

50,000 leave school for tobacco growing

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MASINDI - The district chairman here Mr John Majara has signed a memorandum of understanding with a Geneva-based NGO to check child labour.

The organisation Elimination of Child Labour in Tobacco Growing Areas fights child labour, which leads to school dropout.

"I can predict the future is not bad for our children who have long suffered under child labour," Majara said at the signing of the memorandum on March 15.

The three-year project is to cost about \$516,000 (about Shs 1 billion) and is being implemented by British American Tobacco Uganda (Batu).

Majara said research indicates that about 50,000 children have dropped out of school in the two sub-counties and are employed as child labour in tobacco growing.

The projects includes construction of a modern technical school at Kyeema hill, 4kms on Masindi-Kigumba road.

Majara said tobacco growing Karujubu and Budongo sub-counties are the priority targets.

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