

Buliisa District Profile

Location

Buliisa District is located in the Bunyoro Sub Region - Mid-western part of Uganda with its headquarters 320Km from Kampala;

It borders Nebbi and Nwoya districts in the North, Masindi in the East, Hoima in the South and Democratic Republic of Congo in the west.

Buliisa District covers an area of 3200 sq. Kms comprised of open water and land. It is surrounded by Lake Albert, Albert Nile, game reserves/park and Budongo forest, its vital to note that the bigger part of the land area of the district is within the Murchison falls national park, Bugungu Game Reserve and Budongo Forest.

Population

Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) 2014 National Population and Housing census: total population of 113,161 people with 51.10% (57,801) males and 48.90% (55,360) females.

UBOS projections indicated that the Buliisa district population is estimated to be

2020: 149,300

2025: 186,900.

Major economic activity: The District is largely Agrarian with majority (66.7 %) of the households reporting subsistence farming as the main source of livelihood.

Some of the crops grown in the district include sweet potatoes, beans, maize and matooke. 13,344 households were reported to be engaged in livestock farming.

Unemployment

Youth Livelihood Programme (YLP)

The District budgeted Shs. 333,373,000 but no funds were received during 2018/19.

Low recovery of YLP funds: for the financial year 2014/2015 and 2015/16, the district had recovered only Shs. 85,104,700 out of the expected total amount due of Shs 339,046,000 (Interest exclusive), leaving a balance of Shs. 266,638,365.

- Poor record-keeping
- Poor selection of project/location leading to overwhelming competition.

Low recovery of YLP funds: from the financial year 2015/2016 to date, the district had recovered only Shs 45,499,000 (12%) out of the expected total amount due.

Women Enterprise Programme: The District budgeted for Shs. 417,898,000 for 49 groups and received Shs. 373,499,000 for 12 groups.

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Education

- Number of persons aged 6-15 years not attending school: 5,345
- Number of persons aged 6-12 years attending primary school was 18,151.
- 45.4% (21,462) persons aged 18 years and above who are illiterate of which women are 15,057 and men are 6,405.

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Construction of Ngwedo Seed School under UgFIT with a budget of Shs. 171,000,000. However, I noted Shs. 171,000,000 were received (100%) but the contract was not awarded owing to procurement wrangles.

Kirama Vocational Institute in financial year 2014/2015 had remained non-functional for 4 years up to the time of inspection in October 2019.

Health (UBOS Census Report of 2014)

- 5,704 households (26.4%) in Buliisa were found to be 5 km or more to the nearest health facility, whether public or private.
- Only 3,667 (17.0%) households had access to piped water
- 9,001 (41.7%) households used boreholes.
- 3,949 households were without any toilet facility
- 21,526 (99.6%) households were not living in decent dwellings.

Upgrade of Avogera and Butiaba Health Centres II to III under the UgFIT with a budget of Shs. 1,050,363,243

On inspection:

- Incomplete works
- Work halted

Access to Energy

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

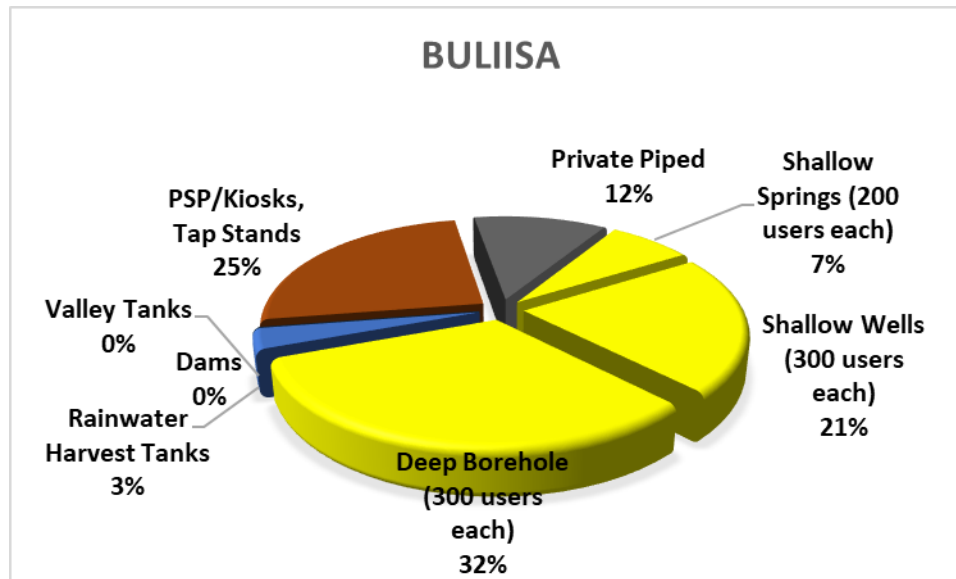
Tadooba: 62.4% Paraffin Lantern: 12.8% Electricity: 7.6%

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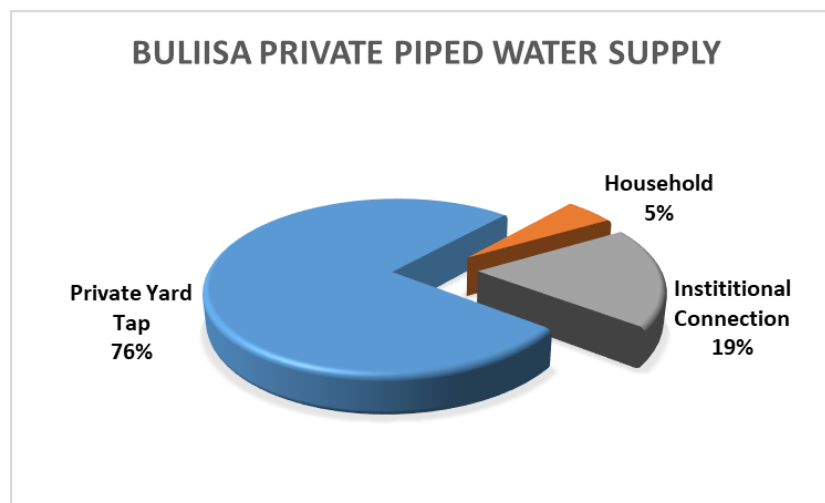
Access to Water

Population: 149,268 Population served: 103,909 Not served: 45,359

Underfunding: the water sector had a budget of Shs. 540,324,000 but only Shs. 382,819,836 was received for service delivery, a shortfall of Shs. 127,504,164



Pie chart generated from Access to Safe Water (from MWE Database) accessed 15.10.20



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Administration

Budget Performance: Revenue

- Central Government transfers: 101.9% of budget received

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- Tax revenue: 58.5% collected
- Non-tax revenue: 131.2%
- Transfers from other government entities: 78.9%
- Grants (incl. donor funds): 70.6%

Staffing Gap: 61%. Out of 140 approved positions; only 54 (39%) posts were filled, leaving 86 positions vacant. The works department was the most affected with a structure of 18 and only 4 positions filled.

Road Maintenance under the Uganda Road Fund (from Auditor General 2019)

Booma-Walukuba-Sonsio (10.90km planned) • Works were implemented at Shs 30,217,000
• Poor side drainage due to failure to construct offshoots. Water clogged at 1.9km, 2.2km, 3.9km from Booma point. Culvert washed away at 3.9km from Booma point. Potholes, severe at 8.6-9km from Booma point.

Walukuba-Main (1.8km planned) • Works were implemented at Shs 7,520,260 • Poor drainage
Water clogged at 0.2km and 1.0km.

Nyamasoga-Bukumi (2.0km planned) • Works were implemented at Shs 12,254,000. • No billboard (500,000) • Poor side drainage

Biiso-Nyeramya-Waaki (8.30km planned) • Works were implemented at Shs 22,861,600 • Narrow road width about 3m, not 6.0m as planned Poor side drainage and offshoots See pictures

Angolyero-Akolo-Garasoya (3.9km planned) • Works were implemented at Shs 11,331,000 • Manual routine maintenance needed Narrow road width about 3m, not 6.0m as planned

Environmental Protection

Potential hazards from oil drilling (from Buliisa District Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Profile, GOU, 2016):

- Oil spills
- Oil waste
- Ground water contamination
- Accidents like blow ups on site, on road (road kills),
- Fires, occupational hazards
- Environmental degradation e.g. quarrying, borrow pits, vegetation clearance, soil and land degradation
- Land take and property destructions in various dimensions
- Pollution e.g. air, sound, light, surface water
- Traffic volumes amidst the existing road infrastructure
- Influx of oil workers amidst inadequate resources
- Land conflicts