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**Welcome to the First Edition of Amuria District Journal.**  
**In this maiden edition, I am pleased to share with you highlights of what transpired in the district during the third quarter of the 2024/2025 Financial Year. This content has been put together by the Communication Officer of Amuria District.**

*Editor's Note*



This initiative provides members of the public, stakeholders and staff the progress of government and development partners interventions in the communities of Amuria district.

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- 5.Upgrade of Wera Health Centre

III to Health Centre IV commences with construction of facilities.

As we continue to serve you, our main goal is to inform you with plans and events that transpire in Amuria District. Amuria District News Letter that will be published quarterly, provides space for individuals and institutions seeking to advertise their products and services.

*Thank you for reading!*

**Okiring Christopher,  
Communications Officer  
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# Amuria Recieves 10 Billion Shillings For Third Quarter of 2024/2025 FY

The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development has released 10,190,439,600 (ten billion one hundred and ninety million, four hundred and thirty nine thousand six hundred shillings ) for the third quarter of 2024/2025. The third quarter release caters for the months of January, February and March 2025.

Angella Akurut the Chief Administrative Officer Amuria in a letter addressed to district chairperson dated 14th January 2025 and copied to the Resident District Commissioner, Heads of Departments, Honorable Members of the district council among others said the money will cater for wages, and none wage expenditures including execution of development projects. “The ministry of Finance, Planning and

Economic Development has released funds amounting to 10,190,439,600, the purpose of this communication is to declare the funds released” The letter read in part. The money will also cater pensions and gratuity expenditures. Akurut asked the heads of department to expedite the processing of warrants so that the money is put

into use. In October the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development released 9,186,008,260 (One billion ,one hundred and eighty six thousand ,eight thousand, two hundred sixty shillings) for the second quarter of 2024/2025. The second quarter ran from October, November and December 2024.





# Minister Odongo Launches Works on 16KM road in Ogolai Sub County

**T**HE MINISTER of Foreign Affairs Hon Jeje Odongo has on Wednesday March 19th launched the rehabilitation of Acedayapo-Akore road in Ogolai subcounty.

The 16-Kilometer road is expected to cost 1.2 billion shillings and is being funded by government of Uganda with partnership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

Minister Odongo while launching the rehabilitation works on the road, encouraged local farmers to engage in commercial agriculture especially on the oil seeds such as soya, sunflower and groundnuts among others. “This road is going to be in good shape soon, but for us to reap its benefit all of us should get into meaningful agriculture especially on oil seeds” Odongo said.

The Chief Administrative Officer Amuria Ms Angella Akurut emphasized the need for the contractor to do quality work so as to ensure value for money is achieved.

“For me as the accounting officer I will ensure through my technical staff that quality work is done so as to ensure value for money” Akurut Noted.

The contract to rehabilitate the road has been awarded to M/S Shajapa Technical works limited. The rehabilitation of the road is expected to be complete in three months’ time.

Once complete, the road is expected to accelerate commercial agriculture in key oilseeds value chains and thereby improve the livelihoods and resilience of small-holder farmers engaged in oilseed production and marketing.



**PHOTO: Minister Jeje Odongo launching the rehabilitation of Acedayapo-Akore road**

Speaking at the same function, the Local Council five chairperson Amuria district Hon Moses Emabu encouraged residents to own up government programmes being implemented in the area in order to realize their intended goals.



# Abarilela Sub County Receives Piped Water Project Worth 900 Million UGX



RDC Amuria (in the centre casting a big stone) launching the piped water project

“When this project is completed, we shall hand it over to the water board who will charge you a small fee for purposes of management,”  
**Ms. Harriet Agemo the Programme Manager WeltHungerHilfe**

**A**muria district local government in partnership with WelthungerHilfe a German non-governmental organization, launched a multi-million solarpowered piped water project at Abarilela Rural Growth centre, Abarilela sub-county, Amuria district.

The project is estimated to cost 915,910,354/ Ugx (Nine hundred and fifteen million, nine hundred and ten thousand, three hundred and fifty four shillings) and is fully funded by the Charity Water Project.

Speaking during the launch of the project, Amuria district Resident District Commissioner (RDC) Mr. Imran Muluga, said the project will improve access to safe and clean water in Abarilela sub-county and the neighboring communities. “This project will mark a significant milestone in improving access to clean water for communities as well as providing a sustainable solution to water scarcity in the area,” Muluga said.

The district local council five chairperson, Mr. Moses Emabu also emphasized the need for community contributions in fostering the operation

and maintenance of the piped water project in order to keep supporting the local communities.

“As we launch this project our focus as the leadership of Amuria district will be on operation and maintenance, we are going to ensure that communities contribute a small fee that can enable us sustain the project” Emabu said.

According to Ms. Harriet Agemo the Programme Manager WeltHungerHilfe, the project will be undertaken by SB Innovations Limited and will benefit 2,109 persons in the initial year. She says that once the system is fully functional, the facility will be handed over to the district water board for management.

Under the project’s initial subsidized connections, 60 yard taps will be installed while 10 Public Standpipe systems will also be installed with the aim of easing access to safe clean water.

The project also has various components that include construction of a pump house, guard house and an ecosan toilet facility and it is expected to be complete by April 2025.





## ON THE GROUND

“So far, five farmers have initiated the growing of five acres of coffee, and its doing very well. The district has tested coffee cultivation and it’s yielding highly, even breaking the barriers.”

*Moses Okim, Amuria District Agricultural Officer*

# NARO PARTNERS WITH FAO TO BOOST COFFEE PRODUCTION IN AMURIA

## EXPERT VIEW

The Director of Research at NARO, Dr. Nasser Kasozi revealed that the organization has so far introduced and distributed over 10 different varieties of Robusta coffee and will soon introduce Arabica coffee to cater for highland ecologies and boost the livelihoods of farmers.

Kasozi also noted that NARO has generated over 1,000 technologies in areas of crops, and farmer’s livelihoods.

Mr. David Dickens Ogwang, the FAO field office coordinator for Lango and Teso sub regions emphasized the need for sustainability, ownership, and adoption of the interventions by farmers to improve their livelihoods before the project expires.

The district leaders led by the Assistant Resident District Commissioner, Ms. Proscovia Arongo commended NARO and FAO for the initiative to always guide farmers on selecting the right seeds that suits the environment.

She also pledged government’s support to the organizations in implementing their programs.

In a bid to eradicate poverty among farmers in communities, the National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO) has partnered with the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) to boost coffee production in Amuria district.

This was revealed during the seed fair exhibition held at Kujju sub-county headquarters and organized by NARO, FAO and the Amuria district local government. The event brought together farmers, agricultural experts, and local leaders within the Teso sub-region and aimed at sensitizing farmers on the better coffee farming practices.

The initiative is part of the five-year project funded by the government of Uganda and the Global Environment Facility with the aim to integrate climate resilience into agricultural and pastoral production in communities. The project is now supporting at least five fisheries, livestock and agro-machinery over the years with the aim of boosting food security, different farmers in Amuria to grow coffee on five acres by providing them with the necessary seedlings, technical knowledge, and other support to ensure success.

According to Amuria District Agricultural Officer, Mr. Moses Okim the project is so far yielding positive results to farmers despite the challenges as a result of climate change.





# WERA HEALTH CENTER III ELEVATED TO HEALTH CENTER IV

- Construction of New Facilities Commences

The elevation of Wera Health Centre III to Health Centre IV in Amuria district has kicked off with the construction of new facilities.

The district officials led by the Resident District Commissioner (RDC) Hajji Imran Muluga, a team comprising of the political and technical staff conducted a joint monitoring exercise aimed at ensuring good quality work in the construction of facilities and were impressed by the work progress.

“The progress and quality of the work done in this facility is so far good,” Muluga said.

Mr. Mulunga also revealed that in order to beat the set deadline for the completion of the project set for May this year, two contractors have been awarded different assignments so as to ensure that the project is completed in time.

The facilities being put in place include; theatre block, outpatient department block (OPD), a new maternity

block, a four stance VIP pit latrine and a medical waste pit. The construction works also include the remodeling of the existing maternity ward.

Mulunga also revealed that, in the financial year 2019/2020 the government of Uganda upgraded Amuria Health Centre IV to a general hospital.

The hospital now serves people from the districts of Amuria, Abim, Alebtong, Soroti and Kapelebyong.

This financial year 2024/2025, Golokwara and Abeko health centre IIs are also operating as health centre IIIs and there are plans by the government to extend new facilities in a move to extend health services to the people.

The two facilities also funded under UGIFT benefited from the construction of maternity wards and assorted medical equipment



PHOTO: RDC Amuria Mr Imran Muluga leading a team to monitor works at Wera Health Centre III



# Amuria District Proposes Shs.35BN Budget for 2025/'26 Financial Year



*Secretary for Finance Hon Erusu Kokas presenting the budget to Amuria District Council*

**A**muria district has laid a proposed budget of Sh35,239,458 for the financial year 2025/2026 before council.

This budget was presented during a council session on March 27, 2025, which was presided over by District Speaker, Mr. Charles Otim.

The motion to lay the budget was tabled to council by Hon. Kokas Erusu, the Secretary for Finance, and seconded by Hon. Alwao Esther, the councilor representing women from Akeriau Sub County.

**The proposed budget reflects a strategic allocation of resources across various sectors, with education receiving the highest share of Sh14, 526,696 billion.**

The production sector has been allocated Sh1, 953,904, while roads and engineering projects will receive Sh1,463,658. This investment underlines the district's commitment to improving educational facilities and opportunities for its youth.

Funding for the budget is anticipated to come from various sources, including locally raised revenues, discretionary government transfers, and programme conditional government transfers.

Additionally, external financing and other government transfers will play an integral role in supporting the proposed budget.

While presenting the budget speech, Hon. Erusu expressed optimism about the budget's potential to bring about positive changes in the lives of Amuria residents.

"This budget is a reflection of our commitment to

improving the lives of the people of Amuria District for social economic transformation," Erusu stated.

District Speaker Charles Otim urged council members to engage critically with the budget documents to facilitate informed decision making during discussions leading to its approval in May.

The theme for this year's budget is centered around the full monetization of Uganda's economy, with a focus on commercial agriculture, industrialization, and digital transformation.

As Amuria District transitions from its current budget of Sh38,356,064,000, community leaders and local stakeholders are encouraged to actively participate in discussions about the proposed budget.

**Shs.1.4bn proposed for roads and Engineering projects**





# Foot And Mouth Disease Vaccine: Amuria Gets 51,000 Doses to Curb Outbreak

**A**muria district has received 51,000 doses of foot and mouth disease vaccines from the ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and fisheries to support the efforts in controlling the outbreak.

The ministry has allocated UGX 10.2 million shillings to facilitate the vaccination exercise.

According to Dr Peter Cheli the vaccination has already commenced in all the sub counties in the district. “We have started administering the vaccines in subcounties to protect livestock and contain the outbreak” Dr Cheli said. He said the funds provided will be used for mobilization, awareness campaigns, maintenance of vaccination equipment, and covering allowances and fuel expenses for veterinary teams. He expressed optimism about the impact of the campaign stating, “With this intervention, we expect to significantly reduce the spread of Foot and Mouth Dis-

ease and protect livelihoods of livestock farmers in Amuria” Foot and mouth is highly contagious viral disease that affects cloven-hoofed animals such as cattle, sheep, pigs and goats. While rarely fatal on mature animals, it severely affects productivity. The disease affects the mouth of the animal, thereby making feeding difficult and leading to retarded growth. To respond to the outbreak the ministry of animal industry and fisheries presented a strategy to cabinet that included immediate, medium and long term measures all aimed at breaking the chain of transmission



# COMMISSIONED: ATEUSO PRIMARY SCHOOL GETS NEW TWO-CLASSROOM BLOCK

**A** two classroom block has been commissioned in Ateuso Primary School in Morungatuny sub-county Amuria district.

The block with an office space was commissioned by the Imran Muluga the Resident District Commissioner Amuria in a colorful ceremony held at the school.

The classroom block was constructed by Opiko Investments Limited at a cost of 85,000,000.

While commissioning the classroom block, Mulu-ga noted that with now improved infrastructure at the school, the quality of education rendered to learners will improve.

“With this infrastructure in place, better and quality education will be rendered to learners at the school” Mulu-ga noted.

Moses Emabu the Local council five Chairperson Amuria used the even to rally communities to embrace educating their children.

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*“My leadership has improved the infrastructure of this school, I now encourage you to ensure that your children remain and stay at school” Emabu noted.*

Peter Kaleeba the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Amuria implored the leadership of the school to jealously guard the infrastructure that government has put up at the school.



**A beautiful Two-classroom block recently commissioned at Ateuso Primary School in Amuria District**



# • Amuria head teachers, SMC and PTA leaders resolve to work jointly to better results.

**E**ducation stakeholders in Amuria district have unanimously agreed to work together so as better performance of learners during final examinations.

The move was resolved during a stakeholders meeting of head teachers, deputy head teachers, School management Committee and Parents Teachers Association chairpersons. The meeting was convened following concerns from Moses Emabu the Local Council Five Chairperson over poor performance of learners especially during primary leaving examinations.

In the 2024 primary leaving examinations that were released by Uganda National Examinations Board, 42 pupils passed in division, 1,205 in division 2, 1,146 IN Division 3 ,536 in division 4 while 684 were ungraded. Of the 3,642 pupils that registered to sit for the examinations, 29 did not



turn up during the examination period.

In an effort to improve performance the stakeholders resolved to assess learners weekly, organize academic days so as to share experiences, and intensify support supervision.

Other resolutions include, mobilizing parents to support school feeding programmes and timely completion of the syllabus among others.

Rose Amao the Head teacher Amuria primary school, rallied her colleagues to make use of the examiners within the district in preparation of learners

for final examinations.

“Let’s make use of the examiners that we have within the district to build capacity of our teachers so that they can deliver results” Amao noted.

Speaking at the same event Angella Akurut the Chief Administrative Officer Amuria implored teachers to love their work saying failure by teachers to do so is responsible for low coverage of the syllabus which directly affects the performance of learners.

“The teaching profession is a calling , so you should love your calling “ Akurut Noted”

Moses Emabu the district chairperson Amuria warned of turf action against Headteachers who defy the set resolutions.

“We have resolved that lets better our results, I now request you to follow the resolutions to dot, failure to do so , my office will take an action” Ema-bu noted.



**PHOTO:**  
CAO Amuria,  
Angella Akurut  
while addressing  
Head teachers,  
PTA and SMC  
chairpersons



# Government commits Shs.776m to Upgrade Orungo High School

Government has committed 776,000,000 for improving infrastructure at Orungo High school in Amuria district . The construction works for the improvement of infrastructure at the school has been awarded to Arch Techo Crafts Limited. The scope of the works include construction of administration block, ICT block, a two science laboratory block , two kitchen blocks for staff and one block of two stance pitlatrines. The improvement of infrastructure at school is being funded under UGIFT programme. The construction of the school was launched by Moses Ibwala the Assistant Resident Commissioner Amuria. While launching the construction works of the school, Ibwala noted that



**Assistant RDC Amuria while handing over the BOQs to the director Arch Techo Crafts Limited. Govt has committed Shs.776 million to upgrade Orungo H.S.**

with the infrastructure in place , government is fulfilling its ambition of bringing education services closer to the people. “ With the structures we are launching today, the NRM government is fulfilling her promise of bringing education services nearer to the

people” Ibwala noted. Moses Emabu the district chairperson Amuria district thanked government for improving infrastructure at the school. “ We want to thank government for helping as improve infrastructure at this school, this school really

deserves additional structures” Emabu noted. Peter Ochaga the Head teacher of Orungo High school noted that once the works are completed, it will help boost the performance of the school especially science subjects.



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# MICRO PROJECTS HELP BOOST HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN AMURIA

**M**icro projects are helping to boost household incomes in Amuria . Government through Teso Affairs ministry with support from the Office of the Prime minister recently sent funds for supporting micro projects with the view of helping households improve of their incomes. In Amuria district, the beneficiaries of the ten million fund include Akeriau women cattle rearing project and Asilang women’s welfare Association.

For Asilang women’s welfare association, the group bought 130 chairs and two tents for hire. Teresa Ateeme the chairperson of Asilang Women’s Welfare Association says that her of 21 members is earning daily income from the hire of chairs and tents.

“Since we got this support from Teso Affairs ministry our lives have changed , we are able to get daily income” said Ateeme Teresa the chairperson of the group.

Through savings, the group is planning to buy a public address system in order to boost their incomes. Asilang women welfare association members are not alone whose incomes have been boosted , Akeriau women cattle rearing project members are also beaming in joy thanks to the support they got from the office of the prime minister.

Akeriau women cattle rearing project with a membership of twenty members purchased ten heads of cattle for rearing.

Hellen Christine Acheko the chairperson of Akeriau women rearing project says they envision to give the offspring’s of the cattle to other members of the group. Since cattle rearing is a long term project, the group is also engaged in savings

Edmond Malinga the Community Development Officer Amuria who is in charge of micro projects says the beneficiaries have put the money in proper use.



Akeriau women rearing posing for a group photo with Amuria leaders



# A NEW TWO-IN-ONE STAFF HOUSE COMMISSIONED AT ABEKO HCIII

- The staff house was constructed at the cost of Shs.173M, with funding under the UGIFT Programme.



A staff house at Abeko Health Centre III that was launched recently

**A** two in one staff house has been commissioned at Abeko Health Centre III in Ogolai subcounty Amuria District. The staff house was constructed by M&N contractors at a cost of 173,000,000 shillings. The construction was funded under the UGIFT Programme. While commissioning the staff house, Imran Muluga the resident District Commissioner Amuria implored the health workers to dili-

gently serve members of the community who seek health service delivery at the facility. “The NRM government has provided for you accommodation this work station, so as you stay in this house , you should serve our people with one heart” Muluga noted. Moses Emabu the local council five chairperson asked members of the community to always seek health services at the facility. “We constructed for you a maternity ward recently, we have again added a staff house hear, I now request

you to seek for health service from this facility” Emabu said. Abeko Health Centre III was upgraded to the current status during the 2022/ 2023 financial year thanks to the government’s plan of making health service delivery accessible to all people. The upgrade facilitated the construction of a maternity ward, pit latrines, a placenta pit, medical waste pit, an incinerator and now a twin staff house.





- Works in progress: The front view of Amuria district offices under construction



- The district Natural Resource Officer on a 4 acre woodlot of Pine trees



- Fight against impact of climate change: 10 acre wood lot of eucalyptus trees at the district H/Quarters





1. Works and technical services committee members during a tour at MELTEC Mbale
2. Planner and PHRO Amuria (Standing) inducting Secondary Head teachers on the balanced scorecard
3. Asamuk Seed School is nearing completion





• CAO Amuria Ms Angella Akurut (left) welcoming the Bishop Hosea Odongo to Amuria District



• SHRO Mr Jacob Agwaya conducting a performance improvement meeting at Wera Seed SS





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