

Busunju Water Supply and Sanitation System Puts Smiles on Locals' faces



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When one steps in Busunju, a Rural Growth Centre in Mityana district, they realize that people are engrossed in activities that are generating income and improving their livelihoods.

One observes that everyone in the area is driven by gusto, energy and enthusiasm since they no longer trek kilometers looking for water for home use.

This has been outstandingly possible after the Ministry of Water and Environment constructed Busunju Water Supply and Sanitation System, which is apparently operated and maintained by the Central Umbrella of Water and Sanitation.

The activities of the district water office entail planning, budgeting, implementation and coordination of all other departments of; community development, public

health sector, education and software.

The safe water and sanitation coverage has substantially improved with more people accessing clean piped water, which has enabled hand-washing with clean water and soap. More women are involved in management of water and sanitation facilities.

Some of the water and sanitation schemes receiving technical support from Central Umbrella of Water and Sanitation are in Mityana municipality, Busunju and Banda.

According to the District Water Office, Sekanyonyi water supply and sanitation system and Zigoti water supply and sanitation system, both located in the Town Council have caused excitement in the area.

The District Water Office said that the presence of the Ministry



Reservoir steel tank at Kibubula Village



Beneficiaries: Serwada Jackson with his wife, Angella Nakacwa

of Water and Environment is highly felt in Mityana district which is boosting safe water and sanitation coverage.

According to the DWO, by 2020, all systems will be fully operational and will improve sanitation services.

Mityana district has used the District Water and Sanitation Conditional Grant to construct Phase 2 of Kiryokya water system

The DWO noted that the demand for water and sanitation services keeps increasing as a result of an increasing in population.

It was also observed that high environmental degradation affects water sources by altering water levels.

The District Water Officer urged Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to consider increasing funds allocated to the district to cater for the increasing population.

To overcome environmental degradation, he said the district is sensitizing people on dangers of the destruction and it is also engaging communities in restoring natural resources since water is a driving factor.

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She appreciated the Umbrella team for frequently visiting her district and giving them regular updates on water and sanitation related activities.

She said that as a district leader, she sensitizes her communities to pay for water to enable operation and maintenance.

The Operations manager of Busunju TWSSS, KalariMishach, revealed that the system was constructed in 2008 and it supplies clean piped water to Busunju Town Council that has Namulanda A, Namulanda B, Kibubura, Kanomya and Busunju.

Wilson Kigozi Salongo a resident of Kibubura village in Sekanyonyi sub-county expressed happiness towards the Ministry for providing a water system near his home.

“Water quality is good and sometimes we drink it without boiling it because no one has fallen sick since we started consuming water from the system,” Kigozi said.

Kigozi divulged that before construction of the system, people fetched water from one borehole in Busunju that had contaminated water thus spreading diseases like cholera, typhoid, flu, cough and diarrhea. People also suffered long queues on shallow wells and River Mayanja.

More new connections have been added in Namulanda A (1 kiosk) and Namulanda B (1 kiosk), Kamonya and Busunju (2 kiosks) and 1 kiosk in Katooke.

People who cannot afford private connections in their homes have public stand-posts and the system has brought happiness among communities.

Serwada Jackson Karema the chairperson water-board said that overall, the Project has been successful due to the high level of commitment exhibited by the members of the water-board in executing their responsibilities.

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