

Farmers get valley tanks

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In a bid to boost productivity of vegetable foods across the country, selected farmers in 134 districts have been granted an opportunity to harness water from valley tanks that are being sunk by government.

The 15,000 cubic metre valley tanks have been projected to serve more than 11 acres per farmer under the drip irrigation system throughout the year.

According to Eng John M.V Twinomujuni, commissioner in charge of water for production

at Ministry of Water, the valley tanks are a pioneer project aimed at promoting the opportunities in irrigation.

"With these valley tanks, the beneficiary farmers are supposed to have a constant supply of vegetables, which is a profitable venture especially in the worst of times when there are no rains," he explained.

He said the Shs726m valley tanks, with a capacity of 15,000 cubic metre water holding, will have water pumped to the hold water tank, before it flows down to vegetable fields by means of gravity.

