

TRADE, INDUSTRY AND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) DEPARTMENTAL

Mandate: The mandate of the Department of Trade, Industry Local Economic Development is: “To formulate, review and support policies, strategies, plans and programs that promote and ensure expansion and diversification of trade, cooperatives, environmentally sustainable industrialization, appropriate technology development and transfer to generate wealth for poverty eradication and benefit the District socially and economically.”

MAJOR FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

- I. Implement policies, legislation, regulations and standards for the sustainable development of tourism, trade, industrialization and technology, co-operative movement and other tradable national products for increased wealth and benefit to the District.
- II. Co-ordinate, and oversee the implementation of strategies and programs aimed at enhancing the development and promotion of tourism, trade, the co-operatives, industry and technology, conservation and preservation of other tradable national products and ensure their maximum benefit to the District.
- III. Inspect, monitor and evaluate the progress, standards, and efficiency of the various sectors, under its mandate for quality assurance, policy direction and guidance.
- IV. Assess the need and, where necessary, mobilize resources to support balanced industrial, co-operatives, tourism, and entrepreneurial development for the eradication of poverty in the District.
- V. Collect and disseminate information on the respective sectors hence providing vital input necessary to improve rational decision making.
- VI. Inspect businesses for compliance with the Trade Licensing Act
- VII. Assist businesses in registration and quality standardization
- VIII. Mobilize groups for registration as Cooperative Societies, assist groups to formally register and supervise registered Cooperative Societies for Compliance with the Cooperative Regulations and Cooperative Act CAP 112.
- IX. Identify profile and supervise hospitality facilities in the District.
- X. Identify facilities and opportunities for value addition support for Industrial development in the District.
- XI. Collect Market data and link producer organizations to external markets through Uganda Export Promotion Board.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE FY 2018/2019

Cooperative Outreach Program

10 groups were organized, trained and recommended for purposes of securing registration certificate from the Registrar of Co-operatives. Babyedo Savings and Credit Society- Luwero, Kamwana Multi Purpose Cooperative Society- Makulubita, -Butuntumula Women's Multi Purpose Cooperative Society, Yandwe Community Development Organization- Butuntumula and Nyimbwa Women Multi Purpose Cooperative Society were mobilized for registration;

- 35 Registered Cooperative supervised including; Zirobwe Farmers' Cooperative Society- Zirobwe and Kabulannaka Farmers' Cooperative Society- Zirobwe.

- I. 3 Cooperative Societies including Luteete Teachers SACCO, Zirobwe - Kalagala (ZI-KA) Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Nyimbwa - Katikamu Multipurpose Cooperative Society were duly registered and issued with probationary Certificates.
- II. 3 annual society Annual General Meetings attended including; Bamunanika Farmers' Multi Purpose Cooperative Society, ZI-KA Multipurpose cooperative society.

Trade Development Activities

- 200 new businesses registered 95% of which were issued with Business License as per the Trade Licensing Act 2017.
- 2,500 were inspected for compliance with the Trade (Licensing) (Amendment of
- Schedule) Instrument, 2017 and the Weights and Measures Amendment Act 2013(sections 22, 33 and 43 of the **Weights and Measures Act**, Cap103), in the sub counties of Luwero, Nyimbwa targeting Ndejje trading center, Busiika Trading Center and Bamunanika
- Updated the district businesses Data Base.

Enterprise Development:

Trained grain growers and dealers in Kikyusa and Zirobwe on the importance of grain standards and profiled District Profile.

Tourism promotion and Development activities; Inspected supervised and profiled hospitality facilities in Kalagala and Zirobwe sub counties in Bamunanika County.

Market Linkages; Physically inspected producer organizations for increased access to external markets. Zirobwe Agali Awamu Agri Business Training Association (ZAABTA) is visible on the ground with more than 4,000 farmers linked to it through there over 200 agents. M/s

Bakyabumba Multi Purpose Cooperative Society was linked to M/s Afro Chicks Breeders and Processors where the Society entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to supply 670 tons of maize to the processing factory.

Industrial Development Activities

Industrial operators were monitored and supervised, including; Makulubita- Stone Quarry operated by Chinese Investors Processes Stone into fine stone products including slates and marble, The products of the stone quarry at for both local and the export market. The Promoters are Chinese Investors, Kyalugondo Coffee Processors belonging to a Cooperative Society– Katikamu and Sulaiman Micro Coffee Processing Factory-Butuntumula.

PRIORITIES FOR THE FY 2019/2020

- Increase in Business support by encouraging local investment centers
- Enhancing growth of private sector investment in the District.
- Establishment of a District Business Forum under LED.
- Developing Tourism Action Plans , Regulations, Bye-laws and Ordinances that attract investment in the Tourism sector
- Mainstreaming Tourism in the District Development Plan.
- Increase in locally generated revenue in form of direct taxes and District own revenue generating ventures.



CAO with Butuntumula S/C team at Ndibulungi Sugar works during LED opportunities tour in Luwero District.