

WATER AND SANITATION DEVELOPMENT FACILITY - SOUTH WESTERN BRANCH

The Ministry of Water and Environment, Directorate of Water Development, Water and Sanitation Development Facility - South Western Branch congratulates the European Union community upon this European Union day, 9th May 2016.

The support the EU has rendered to the Water Sector has contributed to the improvement of the socio-economic situation of people living in Rural Growth Centres and Small towns in the South Western region of Uganda.

Long live the European Union!

Background to WSDF-SW

The Government of Uganda (GoU) through the Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) initiated the Water and Sanitation Development Facility-South West (WSDF-SW) as a mechanism of funding water and sanitation investments in Small Towns (STs) and Rural Growth Centres (RGCs) in the Districts of Kabale, Kisoro, Rukungiri, Kanungu, Ibanda, Ntungamo, Bushenyi, Mbarara, Kiruhura, Isingiro, Kamwenge, Kabarole, Kasese, Sembabule, Rakai, Lyantonde, Kyenjojo, Kyegegwa, Buhweju, Rubirizi, Mitooma, Ntoroko, Bundibugyo and Sheema in South-Western Uganda.



The reservoir for the Nyahuka water supply system

European Union (EU) Programs

From 2006 to 2012, the Government of Uganda received funds from the ACP-EU Water Facilities Grant, Austrian Development Corporation and Government of Uganda. This was to a tune of €8,749,401, €7,000,000 and €1,749,933 respectively to support South Western Towns Water and Sanitation Project III in development of Piped Water Supply and Sanitation Systems in Small Towns and Rural Growth Centres. Under this project, 46 communities with a population of 452,479 people had access to safe water.

Today, EU is funding the Government of Uganda to implement "Support to Water Supply and Sanitation Development in Small Towns and Rural Growth Centres" under EU MDG Initiative through WSDF-SW and WSDF-East. This is the 4th / last year of program funding. This bilateral funding is up to a tune of million Euros: 22.196 (EU; 19.646, GoU; 2.500).

The overall objective of WSDFs is:

To improve the socio-economic situation and the opportunities for people living in the STs/RGCs through provision of safe, adequate, reliable, sustainable and accessible water supply, and promotion of improved practices of hygiene and sanitation. This is achieved through 02 theme areas as provided for in the JPF's 05-year strategic planning framework 2014 - 2018 of Ministry of Water and Environment:

- **Theme 01:** "Increase water supply service coverage for STs/RGCs in a pro-poor sensitive manner", and

- **Theme 04:** "Improved Urban Sanitation and Hygiene Services".

Achievements to date

Currently twenty one (21) STs/RGCs have been completed including: Kiruhura T.C, Kakuuto, Kakyanga, Kyempene, Rutookye, Kinoni (Mbarara), Lyantonde TC, Kazo TC, Kabuga, Kahunge, Muhanga TC, Kikagati, Mateete TC, Ntuusi, Kasensero, Kinoni (Kiruhura), Rwenkobwa, Bugongi, Nyeihanga, Gasiza, and Nyarubungo.

The investments completed in each of the above ST/RGC include a fully functional safe piped water supply scheme with an active water operator /water board, a public water borne toilet, a water office, and at-least 05 household Ecosan toilets for demonstration purpose. Approximately 2.4km² of source areas have been protected; fenced and planted with water friendly trees.

There are currently Five (5) Water Supply and Sanitation Schemes in STs/RGCs under construction; Sanga with a population of 2,479 with construction progress at 72%, Kaliro with a population of 4,861, and construction progress at 62%, Kinuuka with a population of 5,241 and construction progress at 99%, Kasagama, with a population of 4,279 and construction progress at 70%, and Nyahuka with a population of 21,427 and construction progress at 72%.

Procurement processes were concluded for the Six Small Towns of Kiko, Kainja, Kashaka-Bubaare, Kambuga, Nsiika, and



Buyamba, and two sludge treatment facilities in Ibanda District, and Rakai District. Over 18 Towns have been designed and approved.

Generally, the EU contribution towards the Water and Sanitation Development Facility - South Western Branch since 2007 has enabled 67 RGCs/STs to have access to safe Water and improved Sanitation in the 24 districts of the South Western region of Uganda. It is expected that by 2017 WSDF-SW will have served 80 RGCs/STs (with over 800,000 people).