku SS gets a new lease of life with new classrooms

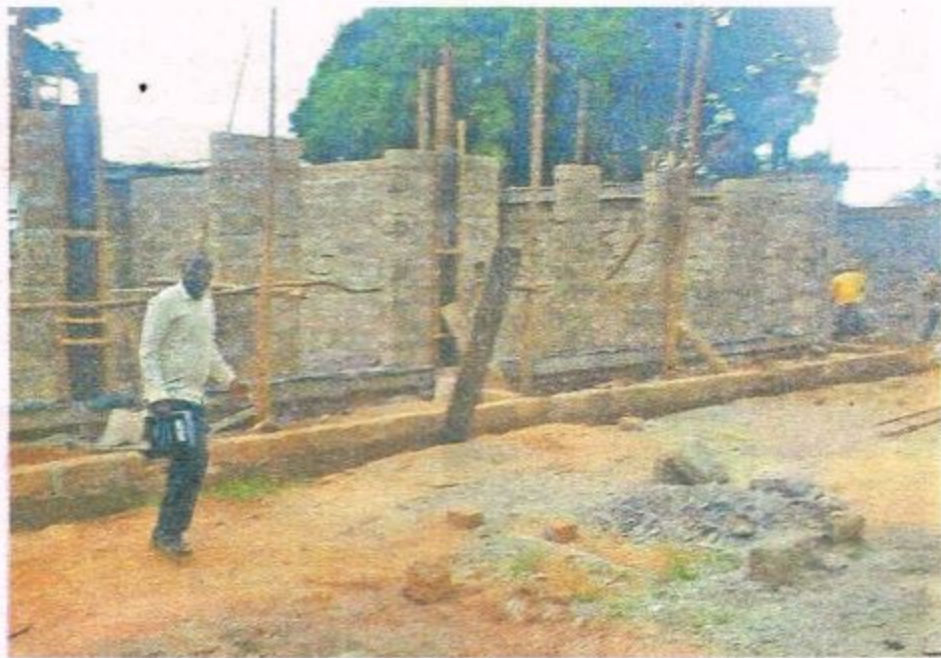
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**KIBUKU.** For years, students at Kibuku Senior Secondary School in the eastern district of Kibuku have been holding classes in overcrowded but incomplete classroom structures, due to shortage of space. In some cases, some classes are conducted under tree shade.

But that reality is set to change following a major infrastructure support worth Shs786million, from government, which is aimed at transforming the learning environment. The construction, led by the UPDF Engineering Brigade, will run for three months.

The school headteacher, Mr Fred Ssamanya is pleased Kibuku Senior Secondary School will soon be transformed with the construction of a major classroom block.

"This new classroom block [will] significantly ease congestion and improve



A new classroom block being constructed at Kibuku SS last week. PHOTO/MUDANGHA KOLYANGHA

academic conditions for both students and teachers," Mr Ssamanya explained.

The project, comes at a time when the school is struggling with a growing student population that has outstripped available classroom space.

According to Mr Ssamanya, the school enrollment stands at 1,015 student stuck in four classrooms.

He added that the UPDF engineering brigade is set to construct 5 classrooms, 3 unit science Labs, 2 VIP pit latrines [five stances].

"The school is meant to have at least 20 classrooms but [the new project will] leave a deficit of 13 classrooms to match the growing number of students" Mr Ssamanya explained.

The school has produced several prominent alumni, including State Minister for Bunyoro Affairs Ms. Jennipher Namuyangu as well as MPs, Mr Abdu Byakatonda and Mr Saleh Kamba.

"This project is a big relief for us," Mr

Robert Keno, the chairperson PTA noted.

"We have been facing serious challenges with overcrowding, and this new block will create a more conducive environment for both teachers and students."

The chairperson Board of Governors, Mr Faustino Waluya, expressed optimism that improved learning spaces would enhance academic performance in the school.

"The situation before was compromising the academic performance... it is a timely intervention that aligns with broader national goals of improving access to quality education," Mr Waluya explained.

The school has 32 teachers, of whom 22 are on government payroll, while the rest are catered for by the Parents and Teachers' Association. In addition, some of the school's 22-hectares are under attack from area neighbours.