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Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project Phase II

Contributing Towards Job Creation in the Lake Victoria Basin



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The Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project Phase Two (LVEMP II) joins the rest of the World in commemorating the World Water Day on 22 March 2016 in Serere District under the theme: Water and Jobs.

As we celebrate the World Water Day, LVEMP II is aware that Lake Victoria is an important shared resource for the East African partner states of Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi for economic and ecological reasons, and the satellite lakes of Lake Victoria are vital warehouses for fisheries resources.

The lake provides employment for about 197,000 fishermen and approximately 600,000 fish traders with a contribution of an annual value of about US\$ 300-400 million (UgX1.2 -1.3 trillion) to the Gross Domestic Products of the East African countries. The income generated from the fishery provides food security and supports livelihoods of approximately three million people. Fish processing and fish meal industries around the Lake shore towns and cities provide employment to thousands of people. The contribution of fishery to the Gross Domestic Product in Uganda is three percent.

LVEMP II therefore aims at contributing to the East African Community's Vision and Strategic Framework of the Management of the Lake Victoria basin, which is "A prosperous population living in a healthy and sustainably managed environment providing equitable opportunities and benefits"

Over the past one year, LVEMP II –Uganda under the Ministry of Water and Environment has realized the following key outputs in creating jobs in the water sector:

- A total of UgX 4.3 billion unconditional grant disbursed to nine districts, 69 community driven development sub projects and strategic intervention with direct beneficiaries of 27, 960 to support reduction of environmental stress in the Lake Victoria Basin through the implementation of non-point source pollution
- A total of 2,640 tons of Water hyacinth removed from Lake Victoria at 22 hotspots through community mobilization.
- A total of 1,646 hectares planted with trees through communities in nine districts
- Equipment worth UgX 4.5 billion delivered and handed over to Kampala Capital City Authority for solid waste management and maintenance of storm-water drainage systems – including 4 excavators, 2 back hoe loaders, 6 Tipper trucks, each with a capacity of 15 tons and 2 double cabin pickups.
- At least 12 industries supported to implement Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production (RECP) technologies so as to reduce effluent discharge into the Lake Victoria Catchment, which has attracted private sector investment worth US 51 million



Fishing activities supported by LVEMP II in Lake Victoria

- A total of 438 hectares of wetlands demarcated and protected within the Lake Victoria basin ecosystem

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