

Hoima airport ready for emergencies

HOIMA

By Hope Mafaranga

Hoima International Airport is ready to handle emergency landing, officials have revealed.

Amos Muriisa, the SBC Uganda public relations officer, has said the airport is near completion and ready for emergency landing in an event that Entebbe International Airport has issues.

SBC Uganda is the company that was contracted to construct the euro 264m airport.

"The construction that started on April 18, 2018 to facilitate the oil refinery is at 95% completion and it will be open by February 2023," he said.

Muriisa said the runways are 95% complete, departure and arrival area including offices are at 90% and other construction is at 95%.

Hoima International Airport, also known as Kabaale International Airport, is part of the infrastructure under construction as Uganda prepares to develop its nascent petroleum industry.

IMMENSE BENEFITS

Joshua Atugonza, one of the residents of Hoima, is looking forward to the completion of Hoima International Airport in February, 2023.

Atugonza said oil discovery in the region was a blessing to the people of Bunyoro.

"No one ever thought that Hoima would have an airport. The oil industry has created



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jobs for us right from farmers to the elite," he said.

Atugonza said the sector has attracted development partners, private sector, who have boosted the hospitality industry in the area.

He said once the airport is complete, it will create more jobs for the youth and boost economic development in the region.

Atugonza was speaking recently while receiving sports items from SBC Uganda.

Dotan Hameiri, the operations manager of SBC Uganda, said the ongoing construction employs 870 employees, adding that 99% are women, 12% are

« Hoima airport is part of the infrastructure that will enable Uganda develop its petroleum industry.

experts while 37% come from Bunyuro sub-region as their policy to local content.

LEADERS CALLS FOR VIGILANCE
While receiving the items

donated by SBC Uganda as part of giving back to the community, the Nyamasoga village LC1 chairperson, Justus Kaliisa, asked people to be vigilant about their security.

"You are aware of what is happening in the country and the events in neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Your security starts with you, so you should not allow people to just come and settle next to you when you do not know where they are coming from," he said.

Kaliisa said the company has done an impressive job in supporting the area in health, roads, water and sanitation, as

well as developing sports men and women.

"They have promoted our children's talents in sports, supported different teams with balls and uniforms, among other things," he said.

COVID-19

James Isingoma, the Kigaaga LC1 chairperson, asked people to put to good use the sanitation facilities donated to them to fight COVID-19 among other hygienic-related diseases.

He said the area borders DRC and most people who cross through Lake Albert to Bunyoro are not tested for COVID-19.

"Observe standard operating

procedures as we do not know the status of people who are coming from DRC," he said.

DONATION

The Buseruka sub-county LC3 chairperson, Ali Tinkamanyire, told the gathering that different partners and companies had helped Buseruka in constructing health centres, roads and renovation of schools as part of their corporate social responsibility.

During the function SBC Uganda donated a printer, duplicator, balls, uniforms to Kabaale Primary School, while Nyamasoga village was given wheelbarrows, handwashing facilities, dustbins, forks and rakes. Kigaaga Primary School was given uniforms, balls and handwashing facilities.

Hameiri said communities and schools in Buseruka face a challenge of handwashing facilities to drive the hand wash programme to fight COVID-19.

"We donated hands-free washing stations to Kigaaga Primary School and to the Nyamasoga community to promote handwashing," he said.

Hameiri added that water was a big challenge in the communities, and the company has constructed over eight boreholes. Most homesteads now are in closer proximity of potable water provided by SBC.

"This will enable these families to spend more time in productive work unlike before when they would have to walk long distances to fetch water," he added.



INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, INC. Uganda

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Bidder shall submit bids addressed to the **PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE**, via email address UA-IRC Uganda.Tenders@rescue.org latest 13th January 2022 2400HRS/Midnight (East African Standard Time).

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KASSANDA DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

P.O. Box 196, Mityana

BID NOTICE UNDER OPEN DOMESTIC BIDDING:

INVITATION FOR CONTRACTORS FOR PROVIDERS OF WORKS, FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/22

Kassanda District Local Government intends to procure works/services/ in FY 2021/22 KDLG invites suitably qualified bidders to submit sealed pre-qualification/Contract bids for the following items:

Specific Bidding:

- Construction of a staff house at Kikandwa HCIII (Kas625/Wrks/21-22/00019) – Bid Security of 1,500,000/=
- Construction of a staff house at Buseregenyu HCIII (Kas625/Wrks/21-22/00020) Bid Security of 1,500,000/=
- The bidding will be conducted in accordance with PPDA 2003 and LG 2006. Document shall be picked upon submission of a general receipt obtainable from the District Cash Office after payment of a non-refundable fee of 100,000/= to be paid in Centenary Bank on A/C No. 3100056273
- The documents will be delivered by hand. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.
- Bids envelopes clearly marked; "Contract for..." addressed to: The Secretary, Contracts Committee,

Kassanda District Local Government, P. O. Box 196, Mityana, must be hand-delivered at the District Headquarters (Kassanda) on or before 6th January, 2022 at 11.00 am hours Local Time, at which they will be opened in the presence of Bidders who wish to attend or their representative

- The planned procurement schedule, subject to changes, is as follows:

Activity	Date
Publishing bid notice	16th/12/21
Pre bid Meeting	20th/12/2021
Bid closing date	6th January 2022
Evaluation process	8th – 10th January 2022
Display and communication of best evaluated bidder notice	13th – 25st January 2022
Contract award and signature	29th January 2022

Each item shall be applied for separately.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
KASANDA DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT