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# Kumi gets Shs1.4 billion water facility

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**KUMI.** The Ministry of Water and Environment has commissioned a Shs1.4 billion water project in Ongino Sub-county in Kumi District.

Speaking at the launch of the facility at the weekend, Mr Aaron Kabirizi, the project engineer and programme director, said the water facility will enable more than 7,000 people to access clean and safe water.

He added that the facility would relieve people from the burden of moving long distances in search of water.

“This project, if well taken care of, it will benefit the community for many years. The district and local leaders should be on the forefront of ensuring that it is protected to serve its purpose,” he said.

Mr Kabirizi explained that they had installed 140 solar panels and a standby generator to ensure efficient supply of water.

Ms Christine Apoloti, the Kumi District chairperson, describing the water facility as a blessing, said residents have been trekking for seven kilometres to fetch water.

“Water shortage is the biggest challenge in our district. This shortage affects mostly the women and children because they are the ones who fetch water for drinking and domestic work from distant places,” Ms Apoloti said.

She added that government should ensure that safe water is readily accessible to its citizens.



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