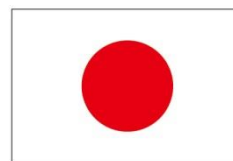


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Japan Supports the Project for Rural Water Supply in Lake Kyoga Basin through the Grant of USD 15.3 million

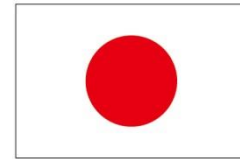
H.E. Kazuaki Kameda, Japanese Ambassador to Uganda, and Hon. Matia Kasaija, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development signed the Exchange of Notes of the “Project for Rural Water Supply in Lake Kyoga Basin, Eastern Uganda” today. The grant totals 1.706 billion Japanese Yen (approximately 15.3 million USD). Upon exchanging the Notes, the Grant Agreement of the above project was also signed by Mr. Kyosuke Kawazumi, Chief Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Uganda, and Hon. Matia Kasaija.

The project aims at improving water supply coverage in 9 Rural Growth Centers in 5 districts (Iganga, Kibuku, Luuka, Pallisa, Serere) in Lake Kyoga Basin by constructing piped water supply facilities.

The project is expected to provide at least an additional 580 cubic meters of water each day and benefit more than 24,000 people in the region. This should reduce the labor required for residents to fetch water. It is also expected that increased access to safe drinking water in the target area will reduce waterborne diseases, thereby contributing to enhancement of living environment in the region.

This project is meant to realize the commitments made by the Japanese Government through the process of Tokyo International Conference for African Development (TICAD). Its sixth meeting, TICAD VI, was held in August last year in Nairobi to renew Japan’s commitments towards African development through mutual partnership.

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Project Outline

<i>Main counterpart ministry</i>	Ministry of Water and Environment
<i>Grant amount</i>	JPY 1,706,000,000 (Approximately USD 15,326,252)
<i>Name of the Project</i>	The Project for Rural Water Supply in Lake Kyoga Basin, Eastern Uganda
<i>Location of the Project</i>	9 Rural Growth Centers (Nambale, Lambala, Naigobya, Kyanvuma, Kasassira, Kameke, Kapala, Buseta and Kidetok) in 5 districts (Iganga, Kibuku, Luuka, Pallisa, Serere)
<i>Major facilities and equipment provided through the Project</i>	Construction of 9 water supply systems (simple water supply setups for community water taps constructed with conduits), water intake equipment, water reservoirs, water distribution equipment, community taps (total: 88), public institution water distribution pipes (total conduit length: 115 kilometers)
<i>Date of Signing the Exchange of Notes and Grant Agreement</i>	5 th May, 2017

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