

Nandala to prioritise water, infrastructure in Ngora

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With just five days remaining before Ugandans head to the polls to choose a president, Forum for Democratic Change (FDC) flag-bearer Nandala Mafabi returned to Ngora district in the Teso sub-region, signalling what his campaign describes as unfinished political business with the area.

This was Nandala's second visit to Ngora during the campaign period, a move he said was prompted by repeated requests from his supporters. He was accompanied by his wife, Flora Nandala, a daughter of Teso, who appealed to the

Iteso not to betray their regional in-law when they cast their ballots.

Nandala centred his Ngora message around three long-standing challenges in Teso: water scarcity, weak infrastructure and the lingering economic scars of past conflicts that wiped out cattle and livelihoods.

Access to clean and safe water dominated Nandala's address, reflecting a daily reality for many communities in Ngora and neighbouring districts where women and children walk long distances in search of water.

Nandala said his

administration would prioritise large-scale water solutions for eastern and northern Uganda, including pumping water from Lake Kyoga to supply districts across Teso, Lango and parts of Karamoja.

"It will be easy because the land is flat. We know that 80% of farmers make losses due to the dry seasons. We are going to give you clean water for domestic and agricultural use," he promised.

Nandala argued that Uganda has for decades treated water access as a local government problem rather than a national development priority, leaving entire regions trapped in cycles



Nandala (standing through car sunroof) campaigning in Ngora town council. (Scan photo using Vision Digital Experience to watch video)

of poor sanitation, disease and low productivity.

According to him, investing in bulk water infrastructure would not only improve public health, but also support irrigation, livestock production and small-scale industries, particularly in agriculturally-rich but under-served areas

like Ngora.

Infrastructure, especially roads, formed the second pillar of Nandala's message. He highlighted ongoing efforts to improve road connectivity in Teso, pointing specifically to the Kumi-Ngora-Serere-Kagwara road, which he said has already been started, and

now his government will work on all feeder roads.

Nandala argued that reliable road networks are essential for transforming rural economies, enabling farmers to access markets, children to reach school safely, and health workers to serve remote communities.