

MANIFESTO

CANDIDATE : OWOR PAUL
POSITION : MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
CONSTITUENCY : BUSIRO SOUTH
PERIOD : 2021-26



“NTUMA NKUKOLERE”
INDEPENDENTLY DEPENDABLE

**FOR: BETTER HEALTHCARE & ROADS,
IMPROVED EDUCATION (VOCATIONAL TRAINING),
JOB CREATION, AGRICULTURAL & SPORTS SUPPORT.**

Personal Background

My name is Owor Paul; I was born in Entebbe Bwebajja – Kabulamuliro on the first day of January in 1991. I spent my formative years and early adult life in Entebbe Bwebajja – Kabulamuliro. It is thus a place I hold close to my heart.

I went to Turkish Light Academy for my O’Level before joining St. Lawrence Cream land Campus for my Advanced Level. I subsequently was admitted to Makerere University Business School where I graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Procurement and Supply Chain Management. I am happily married to Sarah Akurut; our union has been blessed with two lovely boys.

I was raised in a religious family rooted in ideals of kindness, generosity, empathy, companionship and love. I was taught to value labour, education, cultural institutions and hard work. I am therefore a firm believer in community development and grassroots mobilisation as tools of inclusive socio-economic development. I have been described as vibrant because I dedicate my energies to the betterment of the people in my community.

I am a firm believer in the power of consistent dedication of time and energy as a means of creating impactful positive change. I believe change is only with a goal-oriented leader at the forefront. It is for this reason that we ought to ask ourselves to reflect on the quality of leadership we have had the past few years. This leadership has let the People of Busiro South down. It is now time we must say no and no to non-progressive leadership. We must go for change; we must elect progressive leaders.

I have always been drawn towards leadership formally and in informal capacities. I served diligently as **Head Prefect at St. Andrews Sere Primary school in Tororo. I equally devotedly served as a Liturgy Prefect at St. Lawrence Creamland Campus.**

I am an active entrepreneur running the following businesses and social ventures which I founded;

- Shinrai Group Limited,
- Fun Time Safaris,
- Fresh and Clean Limited. (A waste management company),
- Kyeyo Online Limited and
- Luminous Sky in Dubai.

These ventures are all operational and I am glad that they have provided both directly and remotely provided employment and livelihood opportunities to over 5000.

Why You Should Vote for Paul

Busiro South is my home and like every son of the soil worth his salt, I aspire to make my home a place we all can be proud of. I have dedicated my days to the empowerment

of the people of Busiro South only be left down by the absence of political will to ignite the change we all desperately need.

My leadership concept is premised on direct consultation and interaction with the electorate because this is the only way of establishing the needs of the people in whose service we stand. I have through my entrepreneurship, and social venture journey learnt that leadership is tied down to accessibility. I will endeavour to be accessible and will work through various councils of elders and other grass- root committees to facilitate open discussion forums with the other elected leaders on one hand and the people of Busiro South on the other.

I advocate for responsible and accountable leadership for all regardless of tribe, social standing, caste, creed, political affiliation or gender. I equally aspire to achieve all-round development of my people on the basis of good health, quality education, sustainable resource usage, affordable housing, decent transport and social infrastructure, leisure and access to fair credit services.

I will devote all I have to lobby to business partners, civil societies, investors and the government to achieve our objectives. I will speak and write and appeal and go after every stakeholder to ensure the people of Busiro South attain what they truly and rightfully deserve.

What will I do for my constituency?

Health

Health is pivotal to our wellbeing. I am committed to improving the status of our health facilities.

Current status

- We in total have 589 health centres and hospitals in our area, according to the Ministry of Health National Health Facility Master List 2018. It is however sad to note that most of these are privately owned and concentrated in urban areas. We do have residents in our community who struggle accessing affordable health services due to the need to cover long distance to health centres which often are beyond the recommended 5km from residents.
- We still struggle with the absence of drugs, medicines, diagnostics and medical equipment in our public health facilities.

- Medical personnel are insufficient, poorly paid and unmotivated in most government aided health facilities.

My Pledge

- Donate one ambulance to combat and respond efficiently to medical emergencies of my good people of Busiro South.
- Donate two ultra sound scanners to mainly to help combat maternal fatalities and promote maternal and infant health.
- Lobby for timely and adequate provision of medical supplies and medical equipment in our health facilities. Equally lobby for improved pay and allowances for our medical personnel.
- Provide oversight and monitoring of all public health facilities to ensure that residents receive quality medical services and medical supplies

Education

“Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine that a child of a farm worker can become the president of a great nation. It is what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another.” Nelson Mandela. I wholly agree with these words on the empowering nature of education.

Current status

- Poor teacher - student ratio, our student teacher ratio is at 1:100 way below the 1:45 teacher student ratio recommended by the Ministry Of Education And Sports, Science and Technology.
- Teachers are inadequately remunerated and barely motivated forcing them to abscond from duty and therefore affecting their delivery in class.
- 40% of our children walk long distances to schools and yet aren't availed lunch. This has encouraged dropping out and rendered the girl child vulnerable to sexual predators.
- Immense lack of scholastic materials by students and teaching materials and aids by the teaching staff especially in the public schools has stagnated our academic progress.

My Pledge

- I will personally donate 2000 exercise books as my first contribution to primary and secondary school students. This will help to mitigate on the effect caused by the lockdown that followed the COVID 19 outbreak in Uganda earlier this year – 2020.
- Lobby the government for equitable and fair awarding of study scholarships so as to benefit the intended students.
- Lobby friends and development partners that I have made overtime to assist me in the establishment of an education trust which will sustainably and continuously provide bursaries to our brilliant but needy pupils and students. The fund will equally protect the girl child from abuse.

Roads and transport

Good transport network is a key influence of development.

Current status

- Many feeder roads are in deplorable states, and are impassable especially in the rainy season.
- The roads funds extended to sub counties, divisions and even at the district level are marred by corruption, embezzlement and general mismanagement.
- Shoddy road works by incompetent contractors. These cost us a lot of finances on routine maintenance and renovation.
- Delay in Road construction for instance the KajjansiKawoto- Kitende road.

My Pledge

- Ensure that Kajjansi- Kawoto- Kitende road is completed in time.
- Strive to encourage transparent bidding to enable our local contractors bid for and competed in the award for road contracts, and tenders favourably.
- Lobby the Ministry Of Works and Transport for more road construction equipment to enable us widen our roads, maintain the existing ones and reduce on heavy traffic.
- Provision of oversight on government road maintenance, renovations and construction programs in our area.

Sports and leisure

Sport and leisure are great tools for social cohesion and improving health. Leisure spots enhance tourism, provide livelihoods to members of our community and play an important role in boosting our economy.

Current status

- Sports facilities like pitches are in poor conditions due to limited consideration and funding by the central government.
- Sports equipment like balls, sports attires are not readily accessible to sports teams and associations due to their high cost.
- The people of Busiro South are underrepresented on local and regional sports committees
- Inadequacy of well-trained sports personnel including but not limited to referees and coaches. Additionally progressive sport is bedevilled by poor sports governance and management.

My Pledge

- Team Owor will donate 20 foot balls, 20 netballs, and ten sets of jerseys to youthful sports teams in Busiro South. Close to this, investors in leisure business will in partnership with the local government be offered incentives to promote their businesses
- I will through my term of office, ensure that school sports facilities are renovated and maintained routinely to encourage talent development of the young generation.

Agriculture and Food security

We cannot lift the majority of our population out of poverty and perpetual vulnerability without massive and strategic investments in agriculture. Agriculture employs over 75% of our country's labour force. Agriculture too is the largest source of direct or indirect income to women in Busiro South and Uganda as a whole.

Current status

- Cultivable land in Busiro South is underused. Out of the cultivable land in the constituency, only 49% of it is optimally used for agriculture.
- Resulting from low usage, the agricultural sectorial contribution to the wealth generation of our constituency has declined compared to other sectors to less than 32% despite agriculture accounting for over 75% of our people as dependents.
- Many urban families go without substantial meals a day or survive on a single meal in 24 hours.
- Our farmers lack access to progressive farm equipment and inputs by government agencies and this fosters reliance on labour intensive productions which limits efficiency and reduces yields.
- Lack of access to extension services as provided by government departments at districts and sub county levels. Absence of such services like technical guidance and market linkages hinder growth of the sector.

My Pledge

- Setup a food security programme mainly focusing on backyard gardening for vegetable growing across our homesteads. It shall encompass the following;
 - Through workshops, I will ensure the teaching of families at the village level the basics and dynamics of setting up nursery beds, planting and taking care of leafy and bulb vegetables to ease on the burden of buying food for family members.
 - Provision of seedlings, herbicides and pesticides.
 - Provision of farm equipment like spray pumps, and materials for setting up backyard gardens.
 - Provision of extension services to our dear community members where need arises such as market linkages and technical services.
 - Ensure equitable and fair distribution and allocation of government support to agriculture oriented groups and associations in Busiro South.
 - Provision of oversight monitoring on agricultural development programs in the constituency.

Gender and Disability

Discrimination against women and the disabled people is retrogressive. Women play a dominant role in the development of Busiro South in general and in food production in particular. We will press for equal opportunities in education, administrative roles and economic activities for women and the disabled.

Disaster and Emergency Fund

Various unplanned occurrences and calamities continue to bedevil our community. These include- for instance the COVID19 pandemic that has rendered a great deal of our community members like teachers very financially vulnerable. The Fund will equally contribute to funeral expenses and aid to bereaved families. The Owor leadership will establish a disaster fund from which the community will provide for victims of these calamities. We will also organize training programme in disaster preparedness and management.

Buganda consolidation

Buganda Kingdom is our biggest source of pride and yet it struggles to find its feet.

There is urgent need to consolidate the demands of Buganda Kingdom. There are many issues under this and these include;

- i. The demand for federalism 'Federo' system of government.
- ii. The demand that Kampala district be reinstated as part of Buganda.
- iii. The return of 9000 square miles to the kingdom of Buganda.
- iv. The respect of immunities and privileges of all cultural leaders in Uganda.

The demand for federalism rules supreme. Federalism is system of government which divides the country into regions, with the division taking into account the principle that people of similar traditions, culture, language, and way of life are bound together taking to account and advantage of their traditional systems of leadership, mobilization and way of life for development. More expansively; a federal government is a system of dividing up power between a central national government and local state governments that are connected to one another by the national government

The people of Buganda seek that the districts of Buganda form the federal kingdom of Buganda under a non-Political Kabaka.

Benefits of the federal system of Government

- Federalism will enhance the autonomy of the people of Buganda, increase their interest in local affairs of the Kingdom and foster prosperity.
- Federalism promotes closeness and active participation in governance by the local people who are assured of increased involvement in government affairs.
- Distribution of powers checks the despotism of the Central Government: because the centralization of powers leads to dictatorship. This is the position in, Austria, the United States of America, Australia, Brazil and Canada.
- Uganda has diverse culture, religion, language and ethnic which render a unitary government unsuitable. Federalism will bring unity in diversity; and foster cultural development.

My Pledge

I will relentlessly revive the demand for federalism on the floor of parliament and in the parliamentary committees. I will front argument in favour of federalism and write to relevant bodies. I will offer myself wholly to this fight.

Conclusion

Our shared plan is to dedicate ourselves to the attainment of a stronger Busiro South by establishing favourable economic climate for the growth of stronger businesses, raising a dignified community, ensuring a cleaner environment and generally improving our social, cultural and economic standings.

We can only achieve our shared dream of a goals of a productive population, of fair taxes, more efficient government and a more productive business sector that delivers more jobs, and delivers better services for all the citizens of our country if we do not decide on the right people to echo and amplify voices as a whole. Vote Paul. Vote Progress.

May God BLESS BUSIRO SOUTH.

