



## OIL REFINERY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Hon. Ruth Nankabirwa

The Minister of Energy and Mineral Development,

P.O. Box 7270,

Kampala (U),

Dear Madam,

**RE: PETITION SEEKING REDRESS FOR THE CHALLENGES FACED BY COMMUNITIES IN KYAKABOGA RESETTLEMENT CAMP**

Greetings from Kyakaboga camp resettlement communities.

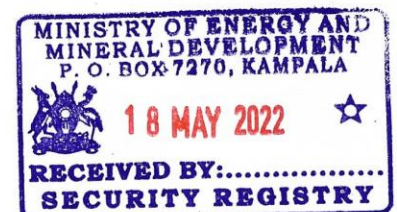
We thank you for the continued efforts employed in the process of our relocation from the Kabaale refinery acquired land to Kyakaboga resettlement camp village. Furthermore, we acknowledge the partial fulfillment of the promises made in the 2012 Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) such as the construction of 46 Project Affected Persons (PAPs') houses, access roads, and a police station, and the ongoing construction of the market stall and community hall.

This petition indicates the unresolved concerns of the oil refinery-affected persons in Kyakaboga resettlement camp in Hoima district.

ORRA is a woman and youth-led community-based organization (CBO) which started in 2012 as a pressure group to protect the rights of the oil refinery project-affected persons, especially women and youth. In 2014, ORRA was registered as a CBO by the Hoima District Local Government. ORRA promotes the human rights of oil project-affected persons and environmental conservation amidst oil developments.

**Background**

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In 2006, Uganda discovered commercial oil deposits in the biodiverse Albertine rift. Following this discovery, the government decided to commercialise Uganda's oil by building an oil refinery and developing the EACOP, among others.

In 2012, the Ugandan government, through the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD), embarked on processes to compulsorily acquire over 29sq km of land in Kabaale-Buseruka, Hoima district for Uganda's planned oil refinery among other oil infrastructure.

A total of 7,118 people from 13 villages in Kabaale-Buseruka, Hoima district was affected by the compulsory land acquisition. Per the October 2012 Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for the oil refinery project, these people were from 1,221 households.

Two compensations options were provided by the government; they included cash compensation and physical relocation. Out of the 1,221 households, 93 opted for physical relocation. The rest opted for cash compensation.

Through this letter, we would like to bring to your attention our concerns that need urgent intervention and redress if we are to gather and celebrate together the resettlement processes of the oil refinery-affected communities in Kyakaboga;

- **Provide a humane settlement.** The construction of a camp as our residential houses is not pleasing to us and it remains disastrous and uncomfortable to our families, children, and our existence as a community. We will not at any moment celebrate living in Kyakaboga village camp not until individual houses are built for us as per the RAP of 2012. We have on different occasions informed your Ministry that how the houses were built violates our rights, especially the right to decent housing, privacy, culture, and customs. This has greatly affected the women and girl-child. It is sad to note that the pit latrines and kitchens are close to each other which is not hygienic. This all happened after the government placed cut-off dates in 2012 and we were stopped from using our land hence the prolonged suffering.
- **Livelihood restoration.** The RAP provided for training of PAPs especially the youth on skills like tailoring, catering, craftwork, and others. Unfortunately, this has never happened yet we have many youths who have dropped out of school due to the delayed relocation. Furthermore, a few or none are back in school as you are well aware that in 2014, two primary schools were closed. Therefore, there is a need to put in place a secondary school to enable the children to access education.
- **Provision of houses.** Honorable Minister to date, only 46 residential houses are standing in the settlement, 27 households PAPs including women, children, elderly, and other vulnerable groups have never gotten houses and they continue to leave in distress.

- **Provide safe and clean water.** During a meeting with the ministry in 2018, we requested the ministry to provide us with piped water. The boreholes present are not only faulty but also the area is too dry that the only functional borehole has no water. Lack of access to water remains a big challenge for us.
- During the health campaign for the fight against malaria, data collected revealed that we are over 1,000 members. However, we lack a health facility even though Buseruka health Centre III was renovated by the Ministry. This, therefore, calls for the need to have a health facility in the settlement.
- **Compensate for the delayed titles and associated costs.** It has taken over nine (9) years for the PAPs to hear that our land titles are ready. This delay is a total violation of Article 26 of the Constitution which provides that compensation must be fair, adequate, and prompt. The delay has greatly affected our plans to engage in long-term developments such as planting bananas, coffee, trees, and others. We could not engage in development for fear that we would lose the land again. It is, therefore, necessary that government should urgently compensate the PAPs for the losses incurred due to the delays and other problems being faced.
- **Failure to pay disturbance allowance on land values.** PAPs who asked for cash were given a disturbance allowance of 30% on the total value of their property which was not the case for the people who asked for physical relocation and were resettled in the Kyakaboga resettlement camp. Disturbance allowance on other properties other than the land was paid. This was unfair and we demand that the government address this illegality.

With the above reasons/grievances, we would like to inform you that we are not happy that you plan to organise a celebration on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at our camp settlement yet a lot stills needs to be addressed. Once our concerns are addressed, we shall be happy to celebrate with you.

Thank you in advance,

Signed by,

No.	Name	Gender	Designation/location
1.	Tumwebaze Innocent	M	Kyakaboga- 0772513606
2.	Opio Christopher	M	Kyakaboga- 0779983101
3.	Owonda roggers	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
4.	Ubegiu unyango	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
5.	Wanirwoth Charles	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
6.	Ageno david	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
7.	Ajaruva fred	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
8.	Okia Jackson	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
9.	Luciya uchaya	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
10.	Salume tumutaye	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
11.	Tekakwo sadam	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
12.	Ungyera furwasaze	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
13.	Beriu suzan	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
14.	Afoyorwoth moureen	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
15.	Akunotho resten	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
16.	Ajaruva rojeline	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
17.	Bero teopista	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
18.	Kawambe magret	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
19.	Ngamitta suzan	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
20.	Fanirwoth agnes	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
21.	Akumu agnes	F	Kyakaboga resettlement

22.	Akumu rojeline	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
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23	Ongyera rojeline	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
24	Ketra musinguzi	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
25	Gipatho Margret	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
26	Nyerach rojeline	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
27	Oroma janet	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
28	Umwon geofrey	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
29	Muber munguromo	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
30	Pachutho evelyne	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
31	Ayanya ajelina	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
32	Ukumu john	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
33	Ayebale Brenda	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
34	Ochokdhogu Julius	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
35	Okumu venansio	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
36	Okello john	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
37	Yacob tirworwe	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
38	Ominji gilvansio	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
39	Okumu deo	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
40	Turyatuga ephram	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
41	Oyirwoth martin	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
42	Wanok geofrey	M	Kyakaboga resettlement

43	Rupiny albert	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
44	Cwinyai Charles	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
45	Uryek denis	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
46	Kothurach Margret	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
47	Kabila ofoi	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
48	Okello ajaruva	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
49	Munguromo kennedy	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
50	Obed Stephen	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
51	Tugume Julius	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
52	Onegiu Jackson	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
53	Sunday miya	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
54	Pirwoth john	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
55	Sunday ivan	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
56	Kwawun Stephen	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
57	Asiimwe Gideon	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
58	Wapokurwa kennedy	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
59	Ochai Hillary	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
60	Oronya Robert	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
61	Zahura William	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
62	Kamwa jenet	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
63	Owinji alfred	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
64	Okumu geofrey	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
65	Omirambe Charles	M	Kyakaboga resettlement

66	Okuchi jophant	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
67	Nyangoma Christine	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
68	Akumu esther	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
69	Gipatho grace	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
70	Scovia Irene	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
71	Kayeny annet	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
72	Nyayenga moureen	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
73	Oaikani jenet	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
74	Kayeny jenifer	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
75	Janet akakunda	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
76	Banaki ednurse	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
77	Sababulira shabishu	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
78	Berochan Irene	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
79	Birwinyo harriet	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
80	Kawambe moureen	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
81	Ayiyorwoth buwaga	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
82	Wechdong joseline	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
83	Narsis ovoya	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
84	Atuhairwe Isaac	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
85	Ochowun deogratiuous	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
86	Alithum deogratiuous	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
87	Okurango johnbosco	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
88	Dhona opar	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
89	Ozelle ethiene	M	Kyakaboga resettlement

90	Uyeny james	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
91	Obelling gift	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
92	Owach Robert	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
93	Jackson moses	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
94	Ochaki stephen	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
95	Birwinyo frashon	F	Kyakaboga resettlement
96	Oyer abdallah	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
97	Ofoy Emmanuel	M	Kyakaboga resettlement
98	Oyenyboth jerosé	F	Kyakaboga resettlement