

**STATEMENT**

**by**

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H.E. Vice President Edward Ssekandi,  
Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda,

I was informed that there is a Budgeting Conference going on in Kampala. My campaign schedule does not permit me to attend that conference. I will, instead, put my views on paper regarding the next cycle of budgeting. As you know, I always emphasize prioritization in budgeting. Since 2006, when the Statistics House Conference by the Cabinet and the NRM Caucus agreed on prioritization, you have seen the impact. Using the Uganda Government money, since 2006, we have either partially or wholly funded the reconstruction, rehabilitation of the following roads: Matugga-Semuto-Kapeeka (41kms); Gayaza-Zirobwe (30km); Kabale-Kisoro-Bunagana/Kyanika (101 km); Fort Portal-Bundibugyo-Lamia (103km); Busega-Mityana (57km); Kampala-Kalerwe (1.5km); Kalerwe-Gayaza (13km); Bugiri-Malaba/Busia (82km); Kampala-Masaka-Mbarara (416km); Mbarara-Ntungamo-Katuna (124km); Gulu-Atiak (74km); Hoima-Kaiso-Tonya (92km); Jinja-Mukono (52km); Jinja-Kamuli (58km); Kawempe-Kafu (166km); Mbarara-Kikagati-Murongo Bridge (74km); Nyakahita-Kazo-Ibanda-Kamwenge (143km); Tororo-Mbale-Soroti (152km); Vurra-Arua-Koboko-Oraba (92km).

We are also, either planning or are in the process of constructing, re-constructing or rehabilitating the following roads:

Atiak-Nimule (35km); Fort Portal-Kyenjojo(50km); Iganga(Nakalama)-Tirinyi-Mbale(97km); Iganga-Kaliro(32km); Ishaka-Rugazi-Katunguru(55kms); Kafu-Kiryandongo(43km); Kamdini-Gulu(62km); Kampala-Entebbe Express Highway(51km); Kampala-Northern Bypass phase II (17km); Kamwenge-Fort-Portal (65km); Kiryandongo-Karuma-Kamdini (59km); Lira-Akia and Lira town roads (21.4km); Mbarara Bypass(40km); Moroto-Nakapiripirit (93km); Mpigi-Kabulasoke-Maddu-Sembabule (135km); Mukono-Kayunga-Njeru(94km); Mukono-Kyetume-Katosi/Kisoga-Nyenga (74km); Musita-Lumino-Busia/Majanji (104km); Namunsi-Sironko-Muyembe-Kapchorwa (65km); Nansana-Busunju (47km); Ntungamo-Kagitumba-Mirama Hills/Ishaka-Kagamba (72km); Olwiyo-Gulu-Kitgum-Musingo (233km); Pakwach-Nebbi (54km); Villa Maria-Sembabule (38km); North Eastern Road Asset Management Project for Tororo-Mbale-Soroti-Lira-Kamdini (340km).

Over the last ten years, Government has constructed the following power lines:

- (i) 4,360 kms of low voltage (240-450 volts) distribution lines;
- (ii) 7,716 kms of medium voltage (33 kilo volts) distribution lines; and
- (iii) 1,000 kms very high voltage (220-400 kilo volts) transmission lines.

At the same time the following power lines are under construction:

- (i) 1,302 kms of low voltage distribution lines;
- (ii) 1,952 kms of medium voltage distribution lines; and
- (iii) 1,442 kms of very high voltage (220-400 kilo volts) transmission lines.

For more details concerning the electricity distribution to various areas, you may read the NRM Manifesto 2016-2021.

This is apart from contributing to the electricity generation using Uganda Government money. This has meant prioritizing the expenditure of the Uganda Government as follows:

Roads	-	Shs. 3,442 billions
Energy	-	Shs. 2,858 billions
Education	-	Shs. 2,029 billions
Health	-	Shs. 1,270 billions
Defence	-	Shs. 1,632 billions

Hence, the powerful impact on these sectors. As we speak now, all the major roads I wanted tarmacked are funded. The last one was the Rwenkunyū-Masindi Port-Apac-Lira-Puranga-Acholibur road that will be funded by the Islamic Development Bank. By maintaining this level of funding for the sectors mentioned above each year, alot will be achieved.

At this stage, therefore, I would like to recommend new areas of emphasis. These are: NAADS – OWC; micro-finance; the youth fund; the women fund; payment for the veterans’ pensions; cattle compensation; the land fund; institutional housing for teachers, health workers and soldiers; safe water and water for irrigation; the innovation fund; etc.

On account of the thirst for seedlings and the breeding stock, I recommend that in the coming financial year, we commit, at least, 1,000 billion shillings (1 trillion shillings) for this activity alone. That will mean a total of Ug. Shs. 1,479.96 billion for the Ministry of Agriculture.

We could also plan to decisively deal with issues of Akasiimo in the Luwero Triangle (Shs. 90 billion); cattle compensation (Shs. 20 billion); and the veterans pension (Shs. 540 billion). Then, next would be the Land Fund in order to help our people in Buganda and Kibaale out of the colonially imposed serfdom of Bibanja and Mailo issues. After that, we could deal with the other issues.

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