

Buhweju District Profile

Location

Western part of Uganda with its headquarters 329.5 km from Kampala by road.

Neighbours

East – Mbarara; South East – Sheema; South West – Bushenyi; North West – Rubirizi; North East - Ibanda

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Population

2014 population census (Total 120,720)

Male: 59,059

Female: 61,661

Ubos projections

2020: 144,100

2021: 148,300

Major Economic Activity: Agriculture i.e. coffee is the leading cash crop closely followed by tea.

Unemployment

1,065 youths aged 18-30 years who were neither working nor in school by 2014

Education

- Number of persons aged 6-15 years not attending school is 5,112
- Persons aged 15 years and above whose highest level of education is below S.4 was 37,617 (89.8%)
- 15,625 persons aged 18 years and above who are illiterate

Health (UBOS Census Report of 2014)

- 38.2 % households were found to be 5 km or more to the nearest health facility
- Only 7.1% households had access to piped water
- 1,239 households were without any toilet facility
- 24,801 (99.6%) households were not living in decent dwellings.

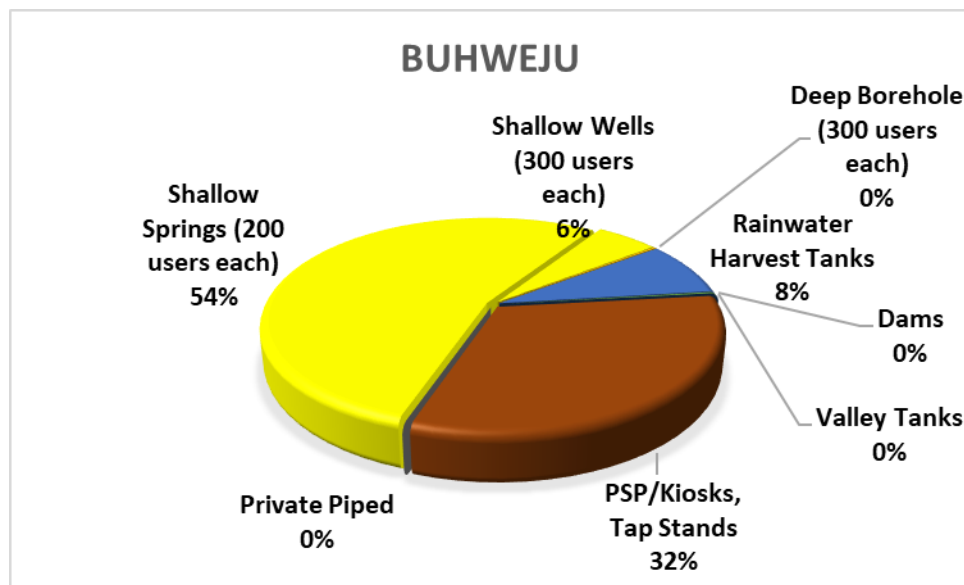
Access to Energy for Lighting (UBOS Census 2014): /

Population: 145,341 Paraffin Lantern: 89,879 Electricity: 55,462

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Access to Water

Population: 145,341 Population served: 89,879 Not served: 55,462



Pie chart generated from MWE database accessed on 15.10.20

Environmental Protection

- Unclear if the district has certificates of ownership of forests, wetlands and other natural resources. If not the resources are vulnerable to grabbing and encroachment.
- The absence of a District Environmental Committee (in 2018 when audited) make the problem worse.
- The absence of a register of user licences means use of the natural resources is/was unregulated and therefor they are in danger of depletion. Because wetlands and forests create household income, their depletion will increase poverty.