H.E. President Yoweri Museveni, handing over a bucket of water to Waman MP, Hon. Florence Rinta in Kyambuliwa (30th March 2015)

The Water and Sanitation Development Facility – Central Branch

In financial co-operation with the African Development Bank

"African Development Bank commits additional financing for water and sanitation infrastructure in WDSF-Central region until 2020"

**Background**

The Water and Sanitation Development Facility (WDSF-C) is one of the components funded under the Water Supply and Sanitation Program (WSSP) supported by the Government of Uganda and the African Development Bank. The objective of the Water Supply and Sanitation Programme is to support the Government of Uganda’s (GoU) efforts to achieve sustainable provision of safe water and hygienic sanitation, based on management responsibility and ownership through the users, to 79% of the population in rural areas and 90% of the small towns population. The WSSP is in line with the Joint Water and Environment Sector Support Programme (JWESSP) established in 2007 by the GoU and the Development Partners (DPs). The JWESSP supports three (out of seven) components of the JWESSP, i.e., WSSP-C, Rural Water Supply and Sector Support Programme.

**Objective of WDSF-C**

The overall objective of the WDSF-C is to support the development of water supply and sanitation in Small Towns (STs) and Rural Growth Centres (RGCs) through decentralized and demand driven financing mechanism in central and mid-western districts.

**Funding**

Funding for investments for water supply and sanitation in STs and RGCs is secured from Government of Uganda allocations and from development partner contributions through the Joint Water and Environment Sector Support Programme. In the last year (2012/13 to 2013/15), funding for WDSF-C investments was provided through loan financing from the African Development Bank to construct the WDSF-C 2014 which will finance 25 new water supply systems and 15 water systems in the WDSF-C area of operation. This loan will commence in FY 2016/17 and will run for a four year period.

**Covering regions**

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**Other Key activities**

**Key Achievements of WDSF-C (2010-2015):**

1. The Water and Sanitation Development Facility (WDSF-C) was established in 2010 and is designed to serve 18,043 people. The promotional activities included the construction of the new 65m3 steel elevated water tank and increasing storage capacity through a new 120m3 reservoir tank, transmission mains (5000m), and maintenance (O&M) challenges through economies of scale gained by association. All completed town water supply systems are encouraged to subscribe. The umbrella organizations to date support over 200 member schemes, with a total of over 25,000 connections, to provide sustainable water supply service through management oversight support and technical backstopping.

2. The Central Umbrella of Water and Sanitation was set up in 2012 to support small town water supply systems in the WDSF-C region to address operation and maintenance (O&M) challenges through economies of scale gained by association. All completed town water supply systems are encouraged to subscribe. The umbrella organizations to date support over 200 member schemes, with a total of over 25,000 connections, to provide sustainable water supply service through management oversight support and technical backstopping.

**Town under WSSP II (2016/17 – 2019/2020):**

The WSSP II is a continuation of the programmatic support the African Development Bank has provided to the WSSP I (for achievements are highlighted above). Financing for UAF 30-413 (approximately US$ 46 million) has been approved for WSSP II to continue up to the year 2020.

The programme is targeting 25 town water supply systems, which are part of the first call for applications held in 2010. The planned towns include Kapchorwa, Kapelezi, Nakasongola, Gomba, Kabwoya, Zigot, Sekentumy, Busika, Barumankika, Kabarole, Kyand, Kisese, Bulabungu, Namulonge, Kiboga, Kirembo, Kakembo, Kalug, Nakagala, Butemura, Nakonge, Bulenga, Kikinda, and Kasembya.

Other key activities include sitting and drilling of 100 production wells in project areas. Procurement of 2 mobile water testing vehicles, Construct 3 of regional faecal sludge treatment facilities in Kiryandongo and Kiboga towns and procurement of 2 excavator shovels and 4 excavators.