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# Safe management of faecal sludge improving in Small Towns

The management of faecal sludge in Small Towns across the country is steadily improving, according to the just released 2019 Joint Water and Environment Sector Review Report.

In 2013, when the Ministry developed a clustering approach for faecal sludge management in Small Towns, only 13 faecal sludge management clusters were in existence. The number has since grown to 32.

“Over the past 5 years, 20 Faecal Sludge treatment plants have been constructed in 20 clusters, totaling to 32 clusters of the planned 50 clusters for

the country,” the report indicates.

The clustering approach for faecal sludge management that was developed during the national faecal sludge management in Small Towns in 2013 has been guiding sector investments in planning and development of faecal sludge treatment plants across the country.

An assessment identified and divided the country into 50 faecal sludge management clusters, of which 13 were in existence at the time of the study.

Speaking at the 11th Joint Water and Environment Sector review, Eng. Felix Twinomucunguzi,

From 13  
faecal sludge  
management  
clusters in  
2013 to  
**32**  
in 2019

**18**  
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soon

Assistant Commissioner, Urban Water Supply and Sanitation said that to ensure that faecal sludge management is functioning; “there would be a need to strengthen the participation of political leaders and their involvement in community mobilization,”

In the past five years, government and non-government actors have been implementing Faecal Sludge Management interventions cross the country.

However, this process has been largely dependent on implementers’ discretion, with government providing guidance.

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