



The Kingdom of
Buganda

Bulungibwansi

Bulungibwansi is looked at as an environment and life saving innovation by Buganda Kingdom. It is intended to promote healthy living while sustainably managing the environment and natural resources. It is premised on community and village basis but observed by the whole Kingdom.

Bulungibwansi, literally means, a good clean environment or nation. It was a creation of Ssekabaka Ttembo in 1400 (about 800 years ago), aiming at enhancing peoples livelihoods. Basically it focuses on the need to live in a clean and organised environment. **Bulungibwansi** involves activities that focus on protecting, respecting, preserving, conserving and appreciating nature. Furthermore, observing; promotion of food security and balanced diet, promotion and respect of cultural values, promotion of the spirit of togetherness in a community setting and preparing the new generation for the future.

Bulungibwansi involves activities that check on the sanitation of communities; cleaning of market places, collecting and properly disposing rubbish and garbage in various areas, cleaning wells and trenches among others. It is a continuous and daily activity practiced on a day today basis in Buganda. It is one of the pillars on which the culture of orderliness in Buganda and respect for one another is founded.

Bulungibwansi framework gets fully and well implemented through being organized by specific structures, organizations, associations and organs of Buganda Kingdom. This activity is much emphasized on all levels of administration in Buganda: Villages, Parishes, Sub Counties, Counties and the Kingdom at large. **Bulungibwansi** has further circulated to regions beyond Buganda. This has been possible thanks to associations like; Nkobazambogo, Buganda Youth Council, Rotary and others who have adopted **Bulungibwansi**.

Bulungibwansi climaxes in the month of October every year, with a week long activities, graced by His Majesty the Kabaka himself on the final day with his presence and appearance to the public on 8th October, which according to history is the day Buganda as a state was granted independence from British rule.

Bulungibwansi as an activity further engages in "Butondebwansi" mostly in this month of October. Butondebwansi involves planting of trees and flowers on individual and group basis. This aims at addressing the challenging climate crisis and creating beauty. Every home adopts proper ways of managing / disposing solid waste especially plastics while the river banks, lake shores and wetlands are protected from pollution with waste and chemicals.

On various occasions the Kabaka has urged that **Bulungibwansi** should not be a Buganda affair alone since its benefits are immense. While Buganda can have the Intellectual Property rights, it will be a tremendous development if the whole country takes it up and joins the **Bulungibwansi** movement. This clearly explains why various associations have put it into practice in other regions that constitute Uganda.

To learn more about Buganda, her people, history & culture, follow this link: https://youtube.com/channel/UCemGfQyxD1dHtyaDZ_jGkQ

