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FOOD, WATER CRISIS HITS UGANDA

Almost 1.3m of Uganda's population has been hit by drought which has led to shortage of food and water in the country, the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries stated yesterday at a joint Media Briefing with UNMA at the Uganda Media Center.

Hon Christopher Kibanzanga, Minister of State for Agriculture said that this population which represents 25% of the total population and mostly in Isingiro and Karamoja are starving due to very little food and water caused by dry spells in mainly the cattle corridor.

He advised the rest of the people to be very economical with resources and that they should stop selling food because "lean days are coming" and to spend sparing during the festive season.

UNMA GIVES SEASONAL WEATHER UPDATE

The Uganda National Meteorological Authority (UNMA) yesterday gave an update on the seasonal outlook, explaining the drought in most parts of the country especially the West and North Eastern parts of the county.

Together with the Minister of State for Agriculture and officials from the Ministry, The Executive Director, Mr. Festus Luboyera at a joint press briefing addressed the reasons for the emergency situation in the country, particularly Isingiro and Karamoja. He also gave the outlook for the rest of the country, saying that the situation may become dire if the rains do not change pattern in the next three weeks.



These 2 areas have been hit by drought since last month leaving people starving and many animals dead.

The ED, and Hon. Kibazanga addressing the media.

UNMA- CHINA TEAM BACK

Twenty UNMA Staff who went for a Training at the Regional Training Centre (RTC), Nanjing, China, came back yesterday. They were there for a course on "Training on Meteorology for Uganda". The training was conducted at Nanjing

University of Information Science and Technology.

The Directorate of Training and Research confirmed that all people who went turned back home in good health and no challenge was faced during the training period.

The members got the best skills and practice out of the training and they are ready to prove what they learnt from the training. **Well come back.**

COP IN MORROCCO THIS YEAR

Conference of Parties (COP 22), organized by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will this year take place from 7th to 22nd November, in Marrakech, Morocco.

COP is the supreme decision-making body of UNFCCC and was created in order to structure the efforts of the parties to the convention as they address climate change.

It meets annually to review and assess the implementation of the UNFCCC and any other legal instruments the body adopts with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and fighting climate change. UNMA will be represented by the ED and CP Board, Dr. Robert K. Rutaagi.

UNMA-LOCAL GOVT PARTNERSHIP

UNMA has signed an MOU with the Ministry of Local Government for the Provision of Agro-Meteorological Information to enhance farming decisions under the project for the Restoration of Livelihoods in the Northern Region.

The purpose of this agreement is to enable the two organizations work in principle to achieve the activity results of this project as stipulated in the project document. The project is run by the ministry with funding from IFAD.

HUMAN RESOURCES URGENT ISSUES

The Human Resource Unit is calling upon all staff to ensure that they hand in filled progress reports to the HR for onward submission to the ED.

In the same vain, away from office or Back to office forms should be filled and submitted by staff from any up country or out of the country assignment project.

Ms. Mercy Mary Adong also informs staff that end of month absenteeism reports are being compiled and calls on staff to endeavor to register on arrival at work and also manage time.

ENJOY THE WEEKEND AND NEXT WEEK