

Mwanga residents hail education, health plans

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RESIDENTS of Mwanga District in Kilimanjaro region have been urged to forge unity and peace among themselves as the two values requisite for attaining development and social welfare.

The advice was given by Water Minister, Prof Jumanne Maghembe, during his visit to the district recently.

"It is peace, unity and cooperation that will help you achieve what you are struggling for," he said over the weekend.

Maghembe who is also a Member of Parliament for Mwanga said building the economy of Mwanga was the primary concern of the leaders but those can be achieved if there is peace.

The minister said that leaders in Mwanga District have the obligation to serve and lead people toward development because no person from outside will come to do so on their behalf.

"We have to take measures and act for our development," he said.

Commenting on the development of education he said in the year 2000 there were only 320 children entering secondary school but the number has increased dramatically recently.

Because of a big number of children entering secondary school, the number of those entering advanced level has also dramatically increased to reach more than 1000 each year.

"The number of students from Mwanga entering higher learning institutes is substantial compared to past years," he said.

He said that among the 70 villages in Mwanga, 54 have dispensaries, health centres and hospitals and there are ongoing constructions in other eight villages.

He noted that there will be 62 health centres and dispensaries by 2015.

One of the residents, Hamisi Mndeme hailed the government for helping them have more schools that have enabled more children access education.

"Many of our children today reach advanced level and higher learning levels," Mndeme from Mangio village, Mwaniko ward said, adding that the only major challenge facing them today is science teachers.

Meanwhile, Sara Msuya from Kifura ward applauded the government for bringing them health services.

She said that has helped reducing mother and children deaths in the area and strengthened general health of Kifura residents.