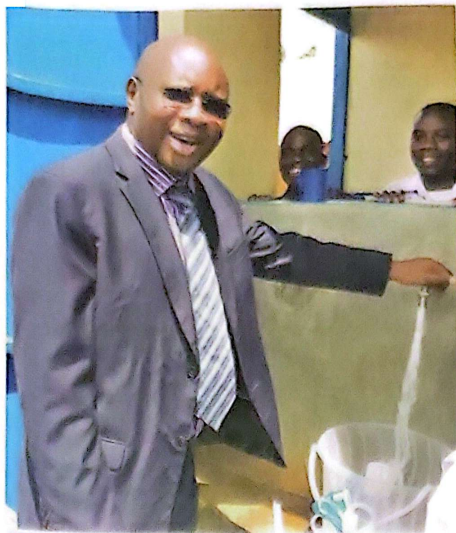




Eng. Kavutse commissioning the water project in Biguli sub-county

Kamwenge district gets piped water

KAMWENG

By Wilson Asimwe

A piped water supply project worth sh3.6b has been commissioned in Kiguli sub-county, Kamwenge district, bringing relief to the residents who had no access to clean water.

Kamwenge is one of the districts that have suffered water scarcity due to many broken boreholes and the drying up of springs plus wetlands. Some residents had to travel a return journey of over 16km to fetch safe water.

Diana Keesiga, the engineer in charge of the project, said the project would benefit 20 villages in Biguli sub-county.

"There was no improved water system in these villages. Residents were sharing water from ponds with their animals," Keesiga said.

Cate Zziwa Nimanya, the country director of Water for People, said the water quality tests carried out by the central laboratory of the National Water and Sewerage Corporation indicated that the water contained in the aquifers being tapped was of good quality, commensurate with the national standards for drinking water.

Nimanya said the sources had been protected by the construction of pump stations, which included a guard house for security personnel, a sanitation facility and a generator house.

BETWEEN THE LINES

Previously, residents of Kamwenge district had to travel a return journey of over 16km to fetch safe water.

"The construction of the systems, which started in May 2016 was completed in September last year. It was funded by Water For People," Nimanya said.

Aggrey Natuhanya, the Kamwenge LC5 chairperson, said the district had partnered with different stakeholders to ensure that people get access to safe and clean water.

Natuhanya said he expected the general hygiene and sanitation conditions in Kamwenge district to improve.

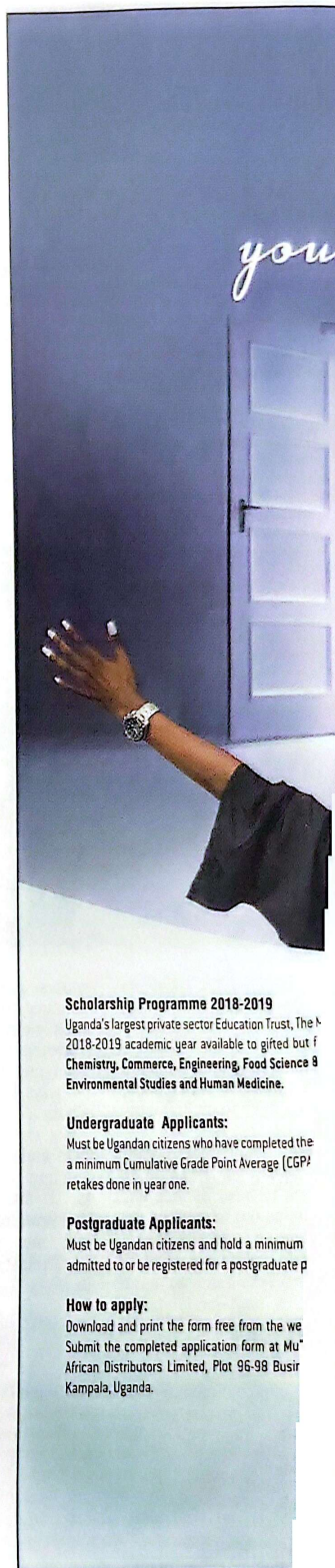
Elijah Biryabarema, the Kamwenge resident district commissioner, said: "The sub-county did not have enough money to build its own water line from the Mpanga river, but now that we have piped water in place, we expect more villages to benefit from the project."

Dominic Kavutse, the commissioner in charge of urban water and sewerage services, said he was optimistic that the project would enable communities to have ready access to water.

He also cautioned members against the rampant destruction of wetlands, lake shores and forests.

Lugazi father, daughter found ha

Grief-enraged residents of Kitega-Wabukolya Zooni, Lugazi municipality, in Buliwe district, discovered a man and his daughter hanging from in their rented house. The Ssezibwa regional Police spokesperson, Hellen Butoto, identified the father as Rogers Omara and his daughter as Winnie Abwoch, aged five. Residents alleged that Omara had caught his wife cheating on him with another man last week, though *New Vision* could not independently verify the claims. Vincent Katumba, the LC1 chairperson, said they learnt about the bodies from a woman who always picked Abwoch for lunch, ever since her mother fled. Katumba said the woman sounded an alarm on seeing the bodies through the window, which attracted residents who later called the Police.



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