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Madhvani injects sh2b in tea estates Publish Date: Apr 18, 2007

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MADHVANI has spent over sh2.7b on its tea estates in Mityana and Wakiso, the Mityana tea estate's general manager, Vijay Kumar, has said.

Kumar said the sh2.7b was spent on Mwera and Nakigalala tea estates in Mityana and Wakiso districts respectively.

In the next year, sh300m will go to housing structures and sh400m to plantation expansion, he explained.

Kumar said tea from the two estates would satisfy international demand.

In the last four years, 313 hectares have been rehabilitated at Mwera and 90 hectares are to be covered in the next three years. Nakigalala Tea Estate has got 508 hectares out of which 190 are under tea. The remaining part is to be covered in three years. Our target is to double production to two million tonnes annually in five years, Kumar explained.

He said they had purchased machinery like the Jumbo Withering Troughs, CTC machine, continuous fermenting machine, a drier and sorting machines.

Kumar said they are also to spend sh50m on seedlings.

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