

Gulu gets water boost as NWSC injects sh1.8b into boreholes

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Gulu municipality has been spared water shortages this year after the National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC) injected sh1.8b into six motorised boreholes.

In 2016 and 2017, a Gulu municipality faced severe water shortage after Oitino dam located in Bardege division dried up, leaving the municipality grappling with a shortage of water.

The dam, which has a water holding capacity of 4.6 million litres often went dry at the beginning of February with the condition stretching up to early April.



Gang (right) and an area engineer inspecting one of the new boreholes in Gulu. Photo by Arnest Tumwesige

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Stephen Gang, the area manager for NWSC, told *New Vision* on Friday that the six boreholes had a total production capacity of three million litres for 16 hours.

Gang said the current production was adequate enough to supplement Oitino dam and meet the customer demand. The six boreholes are at Bank lane, NFA, Mican, Onang and Lacor. Pece Cubu borehole will be completed in May.

Sensitising residents

To ensure the water tributaries feeding into Oitino are preserved from encroachers, NWSC has embarked on sensitising members of the surrounding communities

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to stop diverting the water towards other economic activities such as farming.

"I want to assure the people of Gulu municipality that we shall not have water shortages anymore," the manager said.

He added that with the pending multi-million Germany-funded project expected next year, water is going to be tapped from River Nile to Gulu municipality.

Residents speak out
Carol Atto, a housewife expressed excitement over the new water sources.
"This dam had never dried up. What happened was strange. Good enough, we seem to have gone through this," she said.

Kelly Kornakech, Pece division chairperson, commended the current water team for trying to cater for the people's demands during the dry season.

He, however, said while water supply was constant within the main busy centre, service delivery outside the centre was irregular.

He cited Pece Cubu parish where he resides as having an irregular water supply.