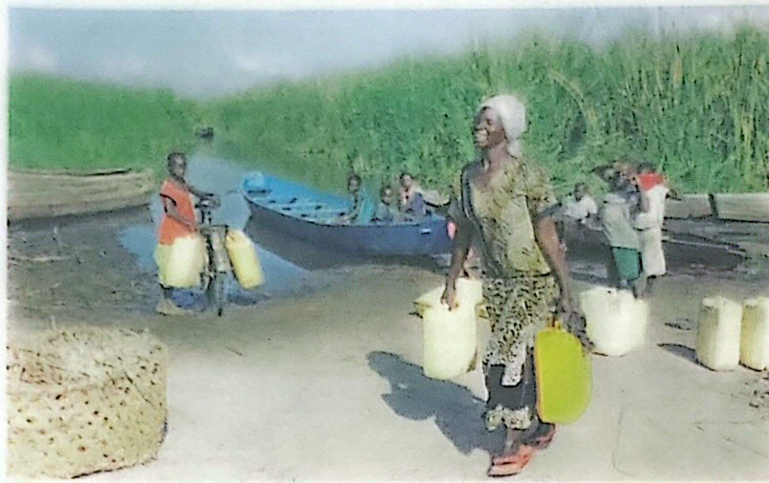


## WOMEN AND GIRLS IN PALLISA SAIL FAR OUT ON THE LAKE TO FETCH WATER



Women and children at Daraja landing site, Gogonyo sub-county on their return after fetching water on the lake

# Dry spell hits Pallisa hard

## PALLISA

By Lawrence Okwakol

In addition to food shortage, Pallisa is now facing a shortage of safe water for its 350,000 residents.

According to David Kawooya, the chief administrative officer, Pallisa at 45%, is below the national water coverage against the national target of 67%.

Kawooya said most of the communities affected are in rocky areas such as Kameke, Agule, Chelekura, Apopong and Gogonyo sub-counties, which are located along Lake Kyoga, where the water table is now too low for in most boreholes.

However, Kawooya added that with the two big water projects being implemented by the water ministry and World Bank urban water management and development programme in the district, the water shortage will be sorted out soon.

"We have a sh4.2b Butebo water project being undertaken by Gets Technical Ltd. It is connecting piped water to Kabwangasi,



Kagwese residents draw water from an unprotected spring. Photos by Lawrence Okwakol

Kakoro, Kanginima and Butebo sub-counties," Kawooya said.

Nicholas Ogwang, a resident said since the breakdown of the water-pumping plant on Lake Lemwa in 2010, residents of Pallisa town council have been

buying water expensively.

Sarah Tino, a resident of Daraja village in Gogonyo sub-county, said the communities living along Lake Kyoga sail far out on the lake to fetch what they assume to be uncontaminated

water for domestic use.

Tino said sailing is for men, but our husbands say matters to do with water are the woman's responsibility, so we are forced to go by boat far out on the lake in search of water.