

**RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT BY
THE RT HON. PRIME MINISTER DURING PRIME MINISTER
QUESTION TIME**

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THURSDAY 14th JULY 2022

Hon. Sylvia Bahireira Tumwekwase, Woman MP Kamwenge District

1. Kenya and Tanzania have accused Uganda of stalling a 60 billion US Dollar trade plan on Lake Victoria which would be a big boost to the region's Economy.


Rt. Hon Prime Minister, what is the status Bukasa port Project which is part of this trade plan

Rt. Hon. Speaker,

- The Bukasa Port project has 3 phases, namely;
 - 1) the preparation phase
 - 2) the physical construction phase and
 - 3) The expansion phase.
- Currently, Government has commenced with the first phase which includes;
 - a) Construction of the main access road; Kinawataka –Bukasa road.
 - b) Completion of the feasibility study.
 - c) The Environmental and social impact assessment has also been completed.
 - d) Completion of the resettlement Action Plan.
 - e) The Port Design and the master plan for Bukasa port is in place.
 - f) Compensation of 1750 out of 1958 Project Affected Persons (PAPs) representing 89.4%.

Finally, the First phase is scheduled to be completed in June 2023 and thereafter commencement of the second phase which will include the construction of the shipyard and the floating dock.

Hon. Opio Samuel Acuti, Kole North, Kole District



2. **Three years ago the government launched the rehabilitation of the 375km Tororo-Mbale-Lira-Kole-Gulu metre gauge railway line. The project was to be funded through a grant provided by the European Union. It was expected that by 2022 the rehabilitation would have been completed and this line would form a vital transport corridor connecting Ugandan exports to South Sudan, DRC and Kenya. However, to date there is hardly any works going on. What is the status of rehabilitation of this railway line and what is the status of the \$26.8 million grant given by the European Union? Have the funds been diverted?**

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honorable Members,

The Project covers a total of 375km and is part of a bigger Programme named the Development Initiative for Northern Uganda (DINU) co-funded between Government of Uganda contributing 55.4% and the European Union 44.6%.

The total contract sum is 39.34 million Euros

The project actual physical progress is at 19.2%.

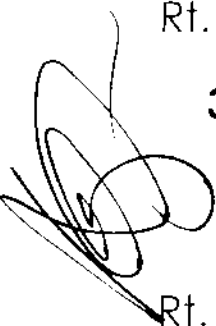
Funds were not diverted, the project is expected to be completed by August 2023.

Hon. Patrick Nsamba, Member of Parliament Kassanda North County, Kassanda District

For the last two weeks, there has been massive vandalization of over 17 boreholes in Kasanda North, Kasanda District by unknown people which has led to scarcity of water in the area

Questions/Prayers

Rt. Hon. Prime Minister



3. What are the steps Ministry of Water and Environment is taking to restore and have access to clean water in the area?

Rt. Hon. Speaker,

Due to the poor quality of water that kassanda town Council borehole was then producing, Midwestern umbrella Organisation was subcontracted by Ministry of Water and Environment after it was decided to stop water production from that same borehole and embarked on drilling a new one.

The contractor MSR Technologies LTD was contracted to drill the new borehole and drilling is now complete.

Pumping and testing of water is still on going.

Rt. Hon. Speaker,

Water supply in Kassanda town council is still low.

currently there is high demand for clean and safe water in the District.

Rt. Hon. Speaker,

Soon after Parliament yesterday, I got in touch with Ministry of Water informed them of this problem.

Today, the Ministry has sent Engineers to Kassanda to assess the level of damage so that the supply of water in those vandalized boreholes is restored.

There are two types of boreholes in Kassanda;

- i. The piped one nearing completion managed by Midwestern Umbrella Organization.
- ii. The other ones are run by water user committees elected from the Community.

4. Can Government institute an investigation and get to the cause of the theft to ensure that this does not happen again?

Kassanda Police Station has opened up a general inquiry File (GF) to investigate the matter and members of public are urged to go and report cases of vandalism.

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The District security committee together with officials from Ministry of Water are conducting Community meetings to sensitize people to be vigilant and report any suspected cases of vandalism.

I am directing the IGP to send a special investigation team to re-enforce the district.

Today the District Security Committee comprising of RDC, DPC, DISO are in Makokoto Subcounty.

Attached is their program.

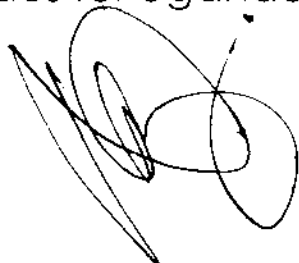
Hon. Dorcus Acen, Woman MP Alebtong District.

5. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into Domestic structures, equipment and organizations is a key driver in economic growth in any developing country's balance of payment position.

To what extent has Uganda as a developing country utilized FDIs as strategy for economic improvement?

Rt. Hon. Speaker,

Government over the years has put in place mechanisms for improving the business environment to facilitate investments. For instance, the Investment Code Act was revised in 2019 and provides for Uganda Investment Authority as a One Stop



Centre while tax laws are often updated to reflect international best practices. In addition, infrastructure development including road network, utilities and ICT have equally been prioritized especially in industrial Parks and Free Zones. These are some of the factors that have made Uganda a competitive Investment destination leading to increased Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

Foreign Direct Investment inflows have significantly grown from USD 1million in 1991 to USD 874M in 2020.

Foreign Direct Investment firms have played a key role in contributing towards economic development through;

- Enhancing technological transfer
- Job creation
- Capital accumulation
- Increased value and volume of exports
- Improved balance of payments

In addition Foreign Direct Investment provides financial, human and technological resources and these are required to promote domestic private investments. This is critical for our industrialization agenda

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