

# Clean water supply in urban areas registers significant increase in 2019

**T**he supply of clean water in urban areas has registered a significant increase in the Financial Year 2018/2019.

According to the Water and Environment Sector Performance Report released yesterday by the ministry at the on-going 11th Joint Sector Review

at Mestil hotel, Kampala, the population using an improved drinking water source in urban areas increased to 79% in 2019, from 77% in June 2018.

This has been attributed to the completion of water supply systems in Koboko, Rukungiri, Pallisa and Katwe-Kabatoro.



The Permanent Secretary Alfred Okot Okidi inspecting Namayumba Solar Photovoltaic Energy packages during the technical commissioning of Namayumba WSS



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Well-Lined Solar panels to pump water for the community

More so, access to safely managed water on premises was estimated at 57.2%, compared to 20% in June 2018.

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The report also shows that a total of 3,755 public stand posts were constructed in small towns and 3,550 in large towns.

Uganda’s urban population is estimated to be more than 10 million people and is likely to double by 2040.

Eng. Dominic Kavutse,  
Director Directorate of Water

Development, said that provision of water supply infrastructure is vital if the population is to enjoy its constitutional right to reliable, safe and affordable water supply.

Uganda’s urban population growth is at a higher rate and has outstripped the rate of infrastructure development.

But there is light at the end of the tunnel. The National Development Plan II aims at increasing access to safe water in urban areas to 95% by 2020.

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