

WORLD WATER DAY

As part of the activities to mark World Water Day, KCCA held a sanitation week in all the divisions of Kampala.

The activities were aimed at promoting good sanitation in the City. During this activity, KCCA along with its partners offered free cesspool emptying of the community toilets, opened up the blocked drainage channels, sensitized on issues dealing with public health. Furthermore, it doesn't stop at the community, it goes beyond and involves the young generation of Kampala through Schools who participated in competitions and also got involved in the clean-ups of their schools.

The sanitation week activities are usually prior to the World Water Day. The sanitation week was modified this year by each division having a particular day on which these activities took place. This started from **14th March to 18th**. The activities kicked off with Nakawa division being the first, **Makindye, Lubaga, Central and Kawempe**.

This year's theme for World Water Day is '**Water and Jobs**'; Uganda's national theme for this year is '**Good Sanitation, How is your leader**'.

Basing on the International theme '**Water and Jobs**'; sanitation should be looked at as a source of income to the population that is through Resource Reuse, Recycle, and Reduction (3Rs). The national theme, '**Good Sanitation, How is your leader**' is addressing mainly the leaders. Our leaders in the community should be exemplary in practices of good sanitation. Leaders should also be able to engage people in their communities to take part in sanitary activities to ensure healthy livelihoods. Sanitation has a value attached to it and needs community

involvement, where leaders have to play an important role.

KCCA is also committed to attaining Uganda's national vision of "**2040**" Millennium development goals in sanitation, we focus on the poorest and most marginalized in the society, mobilizing resources for sanitation through a variety of partnerships, consistently increasing investment in sanitation; ensuring safely managed sanitation services; promoting resource recovery from sanitation; engaging the private sector and continued learning and measuring of progress.

Kampala has a resident population of 1,500,000 according to 2014 national census, the day population is estimated at 4,000,000. Improved sanitation stands at 34% according to the WHO/ UNICEF monitoring programme 2014. Kampala Capital City Authority has a mandate to ensure improved health and sanitation for the public by promoting and regulating appropriate waste and sanitation practices within the city. Within this mandate KCCA has put in place interventions to maintain a healthy and clean environment which includes solid waste collection, faecal sludge collection and disposal services, drainage improvement, water and toilet services to the Kampala residents and visitors.

Kampala Capital City Authority alone would not have achieved what it has today without the support of its partners. Kampala Capital City Authority appreciates the partners it is working with who have greatly supported to improve on the sanitation sector in Kampala City.



Clearing of drainages



Solid waste management



One of the community sanitation facility at a Police station in Rubaga Division



Emptying of pit latrines during the Sanitation Week