

Buikwe District Profile

Location

Central part of Uganda with its headquarters 57.9 Km from Kampala on road

Neighbours

North – Kayunga; West– Mukono; South – Tanzania, South East – Buvuma, East - Jinja

Population

2014 population census (Total 422,771)

Male: 207,324

Female: 215,447

Ubos projections

2020: 474,100

2021: 482,900

Major Economic Activity: Manufacturing

Youth Livelihood Programme (YLP): out of the Shs. 495,261,000 that has been advanced to seventy-seven (77) groups since the inception of the programme in 2013/2014, only Shs. 118,239,100 has been recovered from the groups representing a recovery rate of 23%.

Women Enterprise Programme: Out of the Shs. 279,499,000 that has been advanced to fifty-six (56) groups since the inception of the programme, only Shs. 73,903,100 has been recovered from the groups representing a recovery rate of 25%. The outstanding amount of Shs. 205,595,900 has attracted a service charge of Shs. 10,614,450

The low rate of recovery is attributed to the failure by the groups to make profits, an unwillingness by some groups to repay the funds and the failure by management to enforce recovery of the funds among other reasons. The failure to recover funds from the groups has resulted into failure by new groups to access funding.

“The Accounting Officer explained that he had instructed the Sub County Chiefs and Town Clerks to hold recovery mobilization meetings which were held, and some recoveries had been made from the groups.”

Education

- UgIFT Loan Project: A **Seed Secondary School in Sugu Village, Buikwe Sub County**. Project duration 20th May 2019 – 20th May 2020: construction is delayed. Shs. 388,243,534 was budgeted and received and an advance payment of Shs. 387,314,947 but the building was at foundation level in August 2020.

Health (UBOS Census Report of 2014)

- 16.7% households were found to be 5 Km or more to the nearest health facility
- Only 25.3% households had access to piped water
- 4,632 households were without any toilet facility
- 92,242 (94.3%) households were not living in decent dwellings.

Kawolo Hospital: inadequate funding

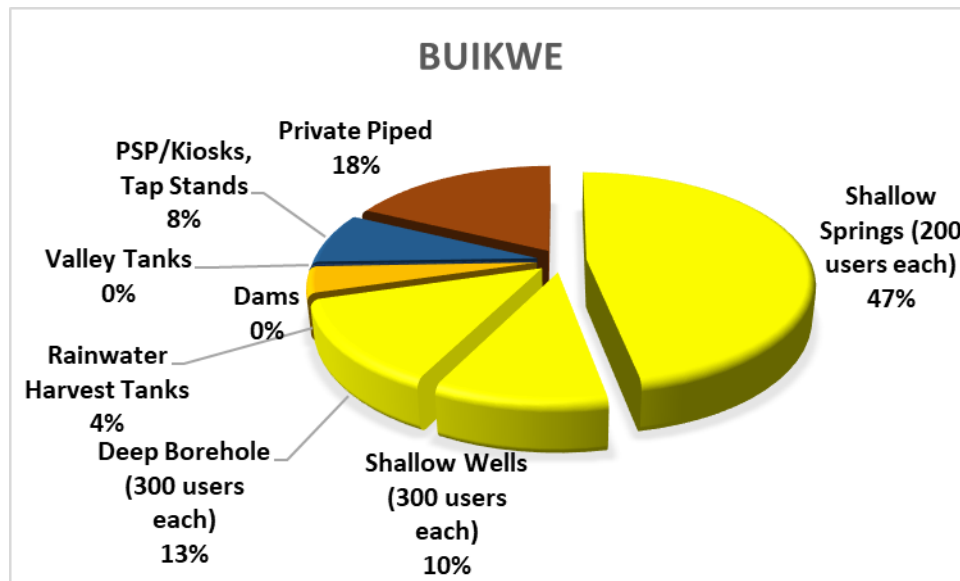
- Kawolo Hospital received Grants amounting to Shs. 206,000,000 in 2018/19.
- With the refurbishment and expansion of the hospital, the operation costs have increased but the grant has not.
- E.g. electricity consumption increased from Shs. 2,500,000 per month and to Shs. 13,000,000 per month and the fuel consumption for the generator Increased from 20 litres for 12 hours using the old generator to 20 litres per hour using the new generator. Other costs like cleaning services also increased. Consequently, the hospital had not settled Umeme bills amounting to Shs. 96,825,471.
- Lack of land title puts hospital at risk.

Distribution of Source of Energy Per Household for Lighting (UBOS Census 2014)

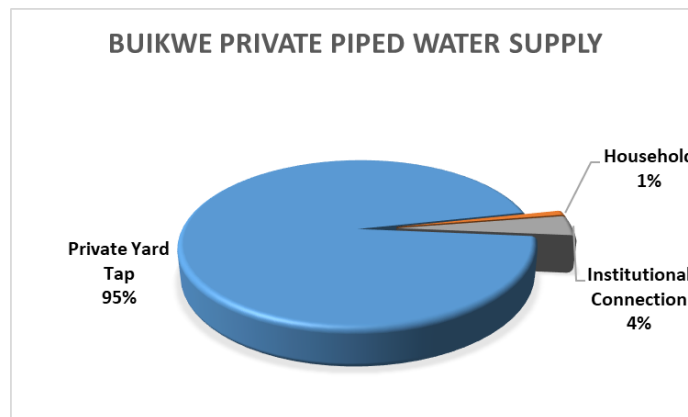
Tadooba: 50.3% Paraffin Lantern: 12.5% Electricity: 27.9%

Water Supply

Population: 478,844 Population Served by Govt.: 286,159 Not served: 192,685
 Rural Access: 79% Urban Access: 18% Total: 60%



Data source: Directorate of Water Development, Ministry of Water & Environment, 15/10/2020



Shortage of safe water: 8% of 1,563 water sources were either non-functional or its water was not fit for human consumption. The non-functionality of the water facilities. Accounting Officer explained that water sources with quality issues had old and rusty galvanised pipes but the district had plans to replace these with plastic pipes.

Audit Report on the District Programmes

Administration (Auditor General's Report 2019)

- Budget Performance: All budgeted funds of Shs. 32,068,352,329 were received and all planned programmes were implemented.
- Domestic Arrears (debts owed to suppliers and contractors): Buikwe District owes 811,799,898 to the groups under the Youth Livelihood Programme (YLP), Women Enterprise Programme (UWEP) and to Umeme for Kawolo Hospital energy bills. These could result in court cases.
- Kawolo Hospital unpaid Umeme bills: Shs. 96,825,471.

Road Maintenance (Auditor General 2019)

Implementation of the Uganda Road Funds

A total of Shs 986,663,780 was budgeted to cater for routine manual maintenance, routine mechanized maintenance, periodic maintenance, mechanical imprest, administration and emergency activities on several district roads using Road gangs and the force Account mechanism. However, the District received Shs 911,521,329 (92.4%) which included emergency funds amounting to Shs. 110,500,001 resulting into an under funding of Shs 75,142,451(8%).

However, ALL the planned programmes were undertaken.

Environmental Protection

Wetland Degradation

- 60% of wetlands have been converted for farming and settlement.
- Sand-mining

Deforestation (source: Buikwe District Hazard, Risk, and Vulnerability Profile, GOU, 2016)

Central Forest Reserves are being deforested for wood fuel and sugar cane growing.

- Inadequate National Forestry staff (one staffer for entire Mabira District)
- Ssi-Bukunja (only one staff for the whole District in Mabira)
- Sugar industry releases effluent in River Musamya and in Mbiko. Other factories polluting the environment include steel scrap factories (7 factories)
- Breweries release effluent in to River Nile.
- Tile factory being built in Bugungu-Bulamba wetland system without a license by foreign investors.