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## **KIRYANDONGO COMMISSIONS 2 BILLION SHILLINGS CONTROVERSAL NUSAF3 PROJECTS**

Kiryandongo district authorities have commissioned the 2 billion shillings NUSAF3 labor intensive public works projects whose funds had been caveated at the beginning of the financial year 2020/2021. The projects commissioned include community access roads, market stalls, institutional greening and community fish ponds.

The NUSAF3 groups were mobilized and formed during the FY 2017/2018 and files were submitted to OPM for funding.

However, the funds were not disbursed to Kiryandongo district local government until towards the end of the FY 2019/2020 (May 2020).

Disbursement of funds towards the end of FY was a threat which would make the funds be swept back to the consolidated account making the people of Kiryandongo lose.

While addressing the beneficiaries at Gwara primary school-Karuma on Thursday August 12, 2021 Edith Aliguma Adyeri the district chairperson thanked the community for participating in the labor intensive public works and informed them that the delay in implementation of the projects was caused by the need to verify whether the members of the groups formed two years before the disbursement of funds were still together or maintained the same project interest.

Aliguma also commended the Inspectorate of Government for working closely with the district to ensure effective implementation of NUSAF3 projects. She also assured the community of the district's commitment to offer services despite the end of NUSAF3 project.

During the same occasion, James Penywi the director monitoring and evaluation at Inspectorate of Government called upon the community to always raise complaints on service delivery through their local leaders before they think of the IG. "use your leaders to raise complaints, only come to inspectorates of government if your leaders don't respond. Make engagements and work with the technical people to ensure good working relations. Penywi urged the beneficiaries.

Penywi also urged the public officers in Kiryandongo to be honest while declaring their assets, incomes and liabilities to Inspectorate of Government. "It becomes a problem when you have a lot of property and you cannot explain how you got them. "said Penywi.

The labor intensive public works commissioned are expected to improve on the welfare and livelihood of the people as well as easing access to social services such as markets, schools and health facilities.



Kiryandongo LCV Chairperson (in front) together with technical staff inspect market stalls at Mutunda market



*Kiryandongo district authorities inspecting Gwara I community fish pond funded under NUSAF3*