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Displaced Ugandan Communities Appeal Directly to H.E. President Museveni Over Oil Project Abuses

Members of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline-affected People's Network (EACOP-N) have submitted a petition to Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni urging immediate government action. EACOP-N represents Ugandan communities displaced by the Kingfisher, Tilenga, East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), and finished petroleum products pipeline projects.

The petition details significant hardships faced by affected communities. This includes inadequate compensation, culturally inappropriate housing, loss of livelihood, environmental risks, and destructive human-wildlife conflicts. The document further criticizes lax government oversight that allows operating companies to mistreat Ugandan citizens.

“We believe in the President’s commitment to Ugandan citizens,” said an EACOP-N spokesperson, “These grievances are the result of some government officials neglecting their duty and failing to properly oversee foreign investors.”

Key Points from the Petition:

- Inadequate compensation prevents many families from replacing lost land and assets.
- Replacement housing is too small, forcing families to split or abandon cultural traditions.
- Poor quality seeds and farming supplies threaten the livelihood restoration programs.
- Oil activities are driving wildlife into populated areas, causing deaths and crop damage.
- Construction activities are increasing dust pollution and causing flash flooding.

Affected Communities Request the Following of President Museveni:

- Commission an independent review panel to ensure fair compensation for all affected individuals.
- Guarantee the quality and timely delivery of livelihood restoration support.
- Relocate families living dangerously close to pipeline construction.
- Explore alternatives to the EACOP that reduce environmental impact.
- Curb the mistreatment of fishing communities in the Kingfisher project area.
- Halt oil activities within protected wildlife areas.
- Provide resources to address the social impacts of the rapid population influx.

EACOP-N expresses hope that President Museveni will address these issues promptly, restoring the community's faith in a government that prioritizes the well-being of its citizens.

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