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News Editors,

Death toll of Bulambuli landslides reaches 26

Bulambuli: 26 bodies have so far been exhumed from rubbles of two separate landslides that occurred last night in Sisiye Sub County and Meru Village, Buluganya Sub County. Residents, Red Cross Action Teams (RCATs) and Uganda Police continue their rescue efforts in search of bodies and survivors.

URCS will on August 30th distribute essential household items to some of surrounding communities in Mabono whose crops and houses were destroyed by the landslides.

In Sisiye, 16 bodies of which 7 are children have been exhumed while in Buluganya 10 bodies have been exhumed.

Two survivors of the Sisiye landslides, Irene Namalea (38) and Paul Kacheke are still admitted at Kamatimbeyi health centre in critical condition.

URCS Sironko Branch focal person Agnes Mukoya says the situation is pathetic and community members are shocked and scared given that cracks on the hills are many.

The lower parts of Bulambuli and Sironko districts have been flooded. Bukhalu, Bunambutye, Bwikhonge, Nabongo, Muyembe, Bulambuli TC, Simu, Kibira, Atari are the most affected sub counties in Bulambuli. An assessment is being conducted to establish the number of households affected.

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