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Roads remain unattended in some areas despite government pledges

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A road under construction. The parliamentary committee on Infrastructure will this month seek to know the status of roads which have been pending construction over the years. The committee will also seek to know the progress of the Standard Gauge Railway.

Uganda's road network

According to the ministry of Works and Transport, 95% of cargo freight in Uganda, is moved by road. Uganda's total road network, is estimated to be 129,469km long, of this, the community access roads constitute 50%, district roads 26%, urban roads 7% and national roads 17%. The stock of paved road network in the country, increased by 19.7% from 4,364 to 5,224km between FY2010/11-2014/15. National paved roads, increased by 21.7% in the last five financial years, from 3264.1, to 3981 km. 80% of the paved national road network was rated to be in fair to good, during the FY2014/1567%.

Updates on status of roads

For oversight, Nakate noted that the committee would visit various infrastructural projects across the country to ensure value for money. committee has on September 13, summoned the works and transport ministry to update parliament on the status of various roads which have been pending construction and upgrading over the years. The committee also expects the ministry, to update parliament on the progress regarding the construction of the standard gauge railway.

"The committee is moving out to check on some of these projects which have been pending for a long time. We want to ensure that they are finished on time so that our road network is improved, to facilitate agriculture," Nakate said.

Sector allocation

The Shs 29 trillion FY 2017/18 budget allocated the lion's share to the Works and Transport Ministry which took up Shs 4.5 trillion (20 percent) of the budget with Shs 3.4 trillion allocated to the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) to handle national road works. The NRM 2016 – 2021 manifesto states: "The NRM Government recognizes that reliable transport infrastructure, including roads, railways, air and water transport, is very crucial for a landlocked country like Uganda. It is a prerequisite for opening up production zones to markets. Transport is one of the key cost pushers for producers and manufacturers. The cost of transport adds 25 percent to the cost of goods while electricity at current prices adds 14 percent".

UPCOMING CSO EVENTS

Event: National Budget Conference - FY2018/19

Venue: Kampala Serena Hotel

Date: 7th September 2017

Time: 8:00am-5:00pm

OUR WORK IN PICTURES



NGO Forum Executive Director, Richard Sewakiryanga (extreme right) with other officials at the Accountability Sector review meeting that was held at the Speke Resort Munyonyo last week. | @CSBAG2017



CSBAG Field Officer, David Obonyo addresses a community meeting in Lamingonen Primary School. Looking on are other CSBAG and Diakonia Uganda officials. | @CSBAG2017



CSO representatives from the Tooro sub region presenting their draft position paper during a Local Government Budget consultation workshop that was held at Eureka Place in Ntinda, Kampala last week. | @CSBAG2017