

National water builds modern public toilets

TORORO

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Following the death of over 10 people as a result of consuming contaminated water from River Malaba, National Water and Sewerage corporation (NWSC) has embarked on extending piped water to communities living along the river banks.

The water body has also constructed toilets in Kwapa and Malaba town councils.

Officiating at the handover of the facilities to the sub-county administration on Monday, Tororo County South MP Fredrick Angura appealed to the residents to take advantage of the facilities and pay their bills on time.

Angura said besides the facilities, he has also paid for over 30 public stand posts where residents will be drawing water for only sh50 per 20-litre jerrycan.

He challenged Malaba leadership to step up efforts at the massive cleaning of the town to save the area of the embarrassment of being the gateway of filth. He added that the town should get rid of *buveera* (polythene bags) by people picking and selling them to recycling companies.

Angura appealed to the leaders to put aside their political differences and join hands to ensure services are delivered to the people.

Dr Charles Ekure, the NWSC eastern and northern regional manager, said the public facilities worth sh40m are the first of their kind to be built outside

One of the modern public toilets Angura commissioned, built by National Water and Sewerage Corporation for Malaba residents in Tororo



MP Fredrick Angura

quality services.

In Malaba town, some residents have been excreting in *buveera*, which is later dumped in the river. The residents, especially market vendors, expressed joy at receiving the facility.

Malaba town council chairperson Asa Kalami Orimodi, thanked Angura for attending to the appalling sanitation condition in the area. He called on the residents to liaise with the town council to ensure that they get two acres of land needed by the water body to construct lagoons for refuse management.

On garbage, Kalami announced the acquisition of land that is to be used as a garbage site, a move he said would address the challenges of garbage in the border town.

In Kwapa sub-county, the MP chairperson, Francis Onyadi, thanked Angura for his lobbying, adding that his council is ready to support any ideas that are intended to improve the living conditions of the people.

He offered land for the facility and said he would offer more for the construction of a supermarket and petrol station.

WHAT RESIDENTS SAY ABOUT LIFE BEFORE ACQUIRING THE PUBLIC FACILITIES

Stephen Ogwang, chairperson of Malaba Market Vendors Association:



The only existing public toilets broke down five years ago and residents have been relying on 'flying toilets'.



Beatrice Achieng, business-woman:

People normally run to nearby bushes to ease themselves, which leads to disease outbreak.



Teopista Onyanga, vendor:

It has been difficult for vendors some of whom run to their homes in case they want to ease themselves.

Kampala. He said NWSC is committed to ensuring that piped water reaches to communities living along River

Malaba's banks.

Fred Businge, the NWSC Tororo and Manafwa manager, pledged to ensure

water stability and consistent supply. He appealed to the communities to pay their bills in time to enable them provide

