

Students urged to value patriotism, conservation

KYOTERA
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Students have been urged to cultivate a deep love and loyalty for Uganda, recognising it as their motherland and heritage, and to play a role in shaping its future.

The call was made by Brig. Gen. Justus Rukundo during the pass-out ceremony for 402 students at St Raphael Secondary School in Kabira county, Kyotera district.

The students who completed the patriotism training included 130 boys and 272 girls.

Representing Hellen Seku, the commissioner of the National Secretariat for Patriotism in State House, Rukundo emphasised the importance of patriotism, reminding students that Uganda is their only home and must be cherished, protected, and developed.

"We have only one Uganda,



Students of Aggrey Memorial High School during a pass-out ceremony. They were encouraged them to use the skills and stay in school

and it is our collective responsibility to love, cherish, protect and defend it at all costs as good citizens," he said.

The brigadier stressed that patriotism is not about engaging in war but rather participating in activities that contribute to the nation's development. He

told the students that even Ugandans who acquire foreign citizenship still owe allegiance to their motherland.

He said: "We are lucky to be Ugandans because of our beautiful climate and fertile soils, which earned us the title 'Pearl of Africa'. Uganda is the

best country in the world and we must jealously guard it."

Rukundo added that President Yoweri Museveni has continuously guaranteed stability across the country.

"It is only in Uganda where people enjoy peace from border to border

PLANT FRUIT TREES

Brig. Gen. Justus Rukundo emphasised the importance of environmental conservation, urging students to plant fruit trees as a means of preserving the environment for future generations while also generating economic benefits.

"If you want to enjoy shade in the future, you must plant a tree today. The President has guided us to plant fruit trees because they provide fruits, money and shade simultaneously," he said.

"We must preserve our environment for the next generations. If our forefathers had not preserved it, we wouldn't be enjoying the beauty of Uganda today."

Anastazia Birungi Mbabazi, the headteacher of St Raphael SS, said the students not only received training on patriotism but also underwent ideological orientation, career guidance, financial literacy, personal development, climate change awareness and environmental protection measures, among other topics.

Mbabazi commended the President for initiating patriotism programmes, saying it has played a key role in nurturing disciplined and responsible citizens.

"We want to thank the President for establishing this initiative because, through patriotism, we groom responsible and resilient citizens," she said.

Mbabazi also expressed gratitude to the National Secretariat for Patriotism and the commissioner for extending the programme to their school and the region.

due to the good leadership of our president. We must patriotically guard this peace because we have everything," he said.

In a related development, 144 male and 191 female students at Aggrey Memorial High School in Bunamwaya, Wakiso district

also underwent patriotism training. They were passed out by Dr Brenda Tibamwenda, the assistant commissioner for monitoring and evaluation at the National Secretariat who encouraged them to use the skills and stay in schools in order to achieve their dreams.



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INVITATION FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Procurement for Agribusiness Development Service Provision (PSP) in the districts of Namayingo, Bugiri, Jinja, Iganga, Mayuge, Bugweri, Buyende Namutumba, Kaliro, Luka and Kamuli (Busoga sub region) under the National Oilseeds Project (NOSP).

- The **National Oilseeds Project (NOSP)** has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and intends to apply a part of the financing for the execution of the consulting services assignment described in paragraph 3 below. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's no-objection, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with **NOSP**.
- The goal of the National Oilseeds Project Goal is "Inclusive rural transformation through sustainable development of the Oilseeds sector". The Development Objective is to "accelerate commercialization in key oilseeds value chains and thereby improve the livelihoods and resilience of the small holders engaged in oilseed production and marketing".
- The client now invites firms to provide Consulting Services for **Agribusiness Development Service Provision (PSP) as follows;**

S/N	Subject of Consultancy Services	Reference number.
01	Procurement for Agribusiness Development Service Provision (PSP) in the districts of Namayingo, Bugiri, Jinja, Iganga, Mayuge, Bugweri, Buyende Namutumba, Kaliro, Luka and Kamuli (Busoga sub region).	MAAIF-NOSP/CONS/24-25/00026
- The Request for Proposal document in English is free of charge. Interested firms should express their interest to be issued the

RFP document in writing to the email address; **procurement@agriculture.go.ug** and **nosp.procurement@agriculture.go.ug**. The Request for Proposal document in English may be downloaded by interested bidders from the website/ link; **http://www.agriculture.go.ug/maaif_calls-for-proposals**. Bidders are encouraged to check on the web address / link from time to time in case additional information is communicated or an addendum is issued. Upon downloading the provider is requested to confirm their participation through Email address; **procurement@agriculture.go.ug** and **nosp.procurement@agriculture.go.ug**.

- A consultant will be selected using **QCBS** evaluation procedure in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook dated **2020**, which is available at **www.ifad.org/project-procurement**. The selection process, as described, may include a reference check, prior to contract award.
- A pre-proposal conference **will** be held at address in No.7 below in the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Tent **29th April 2025 at 10:00am**
- Proposals must be delivered to the address below no later than **13th May 2025 at 11:00am local time**

Procurement and Disposal Unit Office,
Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries,
Former Library Premises, Main Office Building,
Plot 16-18, Lugard Avenue,
Tel: 0414-320981,
Entebbe.

- Consultants should be aware that distance and customs formalities may require longer than expected delivery time. Late proposals will not be accepted under any circumstances and will be returned unopened to the consultant(s).
- Electronic proposals **shall not** be accepted

The planned procurement schedule is as follows:

Activity	Date
a. Publish bid notice	10 th April 2025
b. Pre-proposal meeting	29 th April 2025
c. Proposal closing date	13 th May 2025
d. Evaluation process (Technical and Financial Proposals)	27 th May 2025
e. Display and communication of best evaluated bidder notice	30 th June 2025
f. Negotiations	8 th July 2025
g. Contract signature	4 th August 2025

Yours sincerely,

The Permanent Secretary,
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