

On the road with the caravan-Day 10



After 10 days of traversing western Uganda, the caravan concluded its journey in Fortportal with a call to Residents to cast their votes wisely, not in exchange for money, salt, sugar and all sorts of goodies. On their part, the residents resolved to accept all the goodies presented to them but vote for politicians with plans of addressing the citizens manifesto. Thank you for traveling with us.

The Caravan in 10 days!



Maternal health was her cry. She hates the fact that mothers still die while giving life and a future to this country.



He warned that if the vote buying trend does not end, Uganda would soon be the next item for sale



An elder pleaded with the residents to vote for politicians with plans of developing Fortportal



The students demanded for Job creation so that they are motivated to study hard and take up the jobs

As you read this story, the caravan crew is about 40kms from Fortportal, on their way back to Kampala after spreading the anti-voter bribery message in western Uganda.

At its final rally held in Fortportal town yesterday, the story of corrupt tendencies and voter bribery did not change.

“Throughout all the 11 districts we visited, residents reported to have witnessed the highest levels of voter bribery in the recently concluded National Resistance Movement party primaries”, stated Fred Kawooya, the Policy and Campaigns Manager at ActionAid. Fred added that the good news is the fact that residents in the region resolved to fight this vice in the coming general elections by voting for leaders that present the best manifestos to address the communities’ social challenges such as poverty, poor health facilities, the poor education system among others.

“Of course the high poverty levels make it very difficult for the community to reject the monetary and material goodies from political aspirants. However, the good news was the residents resolve to eat all the money that they are given but vote otherwise as away of teaching politicians never to bribe their voters”, he reported.

A nationwide opinion poll conducted by Research World International in July 2015 in 48 Districts, found out that 59% of Ugandans sell off their votes. According to the recent survey conducted in the NRM Primaries, Western region ranked highest in voter bribery.

The caravan managed to reach Kabaale, Rukungiri, Kanungu, Ntungamo, Mbarara, Sheema, Bushenti, Rubiriizi, Kasese, Kabarole and Kanungu in its 10 day journey.

While the caravan has concluded its journey, the campaign is not yet over. We all look forward to February 18th, 2016 when Ugandans will cast their votes, not in exchange for money but a citizens manifesto.

The campaign has just began to rid Uganda of all forms of election related corrupt tendencies. We continue to urge all Ugandans in their diversity, Government Agencies, the Media, Private Sector, Academia and Friends of Uganda to denounce voter bribery for meaningful leadership in the near future.

Schedule for the day

The Caravan is currently on the road back to Kampala. It will be received by Civil society leader, Richard Sewakiryanga at the ActionAid Offices at Midday. Richard will address the press then.

Thank you for being part of this great journey.