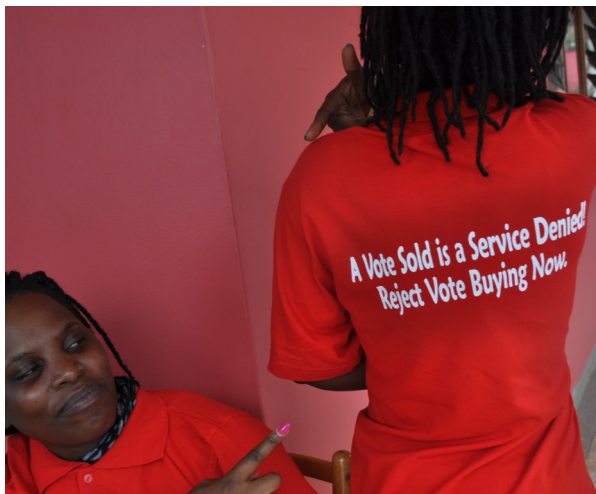


## On the road with the caravan-Day Two



When the caravan reached Kabale in Western Uganda, the Bakiga, the dominant tribe in the district did not disappoint. Without mincing their words, they declared a stand against vote buying and vote selling. According to them, the best way of informing politicians that votes are not for sell is by simply eating their money but not voting them in office. That way, they will learn to draw meaningful manifestos rather than budgets of salt and sugar in order to win elections. Welcome to the day's update-On the road with the caravan.

### Eat the money, but dont vote for them-Fr Gaetano



Esther Kyomuhendo promised to teach politicians a lesson taking their money but vote for manifestos that address social issues.

Yesterday morning, Muhanga trading center in Kabale came to a standstill when the anti-corruption caravan arrived in the area. Hundreds of anti-corruption activists, artistes, ActionAid staff, embedded journalists and the community at large gathered to take a stand against vote buying and vote selling.

Muhanga town council is located five kilometers to Kabale on Kampala road. Residents shared experiences on voter bribery in the recent elections and resolved to respect their dignity by voting issues.

"Thank you for this very nice message. However, don't tell us to reject the money. Let us eat it, but vote issues. That way, they will learn that we want issues but not monetary and material gifts", stated Kyomuhendo Esther, a resident on Muhanga.

Moses Byamugisha, also a resident of the area retaliated Esther's commitment. "For me, am going to vote for some one who is going to mechanize our agriculture. Am tired of this hand hoe. However, I will eat the money!" He promised.

While the above sentiments depict a positive step towards eliminating voter bribery, ActionAid and its partners are aiming at eliminating all forms of corruption and dishonesty among Ugandans for the development of the country.

The caravan proceeded for its ground opening rally at Kabale Municipal stadium. Hell broke loose when locals accused the local council leadership for allegedly nurturing voter bribery.

"These are the people we respect, but they come knocking on our doors.....bringing us messages from political aspirants in terms of salt, sugar and matchboxes. When we challenge them, we are labeled enemies of progress", stated one of the speakers.

The residents went ahead to name and shame politicians who are in the habit of buying votes. This move kept away a number of key political aspirants from the region for fear of being ashamed.

Rev. Fr Gaetano Batagyenda, a renown anti-corruption activist urged the voters to enjoy all the material and monetary gifts from the politicians but refrain from voting them in offices. He added that it was the only way they would learn that people's rights have no monetary or material value.

"Your vote will either take you to the promised land or to the land of suffering with poor social services. Guard it well. Don't sell it", he said.



Moses Byamugisha, a resident of Muhanga stressed that he is voting for modern agriculture-though he will eat the money



Part of the residents of Muhanga Trading center who turned up to join the caravan and denounce voter bribery



The message remains simple, clear and to the point. A vote sold is a service denied. Reject Vote buying Now

### Quote of the day!

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### Schedule for the day

The caravan crew arrived safely to Kanungu from Kabale, where they spent a night. The Daily has learnt that the entire crew is in a good health state. However, the days activities have been disrupted with the presence of Presidential Aspirant Col Kizza Besigye, who is also in the district. The crew does not want to appear partisan, since cases of both Ruling and opposition politicians buying votes have been recorded.

The crew will hence start with a rally in Kihhi and get back to Kanungu when Col Kiiza Besigye and his team are out of town.