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Deputy Speaker of parliament Hon Anita Among met the Uganda women in parliament association group on Saturday where they discussed issues relating to helping the girl child during this pandemic.

Hon Among said that if women leaders work together, they shall without a doubt go far. Hon Among added that starting with Busia District, the group shall be donating items to help girls who got pregnant during the lockdown and are facing difficulties. She said that with the little the group has, they can give sewing machines and other items to support their livelihood.

“We should as women MPs be people of substance who stand for the rights of the less privileged women and girls. I will be moving across the country with other leaders to support the girls who have

been left helpless by the pandemic.” Hon Among added

Hon Among while talking to the association’s leaders said that her own view is that the other government wealth creation programs like the Parish model implementation mechanisms shouldn’t affect the women’s fund because most of the benefits go to men. She added that the women must be protected and thus she implores women MPs to make a case for it in the NRM Caucus. Hon Among said that the association will come up with a calendar to see where they start from so that their dream is actualized as far as helping the girl child is concerned.

She says this will begin with a workshop and she has directed her office to organize one for women MPs so that they can have a heart-to-heart talk and discuss issues as Women urging them not to allow the upcoming UWOPA elections to divide them.

Hon Anita Among is among the top high profile women in politics occupying the few top seats in the political hierarchy in the country.



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Special points of interest:

- Hon Joyce Bagaala Ntwaatwa shares her story on how she rose from the newsroom to parliament.
- Hon Anna Adeke the Soroti District woman is now the new Deputy President Eastern region in her party, Forum for Democratic Change (FDC).

Woman of Zeal!! - MP Joyce Bagaala Ntwaatwa shares story

Hon Joyce Bagaala Ntwaatwa shares her story on how she rose from the newsroom to parliament.

Mityana District Woman MP Hon Joyce Bagala speaks about how she was determined to become a leader and an inspiration to many other women in Uganda.

Joyce Bagala Ntwaatwa says

she was trained by the late Bbaale Francis at UMCAT who was very particular about pronunciations and encouraged her to be a better journalist.

After finishing school at UMCAT, she got a job at Buddu FM later moving to beat FM, Radio One, and after became a news anchor on TV.

She says everybody has an audience and that the 1st time she was on TV, the audience welcomed her thanking them for their love and support.

“I remained just & professional and didn’t focus on the negativity but value addition.” Hon Bagala says

She adds that during her time in the newsroom, she became

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and saw a lot of what was not going right in the country as far as leadership is concerned. This tempted her to design a strategy on how she can become the voice of the voiceless hence stepping into the deep waters of politics for the 1st time in 2016.

"The 1st time I stood for the parliamentary elections in 2016, I lost. The 2nd time around, I was determined and I knew I would win. I joined a political party that had the same aspirations as mine. I had a lot of support from other MPs like Hon Kalwanga, Hon Francis Zaake, etc." She says

"I made a decision to avoid borrowing for the campaigns. Fellow journalists, well-wishers, the old boys, and girls financed my campaigns. Before the elections, I resigned from my work as a news manager and went to Mityana for the campaigns." she adds

Hon Bagaala adds that the voters al-

ways have expectations including family and friends I am talking about our families, electorate, and friends.

She says once you are an MP, there's an assumption that you are capable of solving world problems adding that You have to deal with different people from different backgrounds and status and you need to adjust to their timing.

Hon Bagaala says she encourages many women out there to step up and take on leadership positions when a chance comes begging and never to have an inferiority complex within themselves.

She adds that she is working hard to mentor so many girls out there so that they can become good future leaders in this country

"I am good at keeping time probably because I am an early raiser. People assume I am tough but I am not. I am emotional and hate seeing pain in others. I am also good at maintaining

relationships. In summary, that is me." she concludes.



MP Joyce Bagaala Woman MP Mityana

MP Mary Begumisa launches a campaign to give each home in Sembabule 10 tree seedlings to plant & conserve the environment

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Nowip Press has learnt that Sembabule District Woman MP Hon Mary Begumisa this month launched a campaign aimed at giving each home in Sembabule 10 trees to plant as a way forward to conserve the environment and paint Sembabule green.

Hon Bemugisa said

Hon Bemugisa also promised to sell her idea to other members of parliament in the different districts to make sure that Uganda does not go through hard times like some of other countries who destroyed their forest reserves all in the vein of development.

that in the recent past, people have encroached so much on the forest reserves to burn charcoal, cut timber, construct houses something that may have diverse effects on nature and the environment at large.

She added that she has therefore launched this campaign to make sure that at least each family can plant 10 trees and in the next 5 years, Sembabule will be green again with the environment

well conserved.

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According to NEMA statistic, atleast 10,000 trees are cut everyday in Uganda something that may affect the environment if not controlled.

Hon Anna Adeke given additional leadership duties in her party

Hon Anna Adeke the Soroti District woman is now the new Deputy President Eastern region in her party, Forum for Democratic Change (FDC). The youthful young woman was sworn in on Thursday 14th September with the party seeing her as the most capable person to take on the role. . Nowip Press Reports.

Hon Adeke replaced Mr Kevin Taaka in the role a sign that women are capable of climbing the political ladder with no limit at whatever stage.

Hon Adeke has been an active woman taking on great leadership duties. She was once the Guild President of Makerere University and also the National female Youth MP in the 10th parliament of the Republic of Uganda.

Adeke is also a lawyer having graduated from Makerere University with bachelors of law and moved ahead to Law development centre for her bar course. At Nowip press we wish her the best in her Career



Hon Adeke At FDC Headquarters recently in Kampala

MP Flora Natumanya donates 5 salon cars to act as medical vans in Kikuube District

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Kikuube District Woman MP Hon Flora Natumanya Bangiriina at the beginning of the month of September donated 5 brand new saloon cars (Toyota Premios) to the people in Kikuube to act as medical service vans (AMBULANCES) which can reach out to anyone sick patient down in the villages and Towns.

MP Flora Natumanya who donated 5 salon cars to act as medical vans in Kikuube District

Hon Natumanya says her target are those that cannot afford the five-star treatment of hiring experience ambulances to transport them to the medical facilities.

Nowip Press learned that Hon Natumanya also promised that these cars will always be fueled by her plus the

drivers paid by her still to quicken the time of response incase a patient or a victim of an accident needs to be transported to a hospital.

She also added that she opted to buy 5 salon cars instead of an ambulance because her district is big and time can reach when more than two or three patients need to be transported at once yet an ambulance will only manage to take one patient at ago.

The people of Kikuube were so happy for the area MP to come up with such an initiative adding that many people would die from their homes due to lack of transport means to be transported to hospitals for treatment.



MP Flora Natumanya from Kikuube District

Hon Hanifa Nabukeera distributes maize seeds to the people of Mukono to ensure food Security in the future

Mukono District Woman MP Hon Hanifa Nabukeera started a campaign of distributing maize seeds to the people of Mukono District taking the activity to the Sub-county level as a means of ensuring food Security in the nearby future.

Hon Nabukeera kicked off the campaign with the people of Nama subcounty,

Kyampisi and Nakifuma Nagalama Town Council with other areas also expected to receive their share with time to come.

Hon Nabukeera says the Covid pandemic has hit every household hard with some people lacking food to eat while others are to be without food in the nearby future.

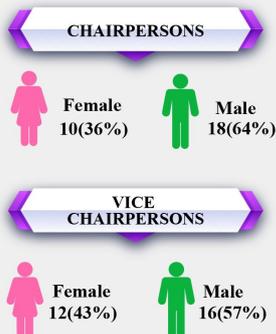
She adds that her intervention as the area MP is to ensure that her People do

not die of starvation but rather should have something to eat as the economy starts to gain life again.

Hon Nabukeera also promised to bring in some new initiatives in the district that will aim at skilling the young population especially the girl child to ensure that they can have some sources of income as a means of eradicating poverty out of the District.

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COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP IN THE 11TH PARLIAMENT BY GENDER



THE GENDER AGENDA

WHAT WE PLEDGE

As a committee, we will ensure that all Ugandans are safeguarded against vulnerabilities. There should be inclusiveness and harmonisation of different social protection interventions.

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Babirye Lilliane - ED – NOWIP

• In June 2021, NOWIP documented the underlying challenges for women leaders in the post-election period and proposed recommendations on how the newly elected women leaders would remain relevant in the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic as they pursued their newfound roles.

• Due to the existence of COVID-19, social media has altered the communications landscape for every sector, including politics. Platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram have transformed the way politicians interact with the electorates and vice versa. Social media is now a powerful tool to overcome some of the communication barriers.

• Although several women members of parliament have received social media training, there is still low uptake of social media due to limited ability to use ICT tools, multiple legislative, constituency roles and gender roles.

• The absence of women leaders in traditional media and social media platforms has left only a handful and the same faces of women leaders attending political talk shows and topical discussions on the different radio, television, and digital media platforms yet the low representation of women leaders in media is highlighted as one of the obstacles to gender parity since it directly affects their political careers.

• In the NOWIP MP Group interactions, Female MPs expressed the need to empower their Assistants with media and digital skills so that they support them in boosting their online presence and visibility.

• In this regard, the Network of Women in Politics and the Uganda Media Women Association organized a 5-day virtual training from Monday, September 13 to Friday, September 15, 2021, for Personal Assistants (PAs) of Female Members of Parliament. PAs shall be empowered to use social media as an avenue for networking amongst women in politics and their electorates and as a platform for advancing a political and National agenda that is pro-people.

NOWIP pledges to continue supporting the Women in Politics using the sisterhood model.

Babirye Lilliane - Executive Director – NOWIP

MP Esther Afoyoan gives out mattresses and blankets

Hon Esther Afoyoan gives out mattresses and blankets to struggling families in Zombo District. Nowip Press reports

Nowip Press has learnt that the Zombo District woman MP Hon Esther Ofoyoan on the 3rd of September 2021 gave out mattresses and blankets to some of the families in Zombo District that lacked them.

With Zombo being among the poorest districts in Uganda where locals can hardly afford the basic needs of life, Hon Afoyoan found it necessary to give out beddings to some of the families that were identified as the most struggling without mattresses and blankets with most of them opting for sacks packed with dry grass.

Jubilations rocked Zombo during this heart touching ceremony with many people shedding tears while being given mattresses. Most of them said they were going to sleep on mattresses for the first time while others said they had spent nearly 30 years minus without sleeping on a mattress.

Hon Afoyoan on speaking to the locals thanked them for voting her into office and secondly thanked them for taking care of their children even amidst these harsh economic situations.

She vowed to improve the lives of the people in the District by finding means on how each family can engage itself in an income generating activity.

