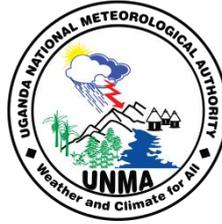


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## UGANDA NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL AUTHORITY (UNMA)

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### UNMA AT THE 2016 WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY

#### UNMA Aids Serere Patients

Uganda National Meteorological Authority (UNMA) in a recent social corporate responsibility activity aided in-patients in two Health center 1Vs in Serere District, in a bid to show UNMA's solidarity and sympathy for the people who were affected by the 2015 El Nino flood.

According to the Executive Director of UNMA Mr. Festus Luboyera, Serere District was one of the districts that got massive floods during last year's El Nino. This, he said, left people with no food as all gardens were swept away with several disease outbreaks due to sanitation issues among other negative effects. This activity is to empathize, though with few people, what happened here and the rest of the country.



**Mr. Festus  
Luboyera  
(Executive  
Director, UNMA)**



**UNMA Staff donated selected items and clothes to all in-patients of Serere Health Center 1V and Apapai Health Center 1V in Serere District as part of the weather and climate week in preparation for the World Meteorological Day that was celebrated at Serere Township primary school, Serere.**

Over 150 patients and attendants at Serere Health Center 1V and Apapai Health Center 1V received assorted basic items for daily use. This was one of the activities done by UNMA to commemorate the World Meteorological Day. Annually Uganda joins the rest of the world in commemorating the International sector days of the Ministry of Water and Environment that include world Forestry Day,

World Water Day, and World Meteorological Day, on 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> March respectively. This year's joint celebrations were in Serere District at Serere Township Primary school in Serere District.

**Installation of Rain Gauges**

As a member country of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), UNMA celebrated with the rest of the world, this year's theme "HOTTER, DRIER, WETTER, FACE THE FUTURE" by holding a Weather and climate week, the Principal Public Relations Officer, Ms. Lillian Nkwenge said. Five (5) rainfall gauges were installed in selected sites in the district where the Serere Agro-meteorological station was opened to the schools and public.



*School children and members of the public touring the Serere Agro-meteorological station during the Weather and climate week preceding the world Meteorological Day celebrations at Serere.*

**School Quiz**

UNMA also organized a Quiz in schools where different schools participated and won cash prizes. This Year's quiz was won by Akudam Primary School, followed by Olio Primary and third prize went to St. Elizabeth Girls secondary school, Kidetok. Schools also participated by performing in drama, songs, poems and skits during the celebrations.

*Pupils of Akudam Primary school, who took 1st prize in the Meteorology quiz contest and Alio who came second celebrate their cash prize given by the Minister of State for Water, Hon. Ronald Kibuule who was guest of honor at the World Water, Forestry and Meteorological Days on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.*

