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EXCITEMENT AS KABULE RESIDENTS RECEIVE WATER, HEALTH EQUIPMENT

By Luke Kagiri

There was joy and celebration in Kabule parish, Ttamu division, Mityana municipality, as residents gathered at Kabule Health Centre to witness the commissioning of a clean water project and the donation of medical equipment to their health unit.

The projects, valued at sh500m, were funded by the Rotary Club of Muyenga.

"We are not just receiving clean and safe water, but we are saving lives of the young girls who faced a lot of risks as they walked long distances fetching water, and a lot of money and time spent on looking for water," Lukyamuzi Bazzekuketta, the division chairperson, said.

He said residents have for long struggled to access clean and safe water, exposing themselves to waterborne diseases and forcing families to spend considerable time and money in search of water.

Bazzekuketta expressed concern that despite the presence of the National Water and Sewerage Corporation in Mityana municipality, several areas, especially in Kabule division, still lack reliable water services. He added that the donation of medical equipment would significantly improve service delivery at the health centre, where limited facilities have been a major challenge for years.

Residents welcomed the developments, describing them as life-changing.

"For long, we have been suffering to get clean and safe water and at the health unit, it was also a great challenge, but we are happy that the Rotarians are sorting it," Samuel Kiyaga Kibuuka, a resident of Kabule trading centre, said.

RESIDENTS TOLD TO OWN PROJECT

Addressing beneficiaries, Alex Mugume, the president of the Rotary Club of Muyenga, called on residents to take full responsibility for the projects to ensure their sustainability.

"These are your projects and so you must own them, love them so that they can benefit you," he said.

Mugume pledged continued support to Kabule and the wider Mityana area, particularly in water supply initiatives, and thanked residents for warmly welcoming the Rotary team.

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The president of the Rotary Club of Muyenga, Alex Mugume (right), handing over medical equipment to residents and management of Kabule Health Centre recently

Kiyaga recalled that the health facility started in the early 1990s as a community health centre II and has since been upgraded to a health centre III.

"It is because of the support from the Rotarians that we have developed from the health centre II status to health centre III and I am hopeful that we shall even become a hospital," he said.

The Rev. Eliphaz Mulumba, the parish priest of Kabule, commended the donors, saying the water and health projects would strengthen the community socially, economically and spiritually.

"They have handled the health, education and water sectors, which are key to someone's life and this will ease our work as religious leaders," he said.

Although the water project primarily serves the health unit, a public tap has been installed to enable surrounding community members to access clean water.

Herbert Lubega, the water project manager, urged local leaders to extend the supply to nearby schools and other public institutions.

"There are schools and other public places which need this water and we ask the local leaders to ensure that it is extended there," he said.

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