

WHV – Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi

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Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2001)
and on the List of World Heritage in Danger (2010)

PROJECT DATES

15 September -
29 September 2023

THE SITE - The Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi constitute a site embracing almost 30 ha of hillside within Kampala district. Most of the site is agricultural, farmed by traditional methods. At its core on the hilltop is the former palace of the Kabakas of Buganda, built in 1882 and converted into the royal burial ground in 1884. Four royal tombs now lie within the Muzibu Azaala Mpanga, the main building, which is circular and surmounted by a dome. It is a major example of an architectural achievement in organic materials, principally wood, thatch, reed, wattle and daub. The site's main significance lies, however, in its intangible values of belief, spirituality, continuity and identity.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims to raise awareness of the importance of protecting and preserving our heritage by enhancing existing strategies; ensure sustainable use of the site with an emphasis on youth; promote and document traditional building practices and knowledge.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will facilitate the workshops and discussion on the preservation and protection of the site at schools and in the community, and support the linkage process with other stakeholders so as to create a stronger collaboration and mobilisation in the site's preservation and promotion. They will also assist in the coordination work of heritage promotion and preservation. Along the site boundaries, the volunteers will partake in planting Mituba tree (*Ficus Natalensis*) which is used to make bark cloth, the decoration materials inside the Tombs.

PARTNERS - Uganda Museum, Buganda Kingdom, Buganda Heritage, Nkoba za mbogo clubs, Heritage Clubs, Uganda Wildlife Clubs of Uganda, local authorities

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