

# Nebbi district launches sh3b water project

**NEBBI**

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The Government and National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC) have unveiled a sh3b project to extend safe water to 274 villages in Nebbi district.

The multi-billion project is part of the SCAP100 project designed to improve piped water supply to over 146,000 residents in the district by 2020.

The projects kicked off on Friday, with orientation of beneficiaries and district leaders at GAF Hotel in Nebbi town.

Denis Etonu, the NWSC manager Nebbi cluster, said the project targets residents in the sub-counties of Parombo, Pakwach, Nebbi and Akworo, Nebbi municipal and Pakwach town council.

According to Etonu, the SCAP 100 project is jointly funded by the Government and NWSC. He said the Government will provide 42% of the project cost and NWSC 52%.

"The joint venture will go a long way in ensuring piped water supply at a lower tariff," he said, adding that, it will also promote better health through improved hygiene.

Access to safe water has been a big challenge to residents of Nebbi district in the recent past.

The situation usually escalates during the dry spell, forcing residents to spend nights at water points due to the overwhelming number of people fetching water.

According to Bernadette Awor, the Nebbi district software specialist,



**Etonu and Ahumuza during the meeting at GAF Hotel in Nebbi town on Friday.** Photos by Benedict Okethwengu

## WHAT OTHERS THINK ABOUT THE PROJECT

**Emmanuel Ongeirtho, MP**  
Jonam County. We are happy about this intervention. We need the water first; other things will be sorted out later.



**Focus Warom,**  
councillor representing Parombo sub-county. Our people have been drinking dirty water and any intervention to address that should be embraced without hesitation.



the water shortage is more worrying in Parombo, Alwi and Akworo sub-counties. She said she was optimistic that with the project, the time and

distance covered in search of safe water will significantly reduce.

Safe water coverage in Nebbi stands at 74%, with about 619 boreholes,

74 shallow wells and 191 protected springs, according to Opio Opoki, the Nebbi district borehole maintenance technician.

Andrew Ahumuza, an engineer with NWSC, said the scope of the works will include the putting up 437 public stand taps and extending piped water to 1,933 households in the beneficiary sub-counties.

He said it will also involve drilling of construction of two boreholes, two new reservoirs and 50km and 25km main extensions intensifications respectively.

Bessie Ajilong, the Nebbi resident district commissioner, hailed the Government and NWSC for bringing safe water to the people in the district of Nebbi.

She, however, called on them to harmonise their work plan with the other water projects in the district to avoid duplication of services.

Nebbi has a multi-billion Alwi Dry Corridor project also designed to improve water supply and sanitation among at least 85,000 rural dwellers in Nebbi by 2033.

The Alwi Dry Corridor project has Singila Rural Growth Centre and water sanitation system located in Panyimur sub-county, Namrwotho gravity flow scheme in Nebbi sub-county and Wadelai water supply scheme.

"We are happy for the intervention, but you need to harmonise to avoid duplication with Alwi dry corridor project. Water is life and our people urgently need it," she said.

Eszrom William Alenyo, the Nebbi district chairperson, urged the local leaders to embrace the project.