

Govt launches water project in Kagadi

KAGADI

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The Government has launched a sh1b gravity flow water project in Kyaterekera Growth Centre, Kagadi district to address water scarcity in the area.

The three-phased project is funded by the Government through the water ministry under the Water Sector Growth Scheme to help in the prevention of water-borne diseases such as cholera in the area.

Presiding over the launch, the resident district commissioner, Salim Komaketch, said the Government was fulfilling pledges made during campaigns.

He said the public tends to leave the monitoring of such projects to officials who are not on ground, leading to shoddy work, which affects service delivery.

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Edward Bisangabasaija, from the office of the chief administrative officer, urged the contractor to ensure value for money and avoid tendencies that might compromise quality.

"The water board should follow the set guidelines to ensure the contractor delivers," Bisangabasaija said.

Robert Bukunya, the acting district engineer and the district water officer, said the project would first cover five villages of Kyaterekera A, Kyaterekera B, Kadebede, Kitumba A and Kitumba B in Kyaterekera sub-county, which will be elevated to a town council status in July.

Bukunya asked residents to

allow the contractor dig trenches on their land where the water pipes shall be laid to allow the project proceed.

He asked the contractor, Olansicon Services Limited, to employ the residents so that they can benefit from the project.

He said 50 households will be given permission to connect water if they meet the required standards such as having a good latrine, garbage pit, kitchen and general hygiene and sanitation.

Bukunya said the beneficiaries shall pay sh100,000 for the connection and those who cannot afford shall benefit from the eight water Kiosks that will

be located in different places.

The district LC5 chairperson, Kagadi Stephen Byaruhanga, asked the residents to use such projects to increase on their household incomes.

"We want such projects to improve on livelihoods," Mfashingabo said.

What other say

Oliver Biira a resident of Kitumba B village in Kyaterekera sub-county, said water scarcity has been a big challenge, especially for domestic use. "We have been spending hours queuing up for water at the borehole."

She said when the water system is complete, they are optimistic that their lives would greatly improve.

Ezekiel Masereka, a resident of Kadebede, Kyaterekera sub-county, said a 20-litre Jerrycan of water has been going for sh500. He now hopes the project will bring down costs since many will be connected.