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NETWORKS DATA NOW ON LINE

UNMA can now have data collected from different network stations transmitted directly on line to the directorate of Forecasting and other relevant bodies.

According to the Manager, Networks, Installation and Maintenance Milton Waiswa, UNMA now has a network of 20 Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) working fully and transmitting data on line to Kampala.

The real time data can be accessed on line using the Adcon Telemetric System, and data relayed includes Air Temperature, Precipitation (Rain), Solar Radiation, Relative Humidity, Wind Speed and Wind Direction. This can be got on 196.0.33.173:8080 where you click iwe data.

The 20 stations are; Kyembogo, Kampala, Kasese, Kabale, Kotido, Kitgum, Mbarara, Mubende, Masindi, Ikulwe-Mayuge, Tororo, Jinja, Ntusi-Sembabule, Entebbe, Buginyanya-Bulambuli, Soroti, Lira, Gulu, Arua and Wadélai-Nebbi

UNMA TO GET 25 MORE AWS

25 more stations will be added to the Station Networks under the Project for Restoration of Livelihoods in Northern Region (PRELINOR) that is funded by International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) and a grant from the Adaptation for smallholder Agriculture by the Ministry of Local Government.

The 7 year project is being implemented by MoLG that started in August 2015.

PRELINOR will support the Meteorological Services with 25 AWS being located in different sub counties to increase valuable localized weather information for developing more localized climate models and scenarios.

The AWS will be situated in 9 Districts of Agago, Kitgum, Lamwo, Pader, Omoro, Gulu, Nwoya, Amuru and Adjumani, where each will have an average of 3 stations in different sub counties.

UNMA'S VEHICLES HERE

UNMA has got it's first fleet of vehicles. The vehicles include the ED's Vehicle and 2 Pickup trucks.

The vehicles are among the first of an initial fleet of 9 cars and the rest are expected to be procured in the near future. BRAVO to MGT.



The ED's Car



One of the two Pickup trucks

PWS TO BE ON BUKEDDE

Plans are underway to have Public Weather Services on Bukedde Television.

UNMA and Vision group have already had an initial meeting and the Legal Unit is drafting an MOU that will see daily forecasts and periodic updates on one of the countries popular TV stations.

This will give UNMA good mileage especially as most farmers across the country do not miss Bukedde news, where we are planning to feature.

PWS has only been on UBC for a long time and this has resulted into UNMA losing some part of television audience in the country.

According to the Director Forecasting Mr. Khalid Muwembe, his team is ready to embark on this project which he says will increase UNMA's products utilization by the public on top of increased visibility and Image.

DATA ENTERING STARTS IN DADCS

A grand project of entering data on weather and climate for all weather stations into UNMA system has started today.

This has come after a successful training on ENACTS on data entry for DADCS staff that lasted for a week at 10th floor.

The Director of DADCS Mr. Deus Bamanya has said that this is aimed at ensuring that UNMA information and data concerning climate and weather is stored safely for Analysis, research and future use. This program will last for 3 months.

This program is being funded by the WISER fund, UK MET Office.